

May 2022

Our Mission Statement – To respect and enable learners to grow intellectually, emotionally and socially by providing a safe, nurturing environment that encourages risk taking.

Principal's Message

Well, this year is flying by again! I love this time of year, because it's light out when I get up and when I drive home. Life just seems better. I also know that both staff and students are very tired at this time of year, as learning and teaching can be grueling. I have been talking to students recently about the importance of finishing the year strongly and fighting through tiredness. I have also talked to the Gr. 7 students recently about leaving a great legacy. Many have attended Savona Elementary since Kindergarten, and leaving on a great note is important. We truly have great kids here, and supporting that greatness is important work for us.

We are very excited to invite all students and parents into the school May 4th for Presentations of Learning. The concept is that students show their families the great work they have done and explain their learning. I look forward to hopefully seeing you on Wednesday.

May and June are busy months - both in the classroom and with field trips. We have an Eagle bay trip, a McQueen Lake trip, and we are looking at planning other fun activities. It's great to celebrate all the hard work completed this year with fun activities at the end of the year.

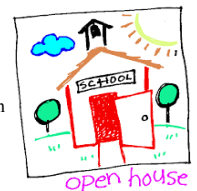
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school or by email.

Sincerely,

Scott

Open House – Wednesday, May 4th

We would like to remind you of our Open House at Savona Elementary coming up on Wednesday, May 4th between 3:00 – 4:30 pm. This is our 4th point of progress for students with the last one being their final report card in June. Teachers will have their classrooms open and students are excited to share their learning with you. Coffee, tea and snacks will be available as well. We hope that you are able to join us!



Karate and Movement Program

Starting on May 5th and running most Thursday mornings throughout May and June, we are excited to have Yoriko Susanj from the Savona Karate Club in to teach our students about physical literacy through Karate and movement. Each class will spend between 20 and 30 minutes each learning some new skills, moving and having fun. Thank-you so much to Yoriko to facilitating this wonderful program!



Salmon Release

We are waiting to hear if we are able to take our students to Skeetchestn to release our Salmon. If we are allowed to do so, we are hoping it will be during the last week of May or the beginning of June. More information and permission slips will be sent home if the trip is allowed to proceed. We will be sad to see our fish go, but are grateful for the opportunity to be involved with the preservation and enhancement of a species that is so very important to our life-style and economy here in British Columbia.



Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Monday, May 16th. This year, children and their parents will be divided into 2 groups. Group 1 will meet at 10:30 am and Group 2 will meet at 1:00 pm.



Information on the orientation sessions have been sent home to our new Kindergarten parents. Please call the office at 250-373-2520 and let us know if you are able to attend. We look forward to meeting all of our new Kindergarten students soon!

Eagle Bay Camp

We are very excited to take part in another Grade 4-7 year end trip to Eagle Bay Camp. This year's trip takes place from Wednesday, June 8th until Friday, June 10th.



Students may be dismissed early on Friday at 12:30 pm if a parent is able to pick them up. Grade 4-7 students have received packages including permission slips and activity waivers that must be

returned to the school no later than Friday, May 27th. We would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to our PAC for paying the fees of \$160 per student! If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mrs. Regan or Mr. Galloway.

Pond Study Field Trip

On Wednesday, May 11th the K/1 class and the 2/3/4 class will be going on a field trip to the Haywood-Farmer Ranch for a pond study. Permission slips have been sent home and are due back to the school by Friday, May 6th. Thank-you so much to the Haywood-Farmer family for making this trip happen and allowing us to learn from the land.



PAC Fundraiser – Good Life Meats

PAC is holding a Good Life Meats fundraiser just in time for the May long weekend. Order forms are due back to the school by Friday, May 13th and order pickup will be on Wednesday, May 18th. As many of the items are frozen, please make sure that you pick them up promptly from the school. This is an excellent opportunity to stock up on supplies for the long weekend while supporting our school!



JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION WALK TO CURE DIABETES

Diabetes Walk and Fundraising

On Monday, June 13th we will be holding a JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes here at Savona Elementary in support of our school community members. Our community walk will begin at 1:45 pm on our school field. We welcome any parents and community members to join us if they wish. We will be collecting donations for JDRF in the 2 weeks leading up to our walk, so if you are able to give a "Dollar for Diabetes" we would be grateful. Thank-you in advance for your support of this wonderful event.

"Be part of a collective rally that brings together thousands of people whose lives are touched by type 1 diabetes every day, who are tired of the hardship of this disease, who want to be heard, raise money and change the face of type 1 forever."

McQueen Lake Day Trip

Our K/1 & 2/3/4 classes are excited to be going on a trip to the McQueen Lake Day Centre on Thursday, May 26th. Students will be departing from the school at 8:30 am and will be returning to the school by 2:30 pm. More information and permission slips for this trip will be coming home soon!



Warm Weather Reminders

As we move into the last 2 months of the school year, we are happy to see the beautiful, warm weather once again. We encourage students to protect themselves from the sun by wearing hats outdoors as well as applying sunscreen at home before coming to school. If you are sending sunscreen to school with your child, please ensure it is a lotion. Aerosol sunscreens are not permitted due to scent sensitivities and also because they settle on the floor making it slippery and unsafe. We also encourage you to send a water bottle with your child so they can stay properly hydrated.



PAC Zoom Meeting

The next PAC Zoom meeting will take place on Monday, May 9th at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office at 250-373-2520 or send your email address to



klamberton@sd73.bc.ca to have your name added to the invitation list. You can request to join the Savona Elementary PAC Info page on Facebook for information on fundraisers and upcoming events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Upcoming Events

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| May 3 | After School Art – 2:45-4:30 pm |
| May 4 | Open House – 3:00-4:30 pm |
| May 8 | Mother's Day |
| May 9 | PAC Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm |
| May 10 | After School Art – 2:45-4:30 pm |
| May 11 | Pond Study Field Trip for K/1 & 2/3/4 classes |
| May 13 | Good Life Meats Orders Due |
| May 16 | Kindergarten Orientation Sessions |
| May 17 | After School Art – 2:45-4:30 pm |
| May 18 | Good Life Meats Order Pickup |
| May 19 | Hot Dog Day (if purchased) |
| May 20 | Non-Instructional Day – No School |
| May 23 | Victoria Day – No School |
| May 24 | After School Art – 2:45-4:30 pm |
| May 26 | McQueen Lake Day Centre for K/1 & 2/3/4 classes |
| May 27 | Eagle Bay Forms and Waivers Due |
| May 27 | Travelling Library Books Due Back |
| May 30-Jun 13 | Collection of “Dollars for Diabetes” |
| May 31 | After School Art – 2:45-4:30 pm |
| June 13 | JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes |