



SAVONA ELEMENTARY

March

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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

It sure feels like Spring is in the air, and this is extremely welcome after a cold Winter. We have had a couple great days of skiing in February and are planning for that again next year already. Basketball is finishing, and our current Grade 7 students just completed course selections for SKSS, which means that Spring Break is soon upon us. Before we take a break though, we will be completing a lot of learning in class, but we are likely going to have our students outside more as well. Please make sure your child is prepared for this.

We are also planning for September at this time, as Kindergarten registration has occurred. We are continuing to grow at Savona Elementary, which is great for our school. Many families are moving here, which is a testament to our great community. Even Global News knows how wonderful a place Savona is, as they did a short piece on our community this past Saturday, with the school being a part of the story.

I wish everyone in advance a wonderful Spring Break, and I look forward to a great end to the school year.

St. Patrick's Day



Thursday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. It will also be a St. Patrick's themed Spirit day. Please have your child wear green or anything that shows off their St. Patrick's Day spirit!

Why do frogs love St. Patrick's Day? Because they are always wearing green!

Student Learning Survey

Each year we complete the Student Learning Survey. Students in grade 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents and staff all have the opportunity to complete the short survey. If your child is in Grade 4 or 7 at Savona Elementary, we ask that you please visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm to complete the survey before April 29th. You do not need to have a log on code to complete the survey. A letter with more information will be sent home prior to Spring Break. We appreciate your feedback.

Progress Report Envelopes

We are still missing a few progress report envelopes. Envelopes need to be signed and returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible. They will be used to send their final progress reports home as well. Thank-you!



erase – Expect Respect & A Safe Education

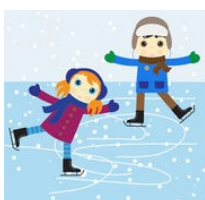
erase is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. This pink button on the bottom of each SD73 website is a quick link to the erase website where students can anonymously report if there is something worrying them or their friends and will let an adult know who can help resolve the problem. We encourage all parents to take a look at the website and to speak to their children about this important resource.



you're not alone
– everyone needs to
ask for help sometimes

McArthur Park & Skating Field Trip

On Monday, March 14th our school will be traveling by bus to McArthur Island Park and Sports arena for a fun day of exploration and skating. The bus will be leaving the school at 9:15 am and will return by 2:30 pm. Skating begins after lunch at 12:30 pm. We are looking for some parent volunteers that can help tie skates and assist



children on the ice. Volunteers need to have their own transportation, wear a mask and provide proof of vaccination as per the arena's regulations. All

students will need to have a pair of skates and a helmet. We also recommend wearing good walking shoes, dressing in layers and packing a big lunch with lots of water. We are looking forward to another fun-filled school trip!

SKSS Grade 8 Registration Packages

SKSS Grade 8 course selection and registration packages were sent home with students on Tuesday, March 1st after their meeting with the SKSS councilor. The completed packages are due back to school by Friday, March 4th. Please contact the office at 250-373-2520 if you have any questions or if you need any documents photocopied and we would be happy to assist.

Hot Dog Days

Our first hot dog day on February 17th was a success. We had many happy customers! If your child didn't return their order forms before the first hot dog day, you can still order for the remaining days by filling out the [order form](#) on our website. Any additional orders for March are due no later than Tuesday, March 15th.

PAC Zoom Meeting

The next PAC Zoom meeting will take place on Monday, March 14th at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office with your email address for a link to the Zoom meeting. We also encourage you to join the Savona Elementary PAC Facebook page. It is a great way to keep current with school events and PAC fundraising efforts.



PAC Purdys Easter Chocolate Fundraiser

Our amazing PAC is continuing their efforts to raise money for a new playground structure at Savona Elementary. Purdys Easter order forms will be sent home soon and orders are due on Wednesday, March 16th. Delivery will be after Spring break on Friday, April 8th. You will be able to place your orders online or fill out the paper order form and return it with your child. Thank-you for your continued support!



Update to SD73 Visitor Policy

The Ministry of Education has updated the information on school visitors and assemblies, gatherings and events on their [K-12 Covid-19 safe schools website](#). Below is a summary of the changes:

- There are no capacity limits on school gatherings and events where attending staff, students and necessary volunteers are all from the same school. This includes large gatherings like school assemblies and staff gatherings like meetings or professional development activities
- At gatherings between schools, or school events involving participants or spectators from outside the school, attendance is limited to 50 people or 50% of operating capacity (whichever is greater.) This includes art club performances like a play or recital or sports games and tournaments.
- Proof of vaccination is not required for school-led gatherings and events. Gatherings should be hosted virtually, wherever possible
- There are no restrictions on visiting schools. Visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas and sign in upon arrival.

Our doors at Savona Elementary will remain locked for student safety. Please continue to call and make an appointment if you want to come into the school.

Parent Support Services Society of BC



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Parents of Gender Creative or Trans Youth




We understand parenting kids who are gender expressive or who are trans is unique. Connect with others in the same situation and share your joys, hardships and learn from each other. Circles are confidential and safe for all members.

Meetings are held online every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. starting March 3, 2022.

For more information or to register contact:
cassandra.strain@parentsupportbc.ca OR
office@parentsupportbc.ca
<https://bit.ly/3L0SFFI>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- March 1 Sportball 2:41pm – 4:30 pm
- March 1 Gr. 7 SKSS course selection meeting
- March 2 B-Ball Game @ OLPH
- March 4 SKSS Gr. 8 Registrations Due
- March 8 Sportball 2:41pm – 4:30 pm
- March 14 Skating & McArthur Park Field Trip (all classes)
- March 14 PAC Zoom Meeting @ 6:30PM
- March 15 Sportball 2:41pm – 4:30 pm
- March 16 Purdys Orders Due
- March 17 Hot Dog Day (if purchased)
- March 17 St. Patrick’s Spirit Day
- March 21 Spring Break begins**
- April 4 1st day back after Spring Breaks**

Boogie the Bridge 2022



Walk or Run ... All paces and ages welcome!

FREE T-SHIRT!

25 YEARS

C’mon kids, let’s..

BOOGIE

REGISTER TODAY!

boogiethebridge.com

More info: registration@boogiethebridge.com

1K MINI BOOGIE
 • All mini 1k kids receive a boogie t-shirt, a medal, and post run food.
 • All kids age five and under running the 1k must be accompanied by an adult on the course.
(Medals are only participating in mini boogie with their children they do not need to register)

5K / 10K BOOGIE
 • All 5k / 10k boogie kids and adults receive a t-shirt, timing chip, a medal at the finish line, and post run food.

SUNDAY APRIL 24 2022

STARTS 8:30AM
(Half Marathon starts 8:00am)

MCDONALD PARK