February, 2020

Principal’s Message

The start of school, after a significant break, always provides a good opportunity to re-establish a focus on learning. January flew by again this year, and students are in full swing of their classroom routines. It has been an interesting month with lots and lots of rain. Students are enjoying our new playground and there are many creative games that they play on a daily basis. It is a joy to see them playing together.

What is even harder to believe is that planning for next September has already begun. We are currently calculating our enrollment numbers for September, so if you know you are moving away from our area and will not be attending Savory in September, please let the office know. This information will help with planning for the coming school year.

We will also continue to emphasize academic and social learning for students. Keeping a positive outlook and a growth mindset are important at school and at home. We appreciate your support in helping our students to focus on their growth and improvement in a way that builds confidence toward hard work and perseverance. We make a great team.

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**All things Library**

I don’t know if you have had a chance to go into the library lately. Our librarian worked diligently to create a student friendly environment and it is looking great. Take a look at the bulletin board. Each student will become the I in kind, with their photo being taken and posted on another bulletin board.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Do you know someone with a child turning five by Dec. 31, 2020 and lives in our catchment? We are taking registrations, on a first come first serve basis, starting at 8 AM, Jan. 27, 2020. Look to our district website for registration forms and the online registration link.

**Choir**

We had a wonderful choir that performed at the Christmas concert this year. Thanks to all the students who gave up their lunch hour to make this event a success. We are hoping to continue with choir and sing at Music Monday in May.

**Basketball**

We have started our basketball season and have two teams practicing diligently. Starting in January we will be playing against other teams. Thanks go out to our coaches for making this happen. Parents please make sure you know when our games and practices are so we are not tying up our school phone making after school plans.

**It’s muddy out there!**

As we are having B.C. winter weather, the ground is quite muddy and wet. ***It is appreciated if you can have a set of replacement clothes in your child’s back pack or in a bag on their hook in the classroom.*** That way we will not have contact you to bring a replacement to school for your child. If you see your child in school sweat pants, please send them back to school. We need them

**Lates at Savory**

Several studies have shown that school tardiness has a negative impact on learning outcomes.

By the mere nature of arriving late and missing school hours, students receive fewer hours of instruction than students who are in class when the bell sounds.

But not only does a student who is consistently arriving late to school establish bad punctuality habits, their tardiness also disrupts the learning of other students in their classes.

Researchers found that students who are frequently late to school often miss out on important opening announcements and academic activities. Late students disrupt instruction, often requiring re-teaching of what they have missed. Tardy behavior can also negatively affect the overall classroom environment,’ the studies say.

Arriving late to school can also mean that students miss out on activities designed to build connections with their peers, potentially impacting their social interactions and creating a greater sense of alienation from their classmates.

Please work with your child to ensure they come to school on time.

**Kindness/literacy/numeracy week**

This is coming up in February. Take a look at the kindness chain in the hallway and watch it grow. Keep an eye out for activates coming home for you to work on with your child – we have prizes for those who return the activity completed.

**Dates to Remember**

Feb. 14 Pro-D Day-no School

Feb. 17 Family Day–no School

Mar 16-27 Spring Break

Apr. 9 Early Dismissal

Apr. 10 Good Friday

Apr. 13 Easter Monday

Apr. 27 Pro-D Day-no School