



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



May 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

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 were very excited to invite all students and parents into the school April 19th for Presentations of Learning. Students had been working diligently on their individual passion projects. What we saw was kids being very proud of their work and their learning, and it was so great to have families be able to see that. The feedback we got from families and students was very positive, so we will look to continue with this in years to come.

May and June are busy months - both in the classroom and with field trips. There are many field trips planned for all classes, such as swimming, a museum visit, a year end trip to the Ashcroft pool, a trip to Hat Creek Ranch, and a trip to a play at the Sagebrush Theatre in Kamloops. 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

Young Authors' Conference

Congratulations to Mattias Stephenson and Devin Tubbs who had their writing selected to represent Savona Elementary at this year's Young Authors' Conference that was held on Friday, April 28th at Thompson Rivers University.

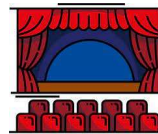


Karate and Movement Program



On Thursday, April 27th, we started the first of 4 sessions with Yoriko Susanj from the Savona Karate Club who will be teaching our students about physical literacy through Karate and movement. Each class will spend between 20 and 30 minutes learning some new skills, moving, and having fun. Thank you so much to Yoriko for facilitating this wonderful program!

School Field Trip to Sagebrush Theatre



We have the opportunity to watch "Keeper of the Forest" at Sagebrush Theatre on Friday, May 5th. The bus will leave Savona Elementary at 9:15 am and students will arrive back at school at approximately 1:30 pm. After the play ends at 11:00 am, students and teachers will go to Prince Charles Park to eat their lunches and have some free time. Please remember to pack a good lunch and dress for the weather. Permission slips are due back to the office by Wednesday, May 3rd.

Hot Lunch Schedule Changes

In order to accommodate some new field trip dates, the PAC hot lunch scheduled for Friday, May 5th will now take place on **Thursday, May 4th**. Also, hot dog day will be moved from Thursday, May 18th, to **Wednesday, May 17th**. We thank everyone for their understanding.

Salmon Release

We are waiting to hear if we will be able to take our students to Skeetchestn again this year to release our Salmon. If we are able to go, we anticipate it will be during the last week of May or the beginning of June. More information and permission slips will be sent home once the trip has been finalized. 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 lifestyle and economy here in British Columbia.



Yearbooks

We are putting together a yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year. Each yearbook costs \$5.00 and they will be delivered to students before the end of June. Order forms are due back to the school by Friday, May 5th. You may send cash or cheque payable to Savona Elementary, use School Cash online, or choose to use the Student & Family Affordability Fund by checking the SFAF box on the order form. We look forward to sharing these wonderful memories with you!



PAC Fundraisers – Growing Smiles & Meat Draw Raffle



Our PAC is continuing their fundraising efforts with a Growing Smiles plant sale fundraiser and by selling tickets for a meat draw. Order forms for the plants are due back to the school by Monday, May 8th and the plants will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, May 23rd. An envelope with tickets for the meat draw was given to each student. Tickets and money collected must be returned to the office by Friday, May 12th. The draw will take place on Wednesday, May 17. If you need more tickets, please contact the office at 250-373-2520. Thank-you for continuing to support PAC's fundraising efforts!



SPARK Kindergarten Sessions

This year, there will be 2 SPARK Kindergarten sessions for parents and their new Kindergarten students. On Wednesday, May 17th, the focus will be on Language Arts and on Wednesday, May 24th the focus will be on Social/Emotional Learning. Both sessions will take place from 3 - 4:00pm. Attendance is encouraged at both sessions, but please sign up for what you can. Information on the SPARK 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 our new Kindergarten students 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.



Field Trip to Hat Creek Ranch



Mrs Regan's and Mrs. Walker's classes will be going on a field trip to Hat Creek Ranch on Thursday, May 18th. They will be going on guided tours and doing many fun activities with a focus on the history of our region. We would like to extend a special thank-you to our PAC for paying \$10 of the \$20 ticket price per student. Permission slips and your \$10 ticket price are due back to the office by Friday, May 12th. You may send cash, cheque, pay online through School Cash or contact the school if you would like to use the Student & Family Affordability Fund for this trip.

Rattlin Ramble Run/Walk



Our school will be heading to the Skeetchestn Community Arbor on Friday May 26th to participate in

Skeetchestn School's annual Rattlin Ramble! The Rattlin Ramble is a 5km (2.5km for our younger students) run or walk. The day will get started at 10:30 am with a welcome song and prayer and some information about the day. It will be followed by warm up activities, then the run/walk with water stations and people along the way cheering students on. A BBQ lunch will be provided, however please ensure your child brings a snack, hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. We are looking forward to the return of this great event!



Upcoming Events

May 4	After School Sports 2:41 – 4:30 pm
May 4	Hot Lunch – Soft Taco
May 5	Field Trip to Sagebrush Theatre All Classes
May 5	Yearbook orders due
May 11	After School Sports 2:41 – 4:30 pm
May 11	Kindergarten Dental Screening
May 12	Hot Lunch – Pancakes
May 12	PAC Meat Draw tickets due
May 17	Kindergarten Orientation Session #1 Language Arts – 3-4pm
May 17	Hot Dog Day (if purchased)
May 17	PAC Meat Draw Prizes drawn
May 18	Hat Creek Ranch Field Trip - Mrs. Walker's & Mrs. Regan's classes
May 19	Pro-D – No School
May 22	Victoria Day – No School
May 24	Kindergarten Orientation Session #2 Social/Emotional Learning – 3-4pm
May 25	After School Sports 2:41 – 4:30 pm
May 26	Rattlin Ramble at Skeetchestn
June 1	After School Sports 2:41 – 4:30 pm
June 2	Grade 6 Immunizations (2 nd dose)