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

Here we are at the end of October. I am not quite sure how that happened. Savona students continue to make me proud. I have observed kindness, pro-active social problem solving, and persevering during difficult tasks. Savona students, remember your Growth Mindset, you can and do hard things.

I want to send a positive shout-out to Ms. Gill's class who is 'rocking' Read to Self. Way to go!

I also want to extend some high-fives to our Grade 4s and 7s for their dedication and commitment to doing their best on FSAs.

We continue to make gains on our School Learning Plan Goals. We are focusing on Literacy and Growth Mindset. To support Literacy at home, for students who are reluctant to write, give students the option to use different tactile ways of writing rather than just paper and pencil. When outdoors, have students write their name in the sand or use a stick to write the date for a family photo. Have students write letters in the sand, or use sticks, rocks, or leaves to make letter shapes.

Friendly reminder, if your student is arriving late, please check in at the office, or have your student check in at the office.

Please remember to check the Savona Web-Site for the most up-to-date information on school events or activities.

We are still looking for a parent to be 'on-call' for lunch supervision. Please let Ms. Chernoff, or Mrs. Lamberton, know if you are available.

Thank you Parents and Families for all of your support from home! We are a team, and we always strive to work with you to ensure the best year and learning experience possible.

Families, please consider joining us for our Remembrance Day Observance. This will be taking place starting at 10:45 on Tuesday, November 10.

Thank you students and families for being positively AWESOME!

You all put the 'zing' in AmaZING!

Ms. K. Chernoff
Principal, Savona Elementary School

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic book fair runs from Monday, November 2nd until Friday, November 6th. 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!



School Fees Reminder



Thank-you to everyone who has already paid their school supply fees for the 2026-2027 school year, however, we are still missing quite a few. Fees can be paid by cash or cheque to the school office, or through School Cash Online. Please reach out to Mrs. Lamberton if you have any questions.

Remembrance Day Assembly



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:45 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 office by donation. There is no school on Wednesday, November 11th for Remembrance Day.

Photo Retakes



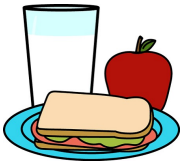
Right Photography will be back on Tuesday, December 1st for photo retakes. Please contact the office if you would like your child to have their picture taken again and we will make sure they see the photographer. If you are happy with their picture and would like to place an order, please make sure they are submitted to the office by **Friday, November 13th**.

Volleyball Update



Coach Taya is excited to come back this year to help students work on their volleyball skills. Volleyball is open to students in grades 4-7. Our remaining practices will be held Tuesdays after school from 2:34 – 3:45 pm on November 3, 17 & 24th. Ms. Chernoff is working on arranging a game(s) with another school. More information will be sent home if this is able to happen.

Munchable Mondays Continue



We are happy to announce that we received a grant from the School District's Feeding Futures fund that will allow us to continue the Munchable Mondays lunch program for most Mondays throughout the school year! We would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to Michelle Anderson and her volunteers for taking this on. Students have been loving the lunches provided during October. We will not be sending home a new reverse permission form for the remainder of the year. **All students will be receiving lunches unless a parent or guardian contacts the school to opt out of the program.** We will try to keep you updated monthly on the lunch menu and dates it will be provided so you can mark them on your calendars. They will also be listed on our school website's calendar. Here are the lunches planned for November:

- Nov. 2 – No lunch due to prior commitment
- Nov. 9 – Mac & Cheese w/side of veggies
- Nov. 16 – Chicken Burger
- Nov. 23 – Cheese Quesadilla
- Nov. 30 – Pro-D – no school

There will also be a treat day on Thursday, November 19th where students will receive a chocolate chip cookie and either white or chocolate milk.

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.

Lockdown Drill

We will be having our first of 2 lockdown drills on Wednesday, November 18th at 9:55 am. A letter will be sent home detailing what this drill will look like. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the school.

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 13th and poinsettia pick-up will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd 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 18th. We would also like to thank them for covering the $15 charge for our trip to Horstings Farm on October 28th. The kids had an amazing time picking out their pumpkins and going through the corn maze, despite the muddy ground!.

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 9th at 5:00 pm at Savona Elementary in the library. 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.

Save The Date - Christmas/Winter Concert - Thursday, December 10th



We are pleased to announce that due to the dedicated staff at Savona Elementary we will be offering two showings of the Christmas/Winter Concert! The date of the Christmas/Winter Concert is Thursday, December 10th. 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).

S.O.A.R.

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.

PAC Christmas Craft Fair



We are excited to be hosting the PAC Christmas Craft Fair on Wednesday, December 2nd 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 a few 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://www.sd73.bc.ca/savona/fundraising
We look forward to seeing you at this fun community event!

MyEd BC Parent Portal

The MyEducationBC (MyEd BC) system is being used across the province to help keep parents informed. Parents can log into the parent portal to receive their child's learning updates, attendance information, check contact information and more. Learning updates will be published to MyEd in December. We encourage you to log into the system prior to that time to avoid issues in December. A link and more information about the parent portal can be found on our school's website under the Parents & Students tab. https://www.sd73.bc.ca/myed-bc-parent-and-student-portal.

If you have any issues logging in, especially if you've never logged in before, please contact Mrs. Lamberton for assistance.

Firearm Violence Prevention Act Fair Notice to Parents/Guardians

Starting October 1, 2026, new laws and regulations under the Firearm Violence Prevention Act (FVPA) are coming into effect in B.C. The FVPA further strengthens existing school and district policies banning firearms on school property by providing law enforcement with additional tools to address and enforce firearms-related public safety risks. The FVPA does this by establishing a clear and consistent province-wide prohibition on firearms, low velocity firearms (such as BB, pellet, gel, airsoft and paintball guns) and imitation firearms (such as lighters designed to closely resemble firearms) on all K-12 school properties.

Some schools regularly support and authorize a wide range of educational, community and special events on school property, including activities that occur outside regular school hours, on evenings, and on weekends. The legislation includes exemptions for certain safe and legitimate activities, including cadet programs. In addition, individuals who are safely transporting firearms, low-velocity firearms or imitation firearms in a vehicle are exempted as long as applicable requirements in the regulations and all other relevant firearms laws are followed (e.g., firearms remain unloaded and safely stored in a locked trunk or container).

For more information on the Firearm Violence Prevention Act and regulations, visit: Firearm Violence Prevention Act (FVPA) - Province of British Columbia



Nov. 2-6	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 3	Volleyball Practice 2:34 - 3:45 pm
Nov. 5	After School Theatre 2:34 – 4:30 pm
Nov. 6	PAC Hot Lunch - Pancakes
Nov. 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
Nov. 9	Monday Lunch – Mac & Cheese
Nov. 9	PAC Meeting @ 5:00 pm
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – **No School**
Nov. 12	After School Theatre 2:34 – 4:30 pm
Nov. 13	Picture Orders Due
Nov. 13	PAC Poinsettia Orders Due
Nov. 13	PAC Hot Lunch – Chicken Caesar Wrap
Nov. 16	Monday Lunch - Chicken Burger
Nov. 17	Volleyball Practice 2:34 - 3:45 pm
Nov. 18	Lockdown Drill – 9:55 am
Nov. 18	DIV 003 to Skeetchestn for Drumming
Nov. 19	Treat Day – Cookie & Milk
Nov. 19	After School Theatre 2:34 – 4:30 pm
Nov. 20	Hot Dog Day (if purchased)
Nov. 23	Monday Lunch – Cheese Quesadilla
Nov. 24	Volleyball Practice 2:34 - 3:45 pm
Nov. 26	After School Theatre 2:34 – 4:30 pm
Nov. 27	PAC Hot Lunch – Spaghetti
Nov. 30	District Non-Instructional Day – **No School**
Dec. 1	Picture Retakes
Dec. 2	Christmas Craft Fair 10am – 2pm
Dec. 2	Poinsettia pick up at craft fair