



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



March 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

Spring Break is coming soon, and I hope some Spring weather comes as well. This last cold snap was not that enjoyable for me. We had a couple great days of skiing in February and are planning for that again next year already. A successful basketball season just finished, where our players improved their skills a lot and we had a record of 4-1. Our current Grade 7 students will be completing course selections for SKSS on March 2, which is a first step in their very exciting transition to high school. 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 too, as Kindergarten registration has occurred. Our school population continues to remain strong, which is great for our school. Families continue to move here, which is a testament to our great community. Maybe the secret is out!

We are also excited to be starting three months of Core Competency reflections, having students self assess their strengths and struggles regarding communicating, thinking and personal and social responsibility. I often say that if my own children left school as solid communicators, thinkers and good citizens, I would be a happy parent. This is what we are striving for.

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

Sincerely,
Scott Galloway

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!

St. Patrick's Day



Friday, 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!

School & Family Affordability Fund

In February, Mr. Galloway sent home an email message to parents and guardians regarding a \$40 refund towards this year's school supply fees. We ask that you please take a moment to answer the questions within the google form. If you are unable to complete the form, you may also contact Mr. Galloway or Mrs. Lamberton and let them know if you would like to take advantage of this refund that the School District is offering this year as part of the School & Family Affordability Fund.

PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting takes place on Monday, March 6th at 6:30 pm in the Savona Elementary School Library. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. If you haven't done so already, we 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.



SKSS Grade 8 Registration Packages

SKSS Grade 8 course selection and registration packages will be sent home with students on Thursday, March 2nd after their meeting with the SKSS councilor. The completed packages are due back to school by Wednesday, March 8th. Please contact the office at 250-373-2520 if you have any questions or if you need any documents photocopied and we are happy to assist.

Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

After Spring Break, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-373-2520.

Hike & Swimming Field Trip

On Thursday, March 9th our school will be traveling by bus to Kenna Cartwright and TCC for a fun day of hiking and swimming. The bus will be leaving the school at



10:30 am and will return by 2:30 pm. Swimming begins after lunch at 12:30 pm. If your child is 7 years of age or under, they will need to have a parent join them in the pool. Please indicate on the permission slip who will be swimming with their child. Your child will need to come dressed for the hike and bring their swimsuit, towel and a plastic bag for their wet clothing. Lifejackets are available at the pool if required. Permission slips are due back by Friday, March 3rd.

Skeetchestn Health & Career Fair

Students in Mrs. Walker's and Mrs. Regan's classes have been invited to attend Skeetchestn Community School's Health & Career Fair on Wednesday, March 15th. There will be many presenters giving healthy advice and answering questions from students about furthering their education, training and work opportunities that are available. Lunch will be provided by the Skeetchestn School. We are excited to be able to join them again after having a few years off.



Upcoming Events

March 2	Gr. 7 SKSS course selection meeting
March 3	Traveling Library books due
March 3	Hot Lunch - Perogies
March 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 7	Sportball 2:41pm – 4:30 pm
March 8	Grade 7 SKSS forms due
March 9	Hike & Swim Field Trip
March 10	Hot Lunch – Chili
March 15	Health & Career Fair (Gr. 2-7)
March 17	Hot Dog Day (if purchased)
March 17	St. Patrick's Spirit Day
March 20-31	Spring Break
April 3	1st day back after Spring Break

