



SAVONA ELEMENTARY

November



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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

Wow, it is November already, and I spied snow on the hills. I guess we may have just snuck in the field trip to Horstings Farm in time. It was great to see the kids running around in the pumpkin patch, as we have not been able to do such things in the past few school years with COVID upon us. I am also sure you will be searching for winter boots and jackets now and you will find out how much everyone in the household has grown. As the weather is changing, please ensure that your children are wearing appropriate school clothing, as students will still be going outside to enjoy the benefits of fresh air and the room to run around.

We hope that you found Parent-Teacher interviews valuable and informative. As always, please do not feel like you have to wait until such events to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Please feel free to communicate whenever you have questions, as we know that when we ask how the day went, we usually get, "Fine."

Now that we have settled into the routine of school, I would encourage you to visit our website to see events that are happening in the future. Krystal diligently updates it, and it is a great tool to use for organization.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Remembrance Day



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 10th at 10:30 am. Each class will present something to the rest of the school followed by the Last Post and 2 minutes of silence. Unfortunately, parents will not be permitted to attend this year as it would exceed the maximum amount of people allowed in our gym. Poppy pins are available at the school by donation. If you would like a poppy, please call the office at 250-373-2520 or email Mrs. Lamberton at klamberton@sd73.bc.ca and they can be sent home with your child.

Lifetouch Photo Orders

Picture packages from Lifetouch have been sent home and orders are due back by Wednesday, November 3rd. Please follow the instructions in the package. You may place your order online, or return the order form and payment to school with your child. Unfortunately, due to staffing issues, Lifetouch will not be booking retake sessions at this time.

Poinsettias

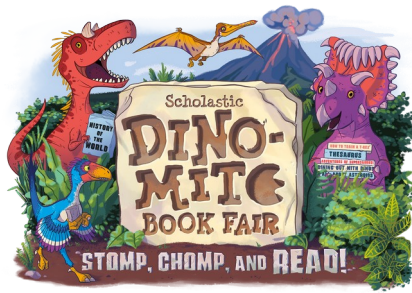
Our PAC will once again be selling Poinsettias for the holiday season. There are a variety of different options to choose from. Orders are due back to the office by Tuesday, November 16th and delivery of the poinsettias will be on Friday, December 3rd. Please make cheques payable to Savona Elementary PAC. Thank-you for your support!



Scholastic Book Fair

We are happy to announce that we are hosting our Scholastic Book Fair again this year from November 1st –

5th. There is also a virtual book fair that runs alongside the in-school fair. The link to the virtual fair can be found on our



school website at www.savona.sd73.bc.ca. Students will be given time on Monday to view the books and create a wish list to bring home. They will be allowed to make purchases during their lunch hour throughout the week. If you are interested in coming in to view the books, we will take appointments between 9 am and 3:30 pm. Please call the office to book a time. All sales from the in-school and virtual event support our school. Our goal is \$1500 in book sales which would earn us \$450 in resources for our school. All purchases made through the virtual fair link will be shipped to our school and sent home with your child. We encourage you to share the link with your friends and family. There will be great reading materials for all ages and it is an awesome opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done early!

What an Awesome PAC!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our PAC for donating breakfast for our students after the “Walk to School” event on October 8th. We would also like to thank them for helping to fund a portion of our trip to Horsting’s Farm on October 28th. The kids had an amazing time decorating their pumpkins!



The next PAC Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30pm. Please contact the office if you would like to be sent an invitation to the meeting.

Dressing for the Weather

We are pleased to see that most students are dressed for the weather when they arrive at school. Students go outside everyday at recess and lunch, and it is important to have appropriate outdoor clothing. Students **must** have both inside (non-marking) and outside footwear. This will ensure our classrooms and hallways remain clean and dry, preventing any accidents due to wet slippery floors.



S.O.A.R. and Behaviour Referral Form

At Savona Elementary we continue to utilize the research validated Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support system to promote appropriate behaviour. One part of this system is to have staff present students with S.O.A.R. slips. These are given to students for being Safe, Open Minded, Accountable, and Respectful. They are used to provide positive verbal feedback to students for being good citizens and role models at our school. We talk about all the super interactions the staff have witnessed around our school, and on Friday students who have demonstrated positive behaviours have opportunity to collect a reward and to receive additional recognition on the morning announcements. Unfortunately, we do have to have Behaviour Referral Forms that are given to students to remind them of school expectations when they have acted inappropriately. There are different levels of slips – Minors and Majors. All majors will be sent home to parents for your signature as we want to stay in communication with you. Please review these with your child and touch base with your child’s teacher if you have questions. When we all work together in a positive way at home and school - the students benefit greatly. Both S.O.A.R and Behaviour Forms are intended to be used as teaching tools to recognize and improve behaviours at our school.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1 – 5** Scholastic Book Fair
- November 3** Picture Orders Due
- November 4** After School Soccer
- November 5** Spirit Day – Hat Day
- November 9** PAC Zoom meeting @ 6:30pm
- November 10** Remembrance Day Assembly (staff
& students only)
- November 11** Remembrance Day Holiday
- November 16** Poinsettia Orders Due
- November 17** Spirit Day – Jersey Day
- November 18** After School Soccer
- November 25** After School Soccer
- November 26** Traveling Library books due back