



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



June 2020 2nd addition

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, that's a wrap! It has been a school year with challenges and I want to thank each and everyone of you for supporting your child's learning throughout the remote learning phase. We had 70% of our students return to classroom learning on June 1st and it was so good to see children in the school.

Thank you to all our volunteers in 2019/2020. Our One to One readers, our hot lunch team, and of course our PAC who has continued to support all our students.

A final word to our Savona Elementary students: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to get to know you and look forward to seeing you again in the fall. To our grade 7 students who are moving on to the next phase of their education, I wish you all the best in your bright futures.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
-John Quincy Adams-

Year End Assembly

Due to the number of students we are allowed to have in the building at one time, we have decided not to have a large year end assembly this year. Instead, teachers will be showing their class groups our year end slide show and honoring students in their individual classrooms. Teachers will reach out to parents and students and let them know what will be happening in their classes.

Report Cards

Your child's report card will be given to them on their last scheduled day at school. If your child is not attending at this time, report cards will be available for pickup on Thursday, June 25th after students leave at 12:30pm until 2:30pm and again on Friday between 10:00am and 2:30pm. If you are unable to make it at either of these times, please contact Mrs. Lamberton in the office by email at klamberton@sd73.bc.ca or by phone at 250-373-2520 to arrange an alternate pickup time.

School Closing and Opening

Last Day of School for Students - Thursday, June 25, 2020

Students will be dismissed and picked up by the bus at 12:30pm

September School Opening - Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Morning Bus Run

Please note on the first day of school, all morning buses will pick up students two hours later than the regular time for pick up.

Afternoon Bus Runs

Elementary and Rural Schools

Afternoon buses will run two hours earlier than regularly scheduled time (i.e, first pick up will be at the school at approximately 12:30pm)

Secondary In-Town Schools

Buses will depart at the regular scheduled time(i.e., first bus run at approx 3:15 pm)

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Our Kindergarten students will follow a gradual entry process for their first week back to school. Kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday, September 9th in the afternoon from 1:00pm until 2:30pm. On Thursday, September 10th, they will attend in the morning from 8:30am until 12:00pm. Kindergarten parents will need to arrange transportation for their child to and from school on these two days. Friday, September 10th will be their first full day of school and they are welcome to take the bus. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-373-2520.

2020 BC Summer Reading Club

For nearly 30 years, the BC Summer Reading Club (BC SRC) has motivated kids to continue reading and learning during the summer months. Kids ages 5-14 register for this free program with their local public library. They record their reading progress, building self-confidence and developing their reading skills, while participating in fun activities.

This year, thanks in part to funding from the Ministry of Education, the BC SRC has added the option for readers to participate online, so that families have access even if they aren't able to visit their local public library in person. Some of the exciting new, online features that have been added this year include:

- Kids can earn digital badges for reaching their reading goals as well as a certificate of completion for finishing the program
- A dashboard for parents/guardians to track their kids' reading progress and the digital badges they've earned
- Weekly stay-at-home activity packages
- Live events and video demonstrations including hands-on crafts and experiments

This year's theme is "Explore Our Universe" featuring illustrations by BC artist Bambi Edlund. All reading counts – kids can read whatever they want, in whatever language they feel most comfortable. They can also listen to someone else read or tell stories.

Help keep you students reading and learning this summer by sharing this information with you school families. Online registration begins June 15 at the BC Summer Reading Club website.

Happy Reading!!

Volunteers Needed!!

If you are able to spend some time at our school in a volunteer role, we'd love to hear from you. ONE TO ONE is a unique children's literacy program that provides one-to-one tutoring to children in elementary schools during regular school hours. Our trained volunteer tutors work with students who are identified by their teachers as needing a boost in their literacy skills. If you are interested, please contact our coordinator Emma at emmabou@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

June 25	Final Day for Students – Dismissal at 12:30pm
June 25	Report Card pickup 12:30pm – 2:30pm
June 27	Report Card pickup 10:00am – 2:30pm
September 7	Labour Day – No School
September 8	First day of School for Gr. 1-7 (10:30am – 12:00pm)
September 9	First full day of school for Gr. 1-7 / Kindergarten pm only
September 10	Kindergarten am only
September 11	Kindergarten first full day
September 28	District Non-Instructional Day

