



# SAVONA ELEMENTARY

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**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**

What a beautiful fall we are having this year! October has come and gone and the cooler weather of November is upon us. Thank you to everyone for sending your child to school with appropriate outdoor wear. Children are naturally drawn to playing outside as there are numerous benefits of outdoor play: it allows them to explore their environment, develop muscle strength and coordination, and gain self-confidence. Research shows that it can reduce stress, increase social skills and increase their attention span. Sounds beneficial and worthwhile doesn't it!

As you have been made aware, SES is a part of the Provincial Reporting Pilot. Our report cards or Points of Progress, will look differently this year and will only be sent home in January and June. Many of you attended the parent meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> and found that the information shared was helpful in your understanding the new format. Your Parent/Teacher interview was your first of 5 points of progress. Hopefully you found that connection beneficial. If you are looking for more information, just visit the Ministry of Education website or connect with your classroom teachers.

As we settle into a routine here at SES, you will see many exciting activities are coming up so make sure to check out the dates to remember. The activities and events are posted

on our school web page so be sure to check it out regularly.

Finally, I would like to welcome back Mrs. Edmondson. She will be starting back at SES on Monday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. I know that she is very excited to be back in the school working with children again. On that note, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Colville as she will be returning to the relief list. We know that we will see a lot of her in the coming year and look forward to her supporting in our school in anyway she can. Thank you Mrs. Colville for your diligence and support of our students.

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

## **Remembrance Day**



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:40 am. Parents are welcome to join

us for the laying of the wreaths, as well as Remembrance Day presentations from each of our classes. Poppy pins will be available in the office by donation starting Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Picture Retakes**

Picture Retakes will be on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. If your child requires retakes or were not able to have their picture taken on picture day, please mark it on your calendar!

### **What an Awesome PAC!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our PAC for the wonderful breakfast they provided for our students after the “Walk to School” event on October 2nd. Thank you so much!

The next PAC Meeting/PAC Social will be held on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at Sue Colville’s house (6966 Savona Access Road.) Please RSVP by December 5<sup>th</sup> on the PAC Facebook page. It is asked that you bring an appetizer and your creativity as they will be making Christmas ornaments.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair again from November 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will have after school hours from 2:15pm - 3:30pm for parents and the community to come and experience it as well! There will be more information coming out as the fair gets closer. There will be great reading materials for all ages and it is an awesome opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done early!



### **Poinsettia's**

Our PAC will once again be selling Poinsettia's for the holiday season. There are a variety of different options to choose from. Order forms will go home with students on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be due back at the office on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up will be on Thursday,



December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Savona Elementary School Craft Fair.

### **PAC Food Fundraiser**

The PAC will again be doing the frozen food fundraiser from last year with cookie dough, pizza, pies etc. Order forms will be handed out on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please have your order forms back by Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Late orders will not be accepted. Delivery will be on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a great fundraiser for our school and has lots of time saving foods for the holiday season. Please help support our PAC.

### **Skating Field Trip**

We will be going skating at McArthur Island Sport Centre on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 – 1:30pm. We are also planning another outdoor activity in the morning before skating. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for skating and an outdoor activity. They will need skates and a helmet in order to go out on the ice. Please let the office know if you do not have skates for your child.

### **Hot Lunch**

As we are going Skating on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, our hot lunch of Sloppy Joe and Caesar salad has been moved to Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> instead. Please mark the new date on your calendar.

### **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.



### Craft Fair

We will again be hosting the Savona Elementary School Craft fair on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm in the Gym. Some of the items for sale include Honey, Knitting, Wooden Puzzles, Carved Knick Knacks, Jewellery, Holistic Creams, Salves and Balms, Christmas Decorations, Ornaments and so much more.



Raffles will be held and our grade 7 students will be fundraising by selling tea, coffee, sandwiches and sweet treats in the library by donation. Please come out, do some Christmas shopping and support our school community.

### Special Thanks

A big Thank-you to Desert Hills Ranch for providing pumpkins for students to carve during our Halloween activities. Another HUGE Thank-you to Mrs. Broad for taking time to go and pick them out and bring them to the school for us.



### Important November Dates

- November 1** Hot Lunch – Beef Stew
- November 1** Poinsettia Order Forms Home
- November 4** Pictures Orders Due (if not having retakes)
- November 5** Picture Retakes
- November 6** Frozen Food Order Forms Home
- November 7** Grade 6 Immunizations
- November 8** Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:40am in the Gym
- November 8** Hot Lunch – Pancakes & Berries
- November 11** Remembrance Day Holiday
- November 15** Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
- November 18** Scholastic Book Fair Starts!
- November 18** Frozen Food Orders Due
- November 18** Poinsettia Orders Due
- November 21** Hot Lunch (moved to Thursday) – Sloppy Joe & Caesar Salad
- November 22** Skating Trip to McArthur Island Sports Centre
- November 29** Hot Lunch – Hamburger Soup