



SAVONA ELEMENTARY

November



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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 Report

I am in denial about how quickly the school year is progressing. We are entering November . . . how is that even possible?

October was a busy and exciting month! We celebrated Thanksgiving; had our Horstings Farm Field Trip; and participated in activities leading up to Halloween . . . plus so much more! We welcomed District Indigenous Educator, Chelsy Ross. Mrs. Ross spent a day at Savona Elementary which began with a whole school gathering in the morning, and then various Indigenous Education Teachings with individual classes. Mrs. Ross shared an important message about working towards being the best versions of ourselves. We hope to have Chelsy Ross visit Savona Elementary again.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Grade 4 and Grade 7 Students. These students have been working on Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs) this month. I am so impressed with the positive attitude and perseverance that these students have shown. They have truly put forth their best efforts. This is another example of how proud I am of our amazing students.

Thank you to all the amazing staff at Savona Elementary. This staff is truly a dedicated team working hard for each and every student. Flexible Format Learning Updates are in progress. Each teacher has flexibility in communicating student progress. There are currently no District 'Early Closure Dates' for Parent / Teacher Interviews. Please remember as families, you are your child's strongest advocate, and if you do have questions about your child's progress, please reach

out. There will be a written formal Learning Update coming home in December.

Please note our Remembrance Day Observance is on Monday, November 10. This is a solemn gathering. We will begin loading our gym at 10:40. If there are any Veterans or Community Members in Service, please reach out to me and it would be an honour to have you participate in our Remembrance Day Ceremony. I want to hear your stories and if you have a story that needs to be told, please reach out to me prior to Monday, November 10. Lest We Forget!

With Appreciation, Gratitude, and Remembrance,

Ms. K. Chernoff

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic book fair runs from Monday, November 3rd until Friday, November 7th. It will be open during the lunch hour between 12:15 and 12:45 pm, and after school from 2:35 until 3:30 pm. On Friday, it will only open during the lunch hour. Students will have a chance on Monday to look through the book fair and create a wish list to bring home. They will then be able to purchase books during their lunch break between Tuesday and Friday. Parents, family and community members are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you at the book fair!



Remembrance Day Assembly



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Monday, November 10th at 10:40 am. Each class will make a presentation followed by the Last Post and a moment of silence. Parents and family are welcome to join us in the gym. Poppy pins are available at the school by donation. There is no school on Tuesday, November 11th for Remembrance Day.

Photo Retakes

Right Photography will be back on Tuesday, November 25 for photo retakes. Please contact the office if you would like your child to have their picture taken again and we will make sure they see the photographer. If you are happy with the school picture and would like to order, the forms and payment are due back to the school by Wednesday, November 5th.



Volleyball Update

Ms. Chernoff has found a coach for volleyball! Coach Taya is excited to come and help students work on their volleyball skills. Volleyball will be open to students in grades 4-7. Due to coach Taya's schedule, practices will be held after school from 2:40 – 3:40 pm on November 3, 12, 19 & 26th. Ms. Chernoff will also try and run a few skills practices during recess or lunch breaks. Ms. Chernoff is working on arranging a game(s) with another school for the last week in November or first week of December. More information will be sent home if this is able to happen.



Welcome Mr. McAlpine!



We would like to welcome Jordan McAlpine to our staff. Mr. McAlpine is here on Wednesdays in a temporary role as our Indigenous Education Worker until the position has been filled. He will be checking in with students and providing classroom support. We are excited to have him at our school!

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 every day 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.



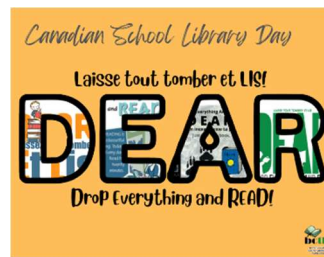
Come Read with Me

We will host our Come Read with Me workshop for Grade 1 & 2 students and their parents on Wednesday, November 12th at 9:00 am. A sign-up letter was sent home with students and should be returned to the school by Wednesday, November 5th. We highly encourage a parent to attend, however, if you are unable to attend, you are invited to send another caregiver (grandparent, aunt etc) in your place so that your child has someone to read with. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-373-2520.



Congratulations Savona Elementary (D.E.A.R.)

Savona Elementary Participated in the Canadian School Library Day and did a school-wide Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.). We combined this event with Pajama Day and reading down the hallway. Savona was registered for the event and our story was shared with District School Librarians. Over 10 000 students and staff in SD 73 participated in this event. Apparently, there are prizes (I have never won before). Savona Elementary was named as the winning Elementary School for SD 73. We will be receiving a prize! I will keep students and families posted! Go Savona Go . . . and keep reading for FUN!



I Read Canadian Day - Wednesday, November 5

I Read Canadian Day is a national celebration of Canadian books for young people, with the goal of elevating the genre and celebrating the breadth and diversity of these books. Students have been introduced to this day during their Library Times this week. Students also had the opportunity to listen to some stories written by Canadian Authors. Students are encouraged to research and read a book by a Canadian author at some point during the week.



Save The Date - Christmas / Winter Concert - Thursday, December 11



Hello Families . . . I am pleased to announce that due to the dedicated staff at Savona Elementary that we will be offering two showings of the Christmas / Winter Concert! The date of the Christmas / Winter Concert is Thursday, December 11. We are still confirming times, but there will be an afternoon performance (during the school day) and a late afternoon / early evening performance (outside of school hours).

PAC Poinsettia Fundraiser

Our PAC is once again selling poinsettias for the holiday season. There are a variety of different options to choose from and you have the choice to order online through the [Growing Smiles website](#),



or by filling out the paper order form and returning it to school. Please make sure that all cheques are made payable to Savona Elementary School PAC. Orders are due by Friday, November 14th and poinsettia pick-up will take place on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Craft Fair. Thank-you for your support!

What an Awesome PAC!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our PAC for donating breakfast for our students after the “Walk to School” event that took place on September 19th. We would also like to thank them for covering \$10 of the \$15 charge for our trip to Horstings Farm on October 23rd. The kids had an amazing time picking out their pumpkins and going through the corn maze.



The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 5:00 pm at Savona Elementary in the multi-purpose room. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. We encourage parents to attend and take part in all the amazing things that PAC does for our school.

Blazers Tickets

We have been given 40 tickets to the Blazer’s game on Saturday, November 15th. The game begins at 6:00 pm and is against the Lethbridge Hurricanes. We will be sending home a form with students to see if families would like some tickets to the game. Depending on interest, we will draw names for them. Please only fill out the form if you can use the tickets. Interest forms will be due back by Friday, November 7th and we will let families know on Monday, November 10th if they will be receiving tickets. A big Thank-you to the Blazers for giving us this opportunity!



Savona School Swag

We are close, we are VERY close . . . Savona School Swag Order coming VERY soon! T-Shirts / Sweat Shirts / Sweat Pants! Grade 7s, this means your Grade 7 Hoodies too! Ordering information is coming soon (and just in time for Christmas).



PAC Christmas Craft Fair



We are excited to be hosting the PAC Christmas Craft Fair on Wednesday, December 3rd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

in the school gymnasium. Our primary students will be paired with a “big buddy” from the intermediate class to help them shop and stay within their budget. Our grade 7 students will be serving sandwiches, tea, coffee and goodies, by donation as a fundraiser for their year-end celebration. We will send out more information and a request for parent helpers in the coming weeks. The PAC will also have any remaining poinsettias available to purchase if you missed the order deadline. EVERYONE is welcome to attend the Craft Fair. If you would like to book a table, please contact Kirsten Pejril at savonapac@gmail.com. PAC is also looking for donations for the silent auction. If you know someone who would be willing to donate an item, service, or gift certificate, there are copies of a donation letter available in the office and on our school’s website at <https://savona.sd73.bc.ca/en/parents-students-support-help/Fundraising.aspx>. We look forward to seeing you for this fun community event!



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

At Savona Elementary we continue to utilize the research validated Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support system to promote appropriate behaviour. 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. We talk about all the super interactions the staff have witnessed around our school, and on Friday students who have demonstrated positive behaviours have opportunity to collect a reward and to receive additional recognition on the morning announcements.



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| Nov. 3-7 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Nov. 3 | PAC Meeting @ 5:00 pm |
| Nov. 3 | Volleyball Practice 2:40-3:40 pm |
| Nov. 5 | Picture Orders Due |
| Nov. 6 | Sportball – 2:34 – 4:30 pm |
| Nov. 7 | School Lunch – Chicken Caesar Wrap |
| Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:40 am |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day Holiday – No School |
| Nov. 12 | Come Read with Me @ 9:00 am |
| Nov. 12 | Volleyball Practice 2:40-3:40 pm |
| Nov. 13 | Sportball – 2:34 – 4:30 pm |
| Nov. 14 | PAC Poinsettia Orders Due |
| Nov. 14 | PAC Hot Lunch - Perogies |
| Nov. 15 | Blazer’s Game – 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 19 | Volleyball Practice 2:40-3:40 pm |
| Nov. 20 | Sportball – 2:34 – 4:30 pm |
| Nov. 21 | Hot Dog Day (if purchased) |
| Nov. 25 | Picture Retakes |
| Nov. 26 | Volleyball Practice 2:40-3:40 pm |
| Nov. 27 | Sportball – 2:34 – 4:30 pm |
| Nov. 28 | PAC Hot Lunch – Spaghetti |
| Dec. 1 | District Non-Instructional Day – No School |
| Dec. 3 | Poinsettia pick-up @ craft fair |
| Dec. 3 | Christmas Craft Fair 10am – 2pm |