



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



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

Christmas break is around the corner, a mere three weeks away. As we approach the end of the year, it is with pride that we look back at what our students and staff have accomplished in the past 3 months. Student Learning continues to take center stage at Savona Elementary. Across all grades and subject areas, students and teachers work together to foster the necessary skills and environment for the 21st century learner. Our parent group continues to support our school both academically and socially, allowing for a strong sense of community. Thank you to everyone for supporting our children. Finally, on a personal note, I would like to wish our students, parents, staff, and the community a happy holiday and a celebration filled with joy and family. It is moments like this, when we can pause, catch our breath, and realize how privileged and lucky we are to be part of the Savona Community. Happy Holidays Everyone!

Christmas Concert

On Thursday December 19th Savona Elementary will proudly present this year's Christmas Concert performance "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Our afternoon performance will begin at 1:00 pm with the evening performance starting at 6:00 pm. Please come and join us for some awesome holiday entertainment! Please note:

We have a few Purdy's chocolate milk chocolate bars leftover that we will be selling at \$2.00 each. More information will be sent home regarding costumes in the coming weeks.



Christmas Craft Fair

Hosted by our PAC, the Christmas Craft Fair will be held

**Thursday
December 5th from
10am – 2:00pm in
the school**

gymnasium. Most items will be under \$10.00, and will include honey, knitting, wooden puzzles, holistic creams and salves, ornaments and so much more! Our primary students will be paired with "big buddies" from the intermediate class in order to help them shop and stay within budget. Be sure to bring your appetite as our grade 7 students will be providing tea, snacks and sandwiches by donation in the library – and will be selling raffle tickets for gift baskets - as a fund raiser for their year end celebration. The PAC will also have your poinsettia orders ready for pick up. EVERYONE is welcome to attend the Craft Fair. We look forward to seeing you for this fun community event!



Traditionally we ask that Grade 5, 6 & 7 students (help from anyone would be greatly appreciated) to bring in a container of nut-free baked goods that can easily be put onto trays and served. It would be nice if we could have them at the school by Wednesday morning for 'inventory'. Please contact Kelly Kirby @ 250-299-5500 or Lily Friesen @ 250-371-2119 if you have any questions.

Cookies and PJ Day

On our last day of classes before winter break, **Friday December 20th**, we will be decorating gingerbread men in the morning. We are hoping to



have some parent volunteers assist us. Thanks to our PAC for contributing cookies, candy and icing! Don't forget to wear your pajamas and have some relaxing fun!!

Food Bank Items

From December 3rd to the 13th we will be collecting non-expired, non-perishable food items at the school. On December 13th we will be taking the collected items to the Savona Fire Department, who will distribute hampers to families around our community. Please help us make sure that all families in our community have a super holiday this year!



Flu Season

Flu season is upon us. In order to keep absences from school at a minimum, and germs “passed around” from family to family, please encourage your children to follow these practices as well:

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Don't share cups or utensils with other people.
- If children are sick with flu like symptoms, stay at home and avoid contact with other people whenever possible.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd**

Our third non-instructional day for this year will be held on Monday, December 2nd. All schools in the district will be closed on December 2nd.

Holiday Train

The CP Holiday Train will be rolling through Savona on Sunday December 15th at 7:00 pm. The performance is scheduled to run from 7:05 to 7:30 pm and will feature Terri Clark and Dallas Smith. Admission is by cash or non-expired, non-perishable food donation. All donations collected stay within our community to help those who could use a helping hand. The Fire Hall will be open with hot dogs, baked treats and hot drinks beginning at 6:30 pm.



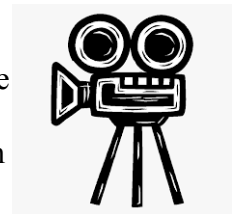
Food Bank

Are you experiencing a short term hardship and need a food donation, or are you in need of some help over the holidays this year? The food bank committee would like to help. Please leave your name, address and how many people are in your family at the Savona Improvement Office mail slot with FOOD BANK written on it. The deadline for entries is December 14th and delivery will take place between December 16th – 22nd.

Free Family Flicks

The Kamloops Film Society is offering Free Family Flicks at the Paramount Theatre for the remainder of the year. Admission to the movie is free however, the concession will be at regular pricing. The remaining movies will be:

- Shrek – Nov 30 & Dec 1 @ 3:30pm
- All Dogs Christmas Carol – Dec 7 & 8 @ 3:30pm
- Christmas With the Kranks – Dec 14 & 15 @ 3:30pm
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas – Dec 21 & 22 @ 3:30pm



If you have any questions, please email emily@thekfs.ca.

PAC Meeting / Social

Just a reminder that the next PAC Meeting / PAC Social will be held on Monday December 9th at 6 pm at the Colville's house (6966 Savona Access Road.) Please RSVP by December 5th on the PAC Facebook page. It is asked that you bring an appetizer and your creativity as they will be making Christmas ornaments for each student.

One-to-One Volunteers Needed

Do you have 1 or 2 hours a week during school hours to read one-on-one with students at Savona Elementary? The One-to-One Children's Literacy Program needs you. No



experience is necessary, but you must have good English Language skills. We provide free training and ongoing support. It is a rewarding volunteer experience. For more information or to sign up for this amazing program,

please contact our co-ordinator Emma at emmabou@gmail.com or 250-318-8317.

Tupperware Gift Basket

Mrs. MacBurney and Ms. Kerluck's class are raffling a Tupperware gift basket valued at \$55. Tickets are \$2 per entry and the draw will take place on Decemeber 9th. They will also be selling homemade owl stuffies at the craft fair for \$3 each. All proceeds will go towards their classroom.

Upcoming Events

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| December 2 | No School/Non-Instructional Day |
| December 3-13 | Food Hamper Donations |
| December 5 | Savona Elementary Craft Fair |
| December 5 | Poinsettia orders pick up (at the craft fair) |
| December 5 | After School Sports 2:30-4:30pm |
| December 9 | Frozen Food orders pick up |
| December 12 | After School Sports 2:30-4:30pm |
| December 15 | Holiday Train at Fire Hall 7:15pm |
| December 18 | Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal 1:00 pm |
| December 19 | Christmas Concert 1:00 & 6:00pm |
| December 20 | Gingerbread Men/ Pajama Day |
| December 20 | Last Day of Classes |
| Dec 23-Jan 3 | Winter Break |
| January 6 | First Day Back |

