



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



June 2026

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

Welcome to June! I cannot even believe I am writing those words . . . ‘Welcome to June’. My heart is so full, and I am the luckiest Principal in the world being at Savona Elementary. As I finish off my first year, I humbly reflect on the year that is coming to an end. I am proud of all of the opportunities and accomplishments that the year brought, while I am also excitedly making plans and goals for next school year. The year has truly gone by ‘in a blink of an eye.’ It truly takes a ‘village’ to make our school an amazing place. I welcome parent input, comments, suggestions as we begin planning our next school year.

I would like to take this time to thank ALL of the Savona Elementary staff. The staff at Savona Elementary is truly amazing. All of your hard work, patience, and dedication is appreciated and benefits all of our students. I would also like to thank the students who worked hard this year; learned; made mistakes; and learned from those mistakes. Savona students have been recognized as being polite, well-mannered, and helpful. Guests love coming to Savona! I say over and over, I am a Proud Principal.

Thank you to our dedicated and hardworking PAC members. Thank you to parent volunteers. We can always count on our parents to step up when and where needed. Thank you to our coaches this year. Athletics is important to our students, and our coaches are very appreciated.

Sadly, we will be saying “Good-Bye” (or hopefully “See You Later”) to Emily Mann and Jordan McAlpine (aka, Mr. Mac). We appreciate all you have done this year, and our students are better for having had you. We wish you well in your new schools, but we also have our fingers crossed that there will be a way to bring you back.

I would like to wish all the Amazing Dads out there . . . A Happy Father’s Day!

Wishing ALL students a safe, fun-filled, and happy summer!



Ms. K. Chernoff
Principal, Savona Elementary

Welcome

Savona Elementary is pleased and excited to welcome Mr. Jay Roque to our school. Jay has been assigned to be at Savona as an Indigenous Education Worker. Staff and Students had the opportunity to meet him on Thursday, May 28. He made quick connections with many students. We are excited about the Cultural Teachings he is going to bring to the school for the month of June. Jay, you are going to love being a part of this amazing school!

District Track & Field

Congratulations to Emily Tubbs, Christian Stephenson, Malcolm Pejril & Sylvie Haywood-Farmer who all qualified for and competed at the District Track Meet that took place on Thursday, May 28th. Emily competed in the 100M and 300M race, Christian competed in high jump, Malcolm competed in shot put and triple jump and Sylvie competed in the 800M race. These students did a fantastic job representing Savona Elementary!



Grade 7 Tour of SKSS

Our grade 7 students will be going to South Kamloops Secondary School on Tuesday, June 2nd from 10:15 – 11:15 am. Students will begin with an introduction in the gym followed by some fun activities and a school tour with the SKSS Link Crew team. It will be a great way for our grade 7 students to get a glimpse of what high school will look like next year!



Grade 7 Celebration

This year, our Grade 7 students have chosen to go to EXIT Escape Games & Original Joe's for their year-end activity & dinner. This event will take place on Thursday, June 11th. Students will need to arrive at EXIT by 3:15 pm for their 3:30 pm start time. The escape room activity will take about an hour, then we will walk across the parking lot to Original Joe's for a 4:30 dinner reservation. Students will be given a \$35 gift certificate for their meal that has been generously paid for by our PAC. Parents are responsible for the cost of their own meals. We look forward to celebrating a wonderful school year and wishing our Grade 7's good luck as they graduate from Elementary to Secondary school!

Book Returns

With the end of year fast approaching, we ask that all students take some time to look at home to ensure all borrowed books are returned to the library. School library books should be returned by Wednesday, June 17th and Public Library books should be returned by Friday, June 19th. Thank you for checking your homes.



BBQ Celebration

To celebrate their school year, Mrs. Regan's class will be walking to her house for a BBQ celebration on Friday, June 19th. They will be playing some games, eating lunch and will be returning to the school by 2:30 PM. Permission slips will be sent home soon and are due back by Friday, June 12th.



National Indigenous Peoples Day

We will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day throughout School District 73 on Friday, June 19th. It's a time to recognize and celebrate the traditions, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. National Indigenous



Peoples Day takes place on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities have celebrated their cultures, languages, and traditions at this

time of year. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration.

Lost and Found

We have several items in our lost and found. They will be displayed on the bench in front of the office during the last week of school. Please ask your child to take a look and see if anything belongs to them or take a look while you are here for our Year End Assembly. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the summer.



Fun Day – Monday, June 22nd

We will be having our year end fun day on Monday, June 22nd. We will start by meeting in the gym to go over the day and get into our teams. Afterwards, teachers will lead students through many fun activities outside. We will be providing a BBQ lunch for all students and staff including hamburgers, hot dogs, veggies and chips. After lunch, there will be the opportunity for some water play. We will have a “wet zone” and a “dry zone.” Students who wish to play in the “wet zone” should come prepared with a dry set of clothes and towel. They are also welcome to bring a water squirting device. Students who do not want to get wet are welcome to bring some sand toys, beach balls etc. that they can play with in the “dry zone.” Please have your child come dressed for the day, including proper footwear, a hat and sunscreen. They should also bring their water bottle. We are looking forward to an amazing day!



Year End Assembly

Our year end assembly will take place on Thursday, June 25th at 10:40 am. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. Students may be dismissed at the end of the assembly, but we ask that you check in with your child's teacher first, then check in at the office so that everyone is accounted for. After the assembly, students who have not been picked up will go back to their classroom, eat lunch, and will be dismissed at 12:34 pm when the bus arrives.



Eagle Bay Camp – Grades 4 -7

Students in Grades 4-7 depart for Eagle Bay Camp on Monday, June 15th and will return on Wednesday, June 17th. Thank-you to all of the volunteers that stepped up to help make this trip possible.



A BIG thank-you as well to PAC for not only paying for our students but also agreeing to cover the parent chaperone fees as well!

Please remember to pack a bagged

lunch for your child on the first day. All other meals will be provided. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm when they return on Wednesday so please plan to pick them up at that time.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Our Kindergarten students will follow a gradual entry process for their first week of school. Ms. Gill will reach out to parents to schedule an interview time with each family on either Wednesday, September 9th or Thursday, September 10th between 1:00 and 2:30 pm. Kindergarten students will begin school on Friday, September 11th

in the afternoon from 1:00 pm until 2:34 pm. On Monday, September 14th, they will attend in the morning from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm.

Kindergarten parents will need to arrange transportation for their child to and from school on these two partial days. Tuesday, September 15th will be their first full day of school, and they are welcome to take the bus to and from school. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-373-2520.



Learning Updates

Term 2 Learning Updates will be visible on the MyEd Parent Portal until May 31. Once again, paper copies of Learning Updates will not be sent home in Term 3. Please reach out to Mrs. Lamberton to get your Log-On Information. Learning Updates provide valuable information about student progress, success, and goal areas. We see some families have not accessed information from Term 2, and we really want to support families getting that information in Term 3.

Jump Rope for Heart

Students participated in Jump Rope for Heart stations on Thursday, May 14. Thank you to the families who made a donation. We have not yet tallied our final total of donations. On-line donations are still accepted. All students were introduced to the EASY strategy for keeping hearts and brains healthy. E - Eat Fruits and Vegetables / A - Activity (minimum an hour a day) / S - Screentime (less than two hours a day) / Y - Yes, to water (no to sugary drinks).

On-Call Lunch Parent Supervisors Needed

If you have a flexible schedule, we would love to hear from you. We are in search of parents who are willing to be 'on-call' as lunch supervisors for the 2026 - 2027 school year. We do try to give as much notice as possible, but at times, we may need to phone the morning of. We are friendly, and of course, understand if you are unavailable. Please reach out to Ms. Chernoff or Mrs. Lamberton for more information. There is a small monetary honorarium for this service. Thank you, and gratitude to Lily Friesen for your dedication and commitment to helping supervise this year.



TNRD Summer Reading Program

Check It Out - Keep Reading This Summer

<https://www.tnrl.ca/programs-events/summer-reading-clubs-2/>



Supporting Students in the Summer - Literacy

The best way to support students' reading success in the summer is to give students opportunities with books and text. While there are many good APPs and



Technology forums that provide support for literacy, the best way to support literacy growth is to get books into students' hands. Parents modeling that they are readers helps support reading motivation. There is research to support the power of students seeing dads / males read. Reading to students, regardless of their age, is also valuable. The best way to support your child (ren) this summer is to turn off technology for a minimum of 10 to 20 minutes a day and read. If students are not yet able to read the words, reading the pictures or retelling a familiar book is also powerful.



Upcoming Events

June 2	SPARK Session #3 – 2:45-3:30 pm
June 2	Grade 7 Tour of SKSS
June 3	Flag Football Jamboree
June 5	PAC Hot Lunch – Chicken Burger
June 11	Grade 7 Celebration (EXIT & Original Joe's) 3:15 pm arrival
June 12	PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza
June 12	Grade 7 TRU Career Day
June 15-17	Eagle Bay Trip (Gr. 4-7) *dismissal at 12:00 upon return
June 17	School Library Books due back
June 18	Hot Dog Day (moved from Friday due to field trip)
June 19	Mrs. Regan's Class BBQ Celebration
June 19	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 19	Public Library Books due
June 21	Father's Day
June 22	School Fun Day
June 25	Year End Assembly – 10:40 am
June 25	Last Day for Students – Report Cards published in MyED – Dismissal at 12:34 pm *Bus departs at 12:45 pm
June 26	Administrative Day

