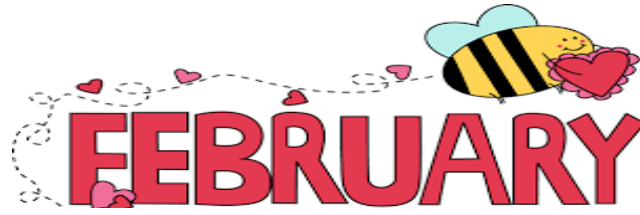




SAVONA ELEMENTARY



February 2023

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

The school year continues to speed along as February is upon us already. We have many exciting things happening in the school this month, such as hosting Sportball on Tuesdays after school until 4:30 for Gr. 4-7 students, we have our second of two ski trip days to Harper Mountain for DIV 002 & DIV 003, the basketball team has started league play, we have Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 22, and course selections start during the week of Feb. 27 for our future SKSS students of next year, to name a few. In classes, we are rolling with amazing learning opportunities, building off the progress reported on in the recent report cards.

We have some exciting news from PAC about a new playground! Due to a very generous donation from the Savona Trucker's Association, the PAC has reached its fundraising goal and will now be able to proceed with the purchase and installation of the playground. This will obviously take some time, but we are very excited that the PAC successfully got to this point. We also wish to thank them for all of their hard work over the past few years.

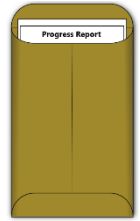
As always, if you ever have questions, concerns, or good news, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Scott Galloway

Progress Report Envelopes

Student Progress reports were sent home with students on Friday, January 27th. Please take some time to read over your child's progress report, then sign, comment and return only the envelope to the school. We will use the same envelope for progress reports again at the end of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



Basketball

Basketball is underway once again for students at Savona Elementary. They played their first game on January 25th at home and had a fantastic time.

There are 4 more games left this season, on each Wednesday in February. All games will start as close to 3:00 pm as possible. Home games take place on February 8th and 15th. We welcome you to come and cheer on the teams!



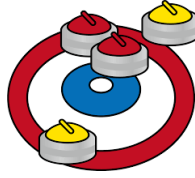
Valentine's Day

This year Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 14th. It will also be spirit day at our school, and we ask everyone to wear Pink or Red if they are able to. Teachers will reach out to let parents know of any other special activities happening in their classrooms on this day.



Rocks & Rings Iceless Curling

Savona Elementary was given the opportunity to rent some iceless curling equipment during the week of February 6th to 10th. During that week, classes will be able to use the equipment and learn a little bit about curling through guided lessons and game play. We look forward to the delivery of this equipment.



Pink Shirt & Positive Day

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, is Pink Shirt Day across Canada! On this day, we will all make an effort to practice kindness and acceptance towards both ourselves and others. Throughout the month of February, we are challenging all students and staff to focus on only positive and encouraging talk – all day long! Talking to children about positive, pro-social behaviors on a regular basis, and modeling this behavior as adults, has shown to decrease negative student to student interactions at school, in the community, and at home.



For information on how you can erase bullying, visit the official E.R.A.S.E. website at <http://www.erasebullying.ca/>.



You can also click the erase logo at the bottom of any School District 73 website at any time.

Attention
Grade 7
Parents

Grade 7 Parent Information Night

There will be a Zoom meeting for parents of children in Grade 7 who will be attending SKSS in September on Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm. More

information and a Zoom meeting link will be sent home closer to the date. Students will be visited by staff from SKSS on Thursday, March 2nd to begin the registration process and talk about course selections for grade 8.

Purdy's Chocolate Bars

We have Purdy's milk & dark chocolate bars available as part of our ongoing school fundraiser. Chocolate bars are \$2.50 each. *Chocolate is always a great Valentine's treat.* Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing some, or you can send a note and payment to school with your child.



PAC West Coast Seeds Fundraiser

Our PAC is excited to be running a fundraiser with West Coast Seeds again this year. Each packet of seeds purchased earns 40% for our school. There are a wide variety of seeds to choose from including vegetable, herbs and flowers. All orders can be placed online on the fundraising site at



<https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/>. The due date for orders is Monday, February 6th and you will be contacted when your order arrives in early March. If you are unable to order online, or have any questions, please contact Kelly Kirby at 250-299-5500. Thank-you for your continued support of our PAC!

PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting will take place on Monday, March 6th at 6:30 pm in the Savona Elementary School library. We encourage all parents to attend, even if you've never been to a PAC meeting before. It is a great way to find out about events and fundraisers happening at our school that benefit all of our students.

School Boundaries & Student Transfer Requests

Each year, students and parents will be given notice that they may, starting on March 1, request transfer to another school for the upcoming school year. For more information, please see [Administrative Procedure 305](#) available on the School District 73 website.

Kindergarten Registration

It is that time of year again to register your little ones for kindergarten in the fall of 2023! To be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2023, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2023. Registration week is February 6th through February 10th. Registration packages are now available to pick up and take home. If you already have a child attending Savona Elementary, please let us know and we can send the registration package home with their sibling.

To register your child for kindergarten you will need your child's original birth certificate, BC Services Card (front and back), proof of address and any legal documents concerning custody.

When you have completed the package, you can drop it off at the office, or return it with their sibling. If you do not have access to a photocopier, we can make copies for you at the office. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and families soon!



Upcoming Events

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| February 1 | Basketball Game @ Ralph Bell |
| February 2 | Kindergarten Roundup Night – Zoom 6:30 pm |
| February 2 | Harper Mountain (2/3/4 & 5/6/7) |
| February 3 | Non-Instructional Day – No School |
| February 6 | Unplug and Play forms due |
| February 6 | PAC West Coast Seed orders due |
| Feb. 6-10 | Kindergarten Registration Week |
| February 7 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |
| February 8 | Basketball Game @ Home |
| February 10 | Hot Lunch – Chicken Caesar Wrap |
| February 14 | Red/Pink shirt day & Valentine's Day Activities |
| February 14 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |
| February 15 | Basketball Game @ Home |
| February 17 | Hot Dog Day – if purchased |
| February 20 | BC Family Day - No School |
| February 21 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |
| February 22 | PINK SHIRT DAY |
| February 22 | Basketball Game @ KCS |
| February 24 | Hot Lunch – Soft Tacos |
| February 28 | Grade 7 Parent Course Selection Zoom Meeting @ 7pm |
| February 28 | After School Program 2:41 – 4:30 |

CONNECT PARENT

Connect Parent is an attachment-based program that focuses on strengthening parent-teen relationships and building a foundation for collaborative problem-solving. As an alternative to behaviour modification strategies, this group focuses on supporting parents in understanding the attachment needs that create the behaviour their child is demonstrating.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

This is a free, 9-week program, with sessions occurring one evening a week for 90 minutes. Dinner is provided.

For parents with children between the ages of 8 and 18-years of age.

Waitlist is ongoing.

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