October 2019

Principal’s Message

Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year. It’s hard to believe that Remembrance Day is just around the corner! Where has the fall gone? Our staff and students have worked diligently to establish routines and set a positive, collaborative tone at Savory for the year. Safe and gentle hands and kind words are the three core values that we talk about every day. We will be teaching and reinforcing these values throughout the year and in all contexts in our school. We value and appreciate your input as we continue to create the best possible conditions for teaching and learning. Parents are a vital part of the Savory School Community. Your contributions are invaluable to the school through volunteer time and support of school activities. If you have questions or concerns, please call our school at 250 478 9586. We wish your child a happy and successful school year and look forward to this exciting journey with you all.

**FOOD ALLERGIES, ESPECIALLY TREE NUTS AND PEANUTS**

You may have noticed signs in our school or in your child’s classroom indicating that there is a **“medical alert”** in that classroom.*We have students in our school with life-threatening food allergies.*

Please make every effort to send your child with a nut free lunch every day and remind your child to wash their hands if they eat these products at home before they come to school. You can help to keep these students safe by celebrating special occasions such as birthdays and Halloween with stickers, games and/or prizes and keeping peanut and nut containing products at home.

**PAC**

We have a wonderful group of PAC members that help to organize events at school. THEY NEED HELP. Every dollar the PAC fundraises goes back into the school to enrich all of the student’s educational experience.

Many hands make light work. Want to help but not sure what to do? Email savoryfundraising@gmail.com

**TERRY FOX**

On Friday, Sept. 27th we ran around the school to raise awareness of cancer and the Fox legacy. Thank you to all who donated, we raised $98.

**ORANGE DAY**

On Monday, Sept. 30th the staff and students wore orange to school to recognize the harm residential schools did to our Aboriginal communities. This is a day for reflection and acknowledgement.

**Student Cell Phones & Photographs**

Student cell phones are becoming common item at our school as they provide safety device for parents and guardians. ***We remind students and parents that these must be kept in student backpacks throughout the day and are not to be brought out to show friends, play games or make calls throughout the day.*** Some cell phones also have the capability to take digital pictures**. School District Policy prohibits** anyone from taking digital pictures of other students without the written permission of that child’s parents;therefore, we ask that students, and adults, whose phones have this capability, refrain from taking pictures while at school.

**Electronic Gadgets/Special Toys**

This is a reminder to parents and students that we recommend that**: electronic gadgets and other special game cards and toys are kept at home**. It poses a difficult situation for staff and students if one of these items goes missing or is damaged at school, as we often have trouble solving these types of problems. We encourage students to leave these items at home rather than bringing them to school. We cannot ensure the return of these items in the event that they go missing.



**Remembrance Day**

Our annual Remembrance Service will begin at 1 PM on, Friday, November 8th. Guests are welcome to attend. Scouts, Guides and Cadets are welcome to wear their uniforms on this day.

**Halloween Candy**

Special days like Halloween are a time of fun with friends, family and food. However, *there are students in our school with life-threatening food allergies* and these students are especially at risk during this time. You can help to keep our allergic students safe by:

* celebrating with stickers, games or prizes instead of food

**Please do not send or bring peanut and nut-containing products to the school or classroom.**

**Early Dismissal**

**Dates to Remember**

Nov 9 Craft fair

Nov 19 Photos retakes

Nov 21 Celebration of Learning/early dismissal

Nov 22 Pro D Day

Nov. 29 Pancake breakfast

Dec. 4 Rehearsal

Dec. 5 Concert

Dec. 19 Movie night

Dec. 20 Photos with Santa

Reminder that there is an early dismissal day on Nov. 21st. Students will be dismissed at 11:45. Nov 22nd is a Professional Development day and there is no school for students.

**Photo day**

On Oct. 22nd individual photos were taken of children who were at school. Photo retake day is Nov. 19th.

**Emergency contacts**

We are again reminding parents/guardians that it is imperative that you keep your contacts list up to date. At this time of year, we generally rely on the verification forms, sent out in September, to confirm contact info. We are currently missing some of these very important forms. IF you haven’t yet returned those forms please do so A.S.A.P. Remember you can always go to: <https://consent.sd62.bc.ca/apps/OnlineConsent> and complete the following consent forms.

1. Media Consent
2. Internet Access Consent
3. General Consent for School Fieldtrips/Activities
4. Google Apps for Education Consent
5. Aboriginal Education Information and Self-Identification

However, the verification forms must be sent back to the office in paper form.

**Handball Teams**

Many of our grade 4 and 5 students are playing on the school handball teams. The season has just begun but the teams are doing great! Many thanks to the coaches; Mrs. Bonsdorf, Mr. Walts and Mr. Dodds.

