



SAVONA ELEMENTARY

November



November 2022

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 and enjoying the activities out there! And thank you to the parents and grandparents that came along to help us out. 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.

Sincerely,

Scott Galloway

Remembrance Day Assembly



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Thursday, November 10th at 10:30 am. Each class will make a presentation followed by the Last Post and 2 minutes of silence. Parents and family are welcome to join us in the gym. Poppy pins are available at the school by donation.

School Picture Day

Please mark Tuesday, November 15th on your calendar for picture day. Individual student pictures and class photos will be taken starting first thing in the morning. More information from Lifetouch will be sent home as soon as it arrives.



Poinsettias

Our PAC will once again be selling Poinsettias for the holiday season. There are a variety of different options to choose from. Orders forms have been sent home and are due back to the office by Thursday, November 10th. You also have the option to order online by the deadline. Delivery of the poinsettias will be on Monday, November 28th and you will be contacted as soon as they are ready for pickup. Please make cheques payable to Savona Elementary PAC. Thank-you for your support!



Scholastic Book Fair

Don't forget our Scholastic Book Fair runs daily from October 31st – November 4th in the school library. Students have had the chance to browse the titles and make a wish list.

Parents and students are welcome to come in at lunch between 12:15 and 12:45, or after school between 2:45 and 4:00 to make purchases. The virtual book fair is also active until Friday, November 4th if you would like to share the link with other family and friends that are unable to make it in person. The link to the virtual fair can be shared from our [Savona Elementary home page](#). Orders received through the virtual book fair will be shipped to our school. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!



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 6th. We would also like to thank them for covering \$10 of the \$15 charge for our trip to Horsting's Farm on October 28th. The kids had an amazing time picking out their pumpkins and going through the corn maze.



The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm in the school library. Child care will be provided at the school during the meeting. We encourage parents to attend and take part of all of the amazing things PAC does for our school.

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.



School Hot Dog Days

We will be having hot dog days at our school again this year. There will be one on the 3rd Friday of each month beginning on November 18th. Order forms are available in the office or on our school website. We encourage you to pre-order for the year, however, we will take orders each month if you prefer to order that way. Please make sure orders are returned on the 3rd Monday of the month to ensure we have the correct amount of hot dogs for Friday.



PAC Hot Lunch Program

PAC will be offering hot lunches on the three Friday's other than our school hot dog days. Orders forms were due back on October 31st. If you are able to help PAC with the hot lunch program, please contact Sue Colville at 778-220-0157. A new order form will be sent home after Christmas break for dates up until Spring Break.



Girls Exploring Trades and Technology

On Wednesday, November 17th, SD 73 is hosting the third annual Girls Exploring Trades and Technology at Thompson Rivers University for girls in grades 6 to 9.

Permission slips have been sent home with our grade 6 & 7 girls and they are due back on Monday, November 7th.

Parents must arrange transportation to and from the event. Pizza lunch will be provided. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Sheila Brown at 250-819-2472 or shbrown@sd73.bc.ca.



PAC Sandbagging Fundraiser

Unfortunately, PAC did not get enough parent helpers on Sunday, October 23rd to fulfill the sandbag order for Super Save Gas. Volunteers are needed to fill the remaining sandbags on Sunday, November 6th from 10 am until 12 pm. Please contact PAC members on the PAC Facebook page to confirm if you are able to help. Please remember that without parent support, our PAC will be unable to help fund field trips, special events and run the hot lunch program, just to name a few. If everyone can do a little, we all benefit a lot!



PAC Christmas Craft Fair

We are excited to once again be able to host the PAC Christmas Craft Fair on Thursday, December 1st from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the school gymnasium. Vendors will be asked to keep most items priced under \$10.00. Our primary students will be paired with a “big buddy” from the intermediate class in order to help them shop and stay within budget. Our grade 7 students will be providing tea, coffee and snacks, by donation in the library as a fundraiser for their year end celebration. We will send out more information and a request for parent helpers and baked goods in the coming weeks. The PAC will also have any remaining poinsettias available to purchase if you missed the order deadline. EVERYONE is welcome to attend the Craft Fair. If you would like to book a table, please contact Kirsten Pejril at savonapac@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you for this fun community event!



Donations Needed

We are looking for some cribbage boards and pegs to be used at our school. If you have a spare that you no longer use and are willing to donate it to our school, we would be very grateful. We are also looking for a child sized rocking chair. If you have one that your child has outgrown that you would be willing to part with, please contact the school at 250-373-2520.

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.

Free Piano

We have a piano at the school that hasn’t been used in several years that we would love to give to a family who could use it. If you are interested, please contact the school at 250-373-2520.



Consent Café Parent Night

Location: Henry Grube Education Centre

Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Talking to teens about consent and sexualized violence prevention can be challenging. Join the Consent Café Parent Night to help enhance your skills and confidence in this area. Our activity-based information session aims to build on parents' knowledge and skills about consent, communication, relationships, and sexualized violence prevention and response.

Together we will:

- discuss our comfort and confidence in speaking to teens about consent
- participate in activities to strengthen our knowledge about consent, relationships, sexualized violence prevention and response
- learn how to access evidence-informed resources and supports
- connect with other parents navigating consent conversations with their teens

Presented by Chelsea Corsi, TRU Senior Wellness Coordinator and Tanya Pawliuk, TRU Associate Teaching Professor. To register, visit

<https://forms.sd73.bc.ca/Parent-Engagement/2022-2023/Consent-Cafe-Parent-Night>

Indigenous Youth Program

YOUTH BUFFALO DROP-IN THURSDAY

Land Based Activities

Fun Space to explore your creative and adventurous soul while indulging in culture

Join us:
Nov 3,
Nov 17,
Dec 1,
Dec 15

Free Meals

ART

Indigenous Youth Ages 12-16
4-685 Tranquille Road

Text/Call Danielle (250)299-4970

Step out of your comfort zone!



Upcoming Events

Oct 31 – Nov 5

Scholastic Book Fair

November 4

PAC Hot Lunch

November 7

PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm

November 9

Come Read with Me –

Gr. 1 & 2 – 8:30 – 10 am

November 10

Remembrance Day

Assembly

November 10

PAC Poinsettia orders due

November 11

Remembrance Day Holiday

November 15

Lifetouch Picture Day

November 17

Girls Explore Trades &

Technology @ TRU

November 18

Hot Dog Day (if purchased)

November 21

Pro-D (rescheduled from

September)

November 25

PAC Hot Lunch

November 28

Poinsettia Delivery

December 1

PAC Craft Fair (10-2)