



February Newsletter

School Goals

- 1. We will teach our students to be resilient and to collaborate.*
- 2. We will teach our students self awareness and self regulation.*

Principal's Message

January was a rocking month and a great way to start a new calendar year!!!

We enjoyed a fun and exciting literacy week with a variety of activities to encourage our students to read. We all know that reading is one foundational skill that opens doors. Therefore, it is important to connect reading with fun. I would like to say a big thank you to Mme Hunter for organizing this week and to the staff for promoting it in their classrooms.

Our basketball season is also up and running. We have 6 teams this year. As a result, we are hosting fourteen games at the school. This means that we needed to find scorekeepers and referees. I would like to thank all the grade 5, 6 and 7 students who have stepped up to help. Your efforts are appreciated by all of us. We also had to find referees. Blake Jahnke, Graeme Koppes and Hayden Koppes have agreed to referee all 14 games. If you see them, please thank them as this is a big time commitment for already busy high school students.

I continue to enjoy my time at South Sa-Hali and I am always impressed by the parent, student

Important February Dates

- February 7** - YPC Performance at the Sagebrush Theater
- February 12** - Family Day (School Closed)
- February 14** - Whole School Assembly - Monster Theater
- February 15** - PAC Meeting
- February 22** - Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- February 23** - Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- February 27** - Recognition Assembly
- February 28** - Pink Shirt Day for Anti-Bullying

and staff participation in whatever we are doing. I feel like I have joined a vibrant and welcoming community. Thank you.

Finally for the most up-to-date information, I will continue to post a weekly schedule to our school website (<http://south-sahali.sd73.bc.ca/>)

Thank you,

Blake Buemann
Principal



A few reminders for the school year:

- *We have many students with nut allergies and thus have some Nut Free classrooms in the school. Please know if your child is in such a classroom and if so, refrain from sending your child to school with any nut based products. Thank you!*

Emergency Procedures



Knocking on wood that we never experience an emergency, I do want to share what our emergency plan is in the event that we need to

evacuate the building for an extended period of time.

In the event of an evacuation, we will use a variety of means to communicate with you including some or all of the following: the school website, email, synervoice phone call and local media. If you hear of an emergency, you should check these for messages. Please **DO NOT** drive to the school. This would create unsafe congestion and confusion. If we need you to come pick up your child, we will communicate this to you through one or all of the above and include instructions on where, when and how to pick up your child.

Should we have to evacuate the school grounds, the Sa-Hali Fellowship Church (1565 Summit Drive) has agreed to open their building to our entire student population. This is our primary relocation point. Should we need to move farther away or in the event that we need to arrange for you to pick up your child, we would move to our secondary relocation point which is Sa-Hali Secondary (255 Arrowstone Dr).

Update Contact Information

It only seems appropriate to remind you that in the event that you change address, phone or

email address or if your emergency contacts change their address, phone or email address to please update that information by calling the school: 250-374-2451.

This is the information that is used to communicate with you in the event of an emergency and needs to be accurate.

Leadership Club

Every Thursday at noon, the Leadership students (Me to We) from grades 6-7 meet at lunch to talk about ways to help others in our community and in the world. The country that we will be sponsoring this year is Kenya with the pillar of support being Education.

Our first fundraising activity will be a bake sale on February 14th. Cookies, squares, cupcakes, will be sold at lunch from 50 cents to 2 dollars. Thank you!

Y Strong Kids Fundraiser

The Y Strong Kids program has begun a Loonie / Toonie fundraiser to raise money to enable kids and families who need financial assistance to participate in Y programs. Over the month of February, we will be participating in the Loonie / Toonie drive. Families and students wishing to participate can bring the donation to the office. As part of the fundraising drive, the YMCA-YWCA will be contributing up to four "3-Month Family Memberships" to the school. For each donation, the school will enter your name in a draw to give away the memberships. For more information on the Y Strong Kids program, please visit their website at:

<http://www.kamloopsy.org/y-strong-kids.htm>

Call for Noon Supervisors

We are in serious need of noon hour supervisors from 11:55-12:55. The school district is now paying \$12 a day. If you are interested, please contact the office: 250-374-2451.

Blazers' Tickets Raffle



On Wednesday February 28th at 7:00pm, the Kamloops Blazers play Victoria at the Sandman Centre. The Blazers have generously donated tickets to the school for the game. If you are interested in going to the game and showing your South Sa-Hali pride, please register your name at the office to be entered in the draw. Each student whose name is drawn will receive two tickets; one for the student and one for the accompanying adult. This is a great opportunity to show some school pride and cheer on our Blazers.

BC Winter Games Volunteers

I would also like to thank everyone who has already volunteered for the BC Winter Games from February 22-25. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and the organizers have emailed to say thank you. On that note, they still need volunteers. This is a huge undertaking. This is one final request from us. If you are willing to volunteer, they still need help. For information on how to sign up to volunteer, please click on the following link: [BC Winter Games Volunteer Challenge](#)

PAC News

Ethical Bean Coffee order forms have been sent home. Please have these back by Wednesday February 7th.

Hot Lunch:

Please note that the 3rd term is coming up on ordering. The hot lunch website will be open from March 1 - 15th. Please keep an eye out on our FB page, the School website and the Newsletter for a reminder.

The next 4 hot lunches are;

February 8 - Pizza

February 15 - Mexican

February 22 - Swiss Chalet

March 1 - Pizza

Fun Fair:

YES! It's that time of year again. Mark your calendar for April 27th! Fun Fair organizing has already started. If you would like to help in the organizing of this event, please contact Kira at kiralee@me.com.

Next PAC meeting will be February 15th @ 6:30 in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Your friendly neighbourhood PAC,

Kira, Christine, Allie, Asuka & Karlee

Grade 7 Valentine's Fundraiser

The Grade 7 Grad class will be hosting a Valentine's Day fundraiser whereby students will be able to purchase a Candy Gram for \$1 tagged with a personal message, to be delivered to their someone special; a friend, a parent, a teacher, or even just to themselves! (PLEASE NOTE: Orders to parents will be delivered to the student in their class) Orders will be taken the week of February 5th-9th at lunchtime and after school, and delivered in the afternoon on Wednesday February 14.

The Grade 7 class of 2018 thanks you for your continued support!

Beyblades: Rule Change

As a staff, we are continually working with students to model, teach and find balance in our lives. This means time to socialize, time to learn and time to move and be physically active. We have been concerned that our students playing with Beyblades are not getting enough movement in the day and there are conflicts where we need to involve ourselves to help them work through them. In order to meet all these

needs, we have established some school rules around Beyblades:

1. Beyblades can only be played with at recess and not at lunch. We have teachers on supervision at recess who can help students resolve any conflicts. This also ensures that for one of the breaks in the day (lunch) that students are outside and moving.
2. No trading. Some students are taking advantage of others to exchange Beyblades in unequal trades. Since we do not know the value of the different Beyblades in relation to each other, we are unable to help in this scenario. Therefore, we do not want students making Beyblade trades at school.
3. A reminder: please ensure that your child's Beyblades are labelled with their name. In the case of a lost Beyblade, this will help us support your child in finding it. However, we cannot be responsible for any lost Beyblades. They remain the responsibility of your child.

Attendance

This is a reminder that consistent attendance is a vital component of any program and absolutely necessary in order for a child to succeed.

Significant student absences and lateness will impact your child's ability to do well and achieve success in the educational program we offer at South Sa-Hali Elementary. However, on occasion it is necessary for your child to be away due to illness or other factors. If you know your child will be absent from school please **call**

1-844-350-2647 or visit

ksd.schoolconnects.com If you need to pick up your child from school for an appointment you need to sign your child in and out at the office.

SSES Handbook

Our École South Sa-Hali policy handbook is available on our school website.


Other Important Dates for the Year

| Date | Activity |
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| Monday, February 12 | Family Day Holiday – School Closed |
| Thursday, February 22 | District Non-Instructional Day- No classes |
| Friday, February 23 | District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes |
| Friday, March 16 | Term 2 Report Cards – Last day before Spring Break |
| Monday, March 26 | First Day back after Spring Break |
| Friday, March 30 | Good Friday- No classes |
| Monday, April 2 | Easter Monday- No classes |
| Monday, April 23 | District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes |
| Friday, May 18 | District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes |
| Monday, May 21 | Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed |

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BOARD NOTES

January 29, 2018

CONSENT AGENDA

- Superintendent's Update
- Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- District Parent Advisory Committee Highlights
- Schedule of 2018 Budget Meetings
- Notices of Motion:
 - Policy 201.1 Board Committees
 - Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests
 - Policy 303.1 International Student Program
 - Policy 1012.1 Smoking and Vaping-Free Environment
 - Policy 1136.1 Travel: Expenses and Insurance

Details of the consent agenda can be found in the public agenda.

EDUCATION TOPIC

TEACHER-LIBRARIAN STORYTELLING GRANT PROJECT — District Coordinator Andrea Wallin, along with four colleagues, told the Board about a project that saw students in a variety of grades and schools analyze stories and storytelling techniques, particularly oral stories as often shared by First Nations culture. The project, funded by an Innovation Grant, saw students use a variety of mediums and props to explore oral storytelling techniques, including moving, acting, speaking and listening. The students produced a series of videos to demonstrate their acquired skills.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SIX-YEAR COMPLETION RATE DATA — In January, the Ministry of Education released the six-year completion rates to districts across the province. An analysis of the 2016-17 school year shows SD 73 met its goal of obtaining an 85 per cent completion rate. Trustees also learned the completion rates were up across a variety of student categories, including Aboriginal and students with special needs. The Board also heard that the gap between completion rates for all students and Aboriginal students has narrowed dramatically through the last five years, with parity between the groups coming closer to reality.

EQUITY IN ACTION PROJECT — The Board learned about a project the District is participating in with the Ministry of Education's Aboriginal Education Unit. Currently there are six pilot projects across the province, and SD 73 is working closely with the Equity Action Team in preparation for joining the project next year. The project will generate student-specific data for school leaders to review in order to improve Aboriginal student success rates and develop meaningful strategies and interventions. It's believed the project will help close the academic achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

GRADE 7 to 12 RURAL SCHOOL PROPOSAL — Principals from secondary schools in Barriere, Clearwater and Chase told the Board about a proposal to move Grade 7 students in those communities from the elementary schools to secondary schools. If approved by trustees following consultation with parents, the transition could happen next school year. The plan was proposed as a way to create learning environments that

enhance positive outcomes for students and more effectively utilize space at both secondary and elementary schools.

RURAL SCHOOL PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS — Trustees approved a two-phase consultation plan regarding a proposal to move rural Grade 7s to secondary schools. Phase 1 of the plan will see staff and trustees first meet with parents and school staff in Barriere, Clearwater and Chase to provide information about the proposal. Phase 2 will see public Board meetings held in each of the communities to allow trustees to hear directly from the public about their thoughts and concerns. The district will also use an online consultation portal to help share information with parents and gather feedback. A report will be prepared for Board consideration of the proposal for the April 23 public meeting.

SUMMER SCHOOL — The District's summer learning programs provide an essential service to students who require support in acquiring foundational skills and core competencies necessary for graduation, trustees were told. As a result, the program will continue this school year, despite the fact that operating costs outpace revenues generated by enrollment.

ELEMENTARY STAFFING — A review of learning assistance needs determined that an additional 0.1 FTE is needed at McGowan Park Elementary and 0.5 FTE is required at Haldane Elementary to better support learning assistance programs in these schools. The additional support will be paid from existing staff budgets.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wade moved that trustees Harper and Karpuk be named to the Aboriginal Education Council. The motion was approved.

The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office in Kamloops on February 19th at 7 p.m.