



# SAVONA ELEMENTARY



**March 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**

February was a great month at Savona Elementary! Kindness was a focus and many acts of kindness were observed throughout the month. Students were caught giving compliments, holding the door open for others, and letting others go ahead of them in line. As February comes to an end, I encourage students to keep up with these acts of kindness and remember that even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference to someone else.

The Savona Eagles had an exciting basketball season. I want to compliment players for their hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Students represented Savona in a respectful and responsible way and I am very proud of all of our players. Thank you to Carter for being the Team Captain. Thank you to Bruce Friesen for bringing his expertise and coaching to Savona and to Emily Mann for being our staff sponsor. I was able to attend the last game against South Sahali Elementary which was one of the most exciting games I have ever seen.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students have celebrated their 100th day of school. This is truly a celebration and they are demonstrating that they are 100 days smarter.

I want to thank all the students who submitted Young Artist entries. There is a lot of artistic talent at Savona Elementary and it was a tough decision. Congratulations to Sylvie and Ben who will be representing Savona at the Young Artist Conference coming up later in the Spring.

We are making progress with our school library upgrade. Some of the books and resources have been moved and we now have a projector mounted to the roof and a new screen. We have gotten notice that our new circulation desk is under construction. New books are consistently being added to the book collection.

Please celebrate and enjoy the Learning Updates that will be published to the Parent Portal later this month. We understand that there will be a transition period as we go paperless, but school staff is here to help. It is crucial that families know the areas to celebrate as well as the areas that may require some extra work and support. At any time, families are encouraged to reach out to the school to get an update on student progress. Some of the best ways that parents can support student learning at home, regardless of the grade, is to encourage students to read (or be read to) at home for 10 to 15 minutes per day; play board games or card games; and practice writing by keeping a journal or writing letters to family.

I wish students and families a Happy St. Patrick's Day! Have a wonderful Spring Break! Remember to check the school website for updates and important dates!

Ms. K. Chernoff  
Principal, Savona Elementary School



## PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting takes place on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Savona Elementary School Library. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to join the Savona Elementary PAC Facebook page. It is a great way to keep current with school events and PAC fundraising efforts.



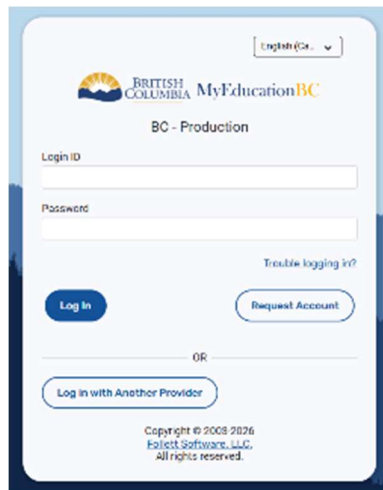
## SKSS Grade 8 Registration Packages

SKSS Grade 8 registration packages were sent home with grade 7 students on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> after their meeting with SKSS staff. The completed packages are due back to school by **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the office at 250-373-2520 if you have any questions or if you need any documents photocopied and we are happy to assist.



## Learning Updates

The second learning update will be posted online in MyEd BC on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We are moving away from a printed copy of the report card to follow the rest of the school district. If you have not logged in before, we recommend trying prior to the 11<sup>th</sup>. There are great resources and instructional videos to help that can be found on our school's website at



<https://savona.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/myed-bc-parent-and-student-portal.aspx>. If you are unable to access your account, please contact the school at 250-373-2520. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact their teacher.

## Real World Scientists - Grade 5/6/7 Science

Savona Elementary (Ms. Chernoff) is calling on any parents who use Science in their workplace . . . Ms. Chernoff would love to talk to you about being a guest presenter about 'real world' science. These presentations can be as long or as short as presenters would like. It is important as a curriculum connection for students to see the relevance and application of science in the real world. Parents, family members, and community members would be welcome to come and share their expertise.



## Please Slow Down (Spread the Word)

As a community, we are asking all to spread the word about the area in front of the school being a 30 km School Zone. Please help spread the word to guests, visitors, etc. We have noticed some vehicles not adhering to the school zone speed limit. Our goal is to always keep students safe.



## Skeetchestn Health & Career Fair



Our school has been invited to attend Skeetchestn Community School's Health & Career Fair on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be many presenters' giving healthy advice and answering questions from students about furthering their education, training and about work opportunities that are available. Lunch will be provided by Skeetchestn School. Students had a great time at the event last year and we expect a fantastic time again this year!

### Riverside Park & Lunch at Bamboo Inn

We will be going on a field trip to Riverside Park and to the Bamboo Inn on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be arriving at Riverside Park around 11:00 am and students will have the opportunity to try out the new outdoor skating area (weather permitting) or play on the playground. Please indicate on the permission slip if your child plans to skate or play so that we can plan supervision accordingly. If your child will be skating, they must bring their own skates and helmet.



After skating and playing, we will take the bus over to Bamboo Inn for a Chinese food lunch at 12:30.



Details for this “Food Experience” can be found in the cover letter attached to the permission slip. Permission slips are due back by Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Day of Suwewtwécw

The Day of Suwewtwécw (Acknowledging One Another) is an annual initiative held on April 7<sup>th</sup> each year, to recognize and celebrate the Secwépemc People (Secwepemcúl’ecw) and other Aboriginal people residing within the Secwépemc Territory. This year’s theme is “Wenecwtsín: Speak Your Truth.” We are still working on finalizing details for the day, but we are off to a good start. Prior to the actual day, a member from the School District’s Indigenous Education team will be out to make talking sticks with students. On April 7, we will start the morning with a gathering outside. Students will be learning from the teachings of an Indigenous Legend. We are planning a variety of themed rotations. We hope to provide a snack that students can enjoy together. The day will end with a beach clean-up. If there are any community members who would like to be a part of this day, please reach out to Ms. Chernoff.



For more information on Day of Suwewtwécw, you can visit the SD#73 Indigenous Education page at <https://sites.google.com/gedu.sd73.bc.ca/aboriginal-resources/acknowledgment-days/day-of-suwewtwecw>.



### Upcoming Events

March 2	PAC Meeting - 5:00 pm
March 3	After School Program 2:34-4:30 pm
March 4	Grade 8 SKSS packages due
March 4	Riverside/Bamboo Inn Permission slips due
March 6	PAC Hot Lunch – Grilled Cheese
March 9	Field Trip – Riverside Park & Bamboo Inn
March 10	After School Program 2:34-4:30 pm
March 11	Health & Career Fair – All classes
March 11	Learning Updates published online
March 13	Hot Dog Day (if purchased)
<b>March 16-27</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> day back after Spring Break</b>
April 3	Good Friday – No School
April 6	Easter Monday – No School
April 7	Day of Suwewtwécw

