



SAVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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

As October is upon us, staff and students start thinking about Thanksgiving and all that we are thankful for. I know that our staff and students are thankful for having had Mrs. Neufeld work in our school for the past 3 years. She connected with each and every one of you over the years. We wish her the best of luck in her new role in sd73 Transportation. I know we will all miss her. But on a positive note, we now welcome Mrs. Lamberton to our staff. She looks forward to getting to know each and every one of you so please feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself.

Savona Elementary is a great place to be and I am thankful each day, that I can come to work here each day.

New Reporting Pilot

Most of you should have seen a letter come home from Mrs. Halland regarding the new reporting pilot. Savona Elementary will be hosting an information meeting on October 8th from 3-4 pm in our school library. For more information and in case the letter never made it home you can find it on our website under news. Hope you can join us!

School Fees

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their fees to the office. We appreciate you all getting them in so quickly, however we are still missing a few. Please call Mrs. Lamberton in the office at 250-373-2520 to make arrangements.

Purdy's Chocolates

As most have seen by the note that came home, Purdy's Chocolate bars have arrived. We were at Wal-Mart on Sept. 15th with the help of Maggie, Zu, Carter & Kacy we were able to sell \$750.00 worth of chocolate. We have a remaining 500 bars to still sell. If you are available to help you can always pick up a box (\$40.00) in the office and sell to your friends and family.



Milk and Dark Chocolate bars are available.

One to One Reading

We are really excited that One to One Reading is returning to our school in late October! This fantastic program involves trained adult volunteers from our community reading with students who need just a little support as they work to improve their reading skills. **If you can help** with

this awesome program, please contact Emma Bourassa– our volunteer coordinator (emmabou@gmail.com) – or the school. HUGE thanks to Emma for organizing this!

P.A.C. - Parent Advisory Council

Our PAC group would like to extend an invitation to any and all interested parents: Come on out and join the group! Also, if you would like to join the Savona Elementary PAC Facebook page – a GREAT way to keep current with school events - please contact the office and we will put you in touch with the site administration. The next meeting will be October 1st @ 6:00 pm in the library.

S.O.A.R. and Behaviour Referral Form

At Savona Elementary we are thrilled to be utilizing the research validated Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support system to promote appropriate behaviour in the school. 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. Each morning over the announcements we talk about all the super interactions the staff have witnessed around our school (and there are quite a few!), and on Friday students who have demonstrated positive behaviours have their names read in the announcements, and have the opportunity to come to the office for additional recognition. We also 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 a signature. 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.

Terry Fox Thank You!

A very special thank you to everyone who made a donation and helped out with this year's Terry Fox Run on September 26th. Our school raised a total of \$60.00 for cancer research. Also, we had a wonderful run/walk around our community joined by five members of the TRU women's soccer team. Thank you students and families for your strong support with the Terry Fox campaign again this year. Together, we can help keep Terry's dream alive and win the battle against cancer.



Parent/Teachers Interviews- Early Closure Oct.24th

Teachers will be contacting you to remind you that this is your chance to come in and discuss the progress of your child and to meet your child's teacher. Please contact the office for an interview time to discuss your child's progress. Mrs. Lambertson will be happy to set up a time for you. You can contact her by calling the school @ 250-373-2520 or by email klamberton@sd73.bc.ca

*Please note on this day our bus will be running two hours early, and the students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. Interviews will start at 1:00pm.

Staying Healthy is in your hands

Flu season is just around the corner and in a school setting flues and viruses can spread very quickly. Experts say a simple way to reduce the risk of catching a flu is literally in your hands: good, frequent hand washing is the best way to prevent infectious diseases of all kinds. Hands spread an estimated 80 percent of common infectious diseases such as the common cold and flu. Simply touching doorknobs can spread viruses. But these disease-causing germs slide off easily with good hand washing technique. Hand washing is easy to learn, cheap and incredibly effective at stopping the spread of disease-causing germs.

Fire Drills and Lockdown

In the last two weeks we have had two of our mandatory six yearly fire drills and one of our Lockdown drills. Our students were AWESOME: they left the building in an orderly fashion, hands at sides, quietly lining up in single file for attendance, and were quiet and orderly for the Lockdown. We will be having one more fire drill this month during Fire Prevention Week and three more in the Spring.



School Picture Day

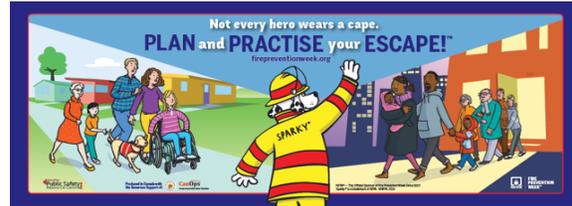
Please mark Friday, October 11th on your calendar for picture day. We will be doing class and individual pictures starting in the morning.

Halloween

We will be celebrating Halloween on October 31st. We will continue with our Savona tradition of pumpkin carving this year in the morning followed by several teacher led activities in their classrooms. Please bring your costumes to school to change into after lunch. After lunch, we will have a costume parade and stem challenge. As the children will likely be into PLENTY of sweets on Halloween, we are asking parents once again to bring MAINLY healthy alternatives for our school celebration. More information from our classroom teachers will be coming home prior to Halloween.



Fire Prevention Week is October 6 to 12, 2019



Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan & Practice Your Escape!

That is the message during Fire Prevention

October 6 to 12, 2019 is [Fire Prevention Week](#)TM! This year's campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. Plan ahead for your escape. [Make your home escape plan](#) and practice today.

Important October Dates

- Oct 1 – Cross Country @ Westsyde Centennial Park
- Oct 1 – PAC Meeting 6:00pm
- Oct 2 – Walk to school & Breakfast
- Oct 4 - Hot Lunch-Macaroni & Cheese
- Oct 6-12 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 8 – New Reporting Parent Meeting 3pm
- Oct 9 – K-4 Pumpkin patch @ Desert Hills
- Oct.9 – Cross Country @ Dallas (District Championships)
- Oct 11 – Picture Day
- Oct 11 – Hot Lunch - Perogies
- Oct 14 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct 18 – Hot Lunch – Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Oct 24 – Early Dismissal at 12:30 for P/T interviews
- Oct 25 – Pro – D Day
- Oct 26 – Hot lunch
- Oct 31– Halloween celebration at school & Pumpkin Carving