



SAVONA ELEMENTARY

March

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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

Spring is certainly in the air! This beautiful sunshine is welcomed. With Spring, comes the end of Term 2 and the arrival of the Term 2 report cards on March 13. I'm sure your children will be excited to share their successes. Please take the time to review their report card highlights and the strategies they used to help them learn and problem solve before returning your envelop to the school. As you know, the new curriculum is fully implemented, with its emphasis on core competencies (communication, critical thinking, creative thinking, self-regulation, and social responsibility). The shift in pedagogy is evident in the students' daily activities and they will have the opportunity to reflect on their final report card as they complete their self assessment.

Also with Spring comes Science Fair, Young Artists, Young Authors, Track and Field, and of course Field Trips. Needless to say the students will be busy both indoors and out. The time will fly and we encourage everyone to enjoy and make the best of every opportunity.

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

St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Why do frogs love St. Patrick's Day? Because they are always wearing green!



Grade 7 Transition

On February 28th SKSS counselor Ms. Cavlek came to Savona to talk to students regarding course selection for the coming school year. Course selection will be due soon after so please complete and return to Mrs. Neufeld by date given by the counselor. Also the Grade 7 Course Selection Parent Meeting is on **March 6th** at 7pm in the SKSS library. This

is a great opportunity for parents to ask questions and to take a look at the school.

One to One Reading

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. Savona Elementary wants to thank our community volunteers who have helped us this year.

Kamloops Blazers Game

WOW! The Kamloops Blazers have donated THIRTY- yes **30 tickets** to a home game on March 2nd for our school! The Blazers are asking that our students make up some signs of support for the game (Just might get seen on the Jumbotron!)



Attention all Basketball Players

Congratulations to our Savona Basketball players and Mrs. Walker for an AWESOME season. Special thanks to our parents for your support, Mrs. Halland for reffing, our coach Mrs. Walker for the lunch time practices and games and of course our students Devin & Gavin who ran the clock and did the scoresheet.



Lunches

We are finding that more and more students are bringing items in their lunches that need to be heated up. The classrooms are not equipped with microwaves so this causes the supervisor to leave the classroom on multiple occasions to us the staffroom microwave leaving the classroom unattended. If it is possible please send hot items in a thermos or send items that do not need to be heated.

Momo Challenge: Cyber Bullying through Social Media

Letter sent home to parents:

Out of an abundance of caution we are asking you to be take particular interest in what your children are viewing online.

We have become aware through social media of online videos called the “Momo Challenge” that directs children to harm themselves and threatens them with severe consequences if their instructions are not followed.

The challenge involves messages being hidden in seemingly child-friendly games and videos. The messages urge children to contact “Momo” via Snapchat, WhatsApp or other messaging programs. The Momo accounts often feature an image of a doll with large eyes and long, black hair. A Momo-like character has also been spotted in the popular online game Minecraft. Once messaged Momo may respond with disturbing images and instructions, including directions for self-harm. Momo may also make threats about what could happen if the directions are not followed, saying they will harm the child’s family or place a curse on them.

It is imperative that you talk to your children about reporting these videos to a trusted adult. It is also important to make your children aware that they must immediately report any online interaction that leaves them feeling uncomfortable. Reminding your child that they will not be in trouble for reporting is critical to ensuring open communication.

Talk to your child about how they use the internet and social media – be supportive and encourage them to let you know if they have any problems

- Get to know what your child does online and teach them to be safe – they need to know how to deal with inappropriate material and how to protect themselves from predators
- Keep the computer in a common area or have them use personal devices in your company
- Warn your child not to give personal information to a stranger online
- Contact your local law enforcement if you believe your child is being blackmailed or extorted online
- Tell your child to ignore messages from people they don’t recognize and not to visit someone in person that they meet online or via text

Additional resources for parents can be found at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/online-safety>

SD73 takes great pride in creating safe, and caring places to learn and our dedicated staff are always willing to help.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to a trusted staff member if you need support for your child.

Sincerely,
Alison Sidow
Superintendent

Board Notes

School Dist # 73 Board notes can now be found on the District website <https://conta.cc/2DGcEOE>

Fresh is Best Fundraiser

Thank you everyone who supported our Fresh is Best Fundraiser. We have raised over \$320.00 to support our students learning. Orders will be available to pick up on March 7th.

Chapters Online Fundraiser

Thank you everyone who came out to our Chapters night on Feb.7th. We were able to receive \$152.00 from Chapters to purchase books for our library. Also from our online sales to date we have raised another \$276.00 to also go towards our library. Our online fundraiser will be ongoing so anytime you are planning to purchase from Chapters/Indigo please head to our site at the link below.

<https://indigo.flipgive.com/teams/168513-savona-elementary#content>

Kamloops Early Language and Literacy Initiative and School District 73 presents: Parent-Child Mother Goose

- Enjoy an hour of rhymes, songs, and stories with your babies and young children
- Learn ways to encourage language and social development
- Meet other parents
- Learn about community resources

When and Where:

Mondays at 10:00 – 11:00 AM April 8th – June 10th at Savona Elementary School
Registration: Mon., Mar.25th at 9:30 am via www.evenbrite.ca

Cost: Free!! (Sponsored by the BC Ministry of Education Ready, Set, Learn Initiative)



Upcoming Events

- March 1 Professional Development Day – No School
- March 2 Blazer Game
- March 6 Grade 7 Parent meeting at SKSS
- March 7 Fresh is Best Orders to pick up
- March 8 Try -A -Trade Ms.McDaniels class
- March 12 Health & Career Fair @ Skeetchestn for 3-7
- March 13 Report Cards home
- March 15 Bannock Orders Due
- March 15 Spring Break begins**
- March 26 1st day back after Spring Break**
- April 1 Professional Development Day – No School
- April 2 Bannock Day



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