



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



September 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

September is always a time of great excitement, and we are all happy to have the students back in classes at Savona Elementary School. I sincerely hope that during summer break, students and families had an opportunity to enjoy the time off, and students are ready and excited to get back to school. I had a great summer, but I am looking forward to the school year. Having gained one year of experience at Savona Elementary and getting to know the community and the families was great, and I look forward to building on that experience and knowledge.

I would like to welcome Ms. Fulton to Savona Elementary into the Thursday and Friday teaching role in the K-1 class. Welcome to our school and community.

I am confident that this school year is going to be one of possibility and growth for our school community, and I am excited to see students in classes, focused on learning and personal development. On behalf of myself and the staff, we all look forward to the year ahead and working together to help our students reach success. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 250-373-2520.

I can't wait to begin!



School Staff 2022 - 2023

Mr. Scott Galloway: Principal, Prep, LART
Mrs. Krystal Lamberton: Secretary
Mrs. Jamie MacBurney (M-W): Gr. K/1
Ms. Rebecca Fulton (Th&F): Gr. K/1
Mrs. Kerry Walker: Gr. 2/3/4
Mrs. Trish Regan: Gr. 5/6/7
Mrs. Nicole Edmondson: CEA
Mrs. Pat Broad: Custodian, CEA, Lunch Supervisor

Bell Schedule

8:25 am	Warning bell
8:30 am	School begins
10:00 – 10:15 am	Students eat snack
10:15 – 10:30 am	Recess
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Students eat lunch
12:15 – 12:55 pm	Students outside
12:55 pm	Class readiness bell
1:00 pm	Classes Begin
2:41 pm	Dismissal
2:45 pm	Student Bus arrives



Communication

We encourage parents to take an active role in their child's learning. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher via email at any time to discuss your



child's progress and learning. We also encourage you to visit our Savona Elementary School's website at <https://savona.sd73.bc.ca/> to view our school calendar and to keep up to date on upcoming events at our school.

School Supply Fees



Savona Elementary offers a user fee program for school supplies. For a nominal fee, we supply all pens, pencils, exercise books, crayons etc. Student fees for 2022/2023 are:

Grades K-3 \$40.00

Grades 4-7 \$55.00

Please fill in the form for your students and return with fees to the office. You may use School Cash Online, or pay by cash or cheque. Fees are due by Monday, September 26th.

Indoor Shoes/Change of Clothes

It is expected that all students will have a pair of non-marking indoor shoes that can be left at school. We encourage primary students to keep a change of clothing in a Ziploc bag in their backpack in case of spills or accidents.

Water Bottles

We would like to remind parents that all students must have a water bottle labeled with their name on it that can be brought to and from school. Bottled water is brought in as our drinking water in Savona is often on a boil water notice and unsafe for drinking at that time.

Safe Arrival Program

If your child will be away from school, please call the Safe Arrival number at 1-844-350-2647, visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or download the app on your phone to report an absence. If your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time, please let your teacher or the office know. If teachers know of an absence in advance they can organize learning tasks that may otherwise be missed. Your cooperation is appreciated!



Forms and Permissions

With this newsletter, you will find the following forms that require parent/guardian signature. Please ensure these forms are returned to the office as soon as possible:

Student Verification Form (green) - Ensure all information is current, correct, dated and signed

Fruit and Veggie Program (orange) - Healthy snacks provided free every few weeks

Lower Risk Field Trip Form (blue) - Allows for short trips around the community: library, public playground, lake (not swimming), Terry Fox Run etc.

Personal Information (pink) - Allows SD#73 to collect, keep, use and share photos, videos, images and/or names on school or district website

Outside Media (yellow) - Allows media (including radio, television, newspapers and other print) that visit the school to take pictures or interview students. See form for more details

Electronic Use Agreement (purple) - Allows student to use district technology resources

Web access and Cloud Storage (white) - So students may receive a Google Apps for Education account (gedu)

FreshGrade (white) FreshGrade is a “digital portfolio” app that provides a platform for student portfolios to be shared with parents instantly on smartphone, tablet or computer

*****Please note not all students will receive all forms. Some forms need to be signed every year, other forms only need to be signed once. If we have a signed copy on file, it will not be included in this year's package. You may review all signed forms on file anytime at the office.***

Additional Forms

Additional forms that may be required can be obtained at the office. These might include:

Medical Alert/Medication - Please ensure that you inform the office if your child has a serious health condition or requires medication during school hours. This needs to be updated every year

Transportation Assistance - This must be submitted to school board yearly to receive funds

Aboriginal Programs and Services - Only sent home with students who have self-identified as being of Aboriginal ancestry

TNRD Library Card Application – will allow students to sign books out at the public library on weekly class trips

Nut Allergy Awareness

This year we have a student in our K/1 class with an allergy to nuts. We are asking parents to please be nut aware and if possible, not send items in your child's lunch that contain nuts. We appreciate your cooperation.

CDPP Highlights

This school year will begin the same as last school year ended. Here are the highlights from SD73:

- Stay home when sick
- Reinforce daily health checks
- Follow BCCDC website upon a positive test result
- Practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Masks are a personal choice
- Encourage and respect personal space
- Classroom and bus seat space is back to normal
- Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces will continue
- Visitors and community users are welcome in schools
- There are no assembly/gathering limits (follow building code)

PAC - Parent Advisory Council

Research indicates that when parents are involved in their child's learning, student achievement increases.

Savona Elementary is fortunate to have a fantastic group of parents committed to the improvement and well being of our school community.

Our PAC is always looking for fresh faces. The first PAC meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 pm in the Savona Elementary School Library. PAC elections, dates and plans for future meetings will be decided at this meeting and relayed to parents. Please watch the school website under Parent Advisory Council for future plans. We also encourage you to join the Savona Elementary PAC Info page on Facebook for information on upcoming school events and fundraisers.



Isobel Lake Day Centre

We will have our first full school field trip to Isobel Lake on Wednesday, September 28th. We will be leaving the school by bus at 8:45 am and returning to the school at approximately 2:30 pm. A permission slip will be sent home in the coming weeks detailing what students should bring with them on the trip. We look forward to this wonderful outdoor learning opportunity for our students.



Terry Fox Run

Our school Terry Fox run/walk is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd at 1:45pm. We will be warming up, and then going for a short run through the community and back to the school. Any donations for the Terry Fox Foundation between Sept. 20th – Sept. 30th would be greatly appreciated. A link for donations will be on our website, or your child can bring in a “Toonie for Terry” for our donation jar in the office. Last year, our school raised an impressive total of \$485.00! Together, we can help keep Terry’s dream alive and win the battle against cancer.



Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is Friday, September 30th. School is not in session that day in honour of National Truth and Reconciliation Day, so we ask all staff and students to wear their orange shirts to school on Thursday, September 29th.



Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

For more information and to watch Phyllis's and other stories go to <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Emergency Procedures

With the safety of our children and staff in mind, we undertake the practice of both Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills early in the school year. If you or your child feel any anxiety or concern with the drills, and we can help in any way, please contact us at the school.



Upcoming Events

- Sept. 6 Back to School (Gr. 1-7)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Sept. 7 First Regular Day of classes (Gr. 1-7)
Kindergarten Interviews
- Sept. 8 Kindergarten PM Only
(1:00 pm – 2:41 pm)
- Sept. 9 Kindergarten AM Only
(8:30 am – 12:00 pm)
- Sept. 12 Kindergarten – First full day
- Sept. 19 Non-Instructional Day
- Sept. 19 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm in SES Library
- Sept. 23 Terry Fox Run @ 1:45 pm
- Sept. 28 Isobel Lake Field Trip (all classes)
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Sept.30 National Truth and Reconciliation
Day