



# News from the Nest



Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Weyt-kp parents, guardians, and caregivers,

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and restful Spring Break. I cannot tell you how nice it was to have the full two weeks to recharge my batteries after a very stressful two years. I was finally able to go on the trip to Ixtapa, Mexico that I had planned prior to COVID 19, and it did not disappoint.

I am in complete awe of how much your children grew during the two weeks we were away from school and amazed at how many teeth were lost. I also cannot express how nice it is to be able to see just about everyone's faces in the halls. I must admit that it might take me a little while to get reacquainted with some of you, as I may not recognize everyone without their mask.



Much like in previous years, I anticipate that the next three months will be a sprint to the finish, with lots of learning yet to happen, field trips to experience, and fun days to celebrate. Please make sure to take note of the important dates at the end of this newsletter to ensure that you have an idea of what is happening around the school. I do my best to keep the school website as current as possible, but sometimes things get by me.

## COVID Update

I was really hoping to go one full newsletter without having to write the word COVID, but alas, it was not meant to be, at least not yet. Here are the latest updates to safety guidelines that we received this week:

- Schools can return to classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches, though should still consider strategies to create space between people
- Gatherings / meetings - No limits
- Schools should make every effort to avoid venue/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a person from being able to participate
- Schools are open to visitors and volunteers
  - In SD73, elementary schools will remain locked for now and visitors will be asked to contact school staff before entering elementary buildings
- School staff will continue to use strategies to prevent crowding at drop-off and pick-up time (using classroom doors, for example)
- Masks
  - The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice. A person's choice will be supported and respected.



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- Requirements currently include that adults and children (aged 5 and older) who travelled internationally must wear a well-constructed and well-fitting mask in indoor and outdoor public spaces, including K–12 schools, for the first 14 days after entry. **This means wearing a mask at schools is not a personal choice for those who have travelled internationally for 14 days after entry.**
- We do not have many disposable masks left, so if your child/ren is/are required to wear a mask, or it is your wish to have your child/ren to wear a mask, please do your best to send one with him/her/them to school.
- Water Fountains
  - Water fountains are open once again, although, we recommend that students bring their own re-fillable water bottle to use at the water-filling stations.

## **School Learning Plan**

In our work towards our school learning plan goal ***“Students will show growth in their self-confidence by taking risks in their learning,”*** each month until the end of the school year will be focused on a particular theme – April’s focus will be on it being ok to making mistakes, May’s focus is on the Power of Yet, and in June we will be a celebration of our growth in risk taking. Students will also be completing their resiliency self-assessment this month by evaluating their performance in the following three statements:

1. I can ask for help.
2. I can do hard things.
3. I can make mistakes and learn from them.

Students will also highlight some things they are good at and identify areas in which they think they could improve.

## **Financial Literacy Fair**

As a culmination of all of our work on our goal towards Financial Literacy, we will be holding our first ever Financial Literacy Fair on **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be participating in stations throughout the morning, and we will be holding our first school-wide assembly in two years in the afternoon. Parents are invited to attend the assembly if they like. During the week, students will be designing a new \$20.00 bill and trying to find all of the “pinkies” (\$1000 bills) hidden throughout the school. During the assembly, we will be holding a teachers vs. students Jeopardy Game which will spotlight money facts, money trivia, and some problem solving.





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## **Presentation of Learning**

Our school will be holding its first Presentation of Learning on ***Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm.*** This is an opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and have their child/ren share all of the good stuff that he/she/they have been working on in class. It will be an Open House format, so you are welcome to pop in and visit whenever works for your family's schedule.

## **School Jerseys**

We are still missing a number of school jerseys that were handed out during basketball season. If you have one of these at home, please send it back to school ASAP, as we will need them soon for Flag Football and for Track and Field.

## **New Staff Members**

Returning to school this month is Mme Goertzen, who has been gone for the past year on a maternity leave. She will be in Mme Nancy's class on Fridays. We are also very grateful to have Mme Linaker who is for covering for Mme Murphy's while she is away.

Welcome to the Eagle's Nest!!!

## **Whiteshield Crescent**

The gate at the top of Whiteshield Crescent is now open for you to use as another location for pick and drop off before and after school. I ask that you respect our neighbours during these busy times by keeping your vehicles off the sidewalk and yards, and not blocking driveways.

## **Competency-Based IEPs**

Prior to Spring Break, there was a session introducing the new IEPs to parents; however, there was a technological mishap that didn't allow for that to happen, so the session will be presented once again this Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Learn how competency-based IEPs are similar yet different from the current IEPs being used. You will also learn more about how you, the parent/guardian, will be a significant stakeholder in the development of the new competency-based IEP. Register [here](#).

## **Flag Football**

We are very happy to announce that, after a 2-year hiatus, we are fielding 2 flag football teams this year. A very big thank you goes out to Mat VanLear and Casey Dundass who have volunteered to coach the teams this year. We also have a returning student, Cole Rigler and his dad, Jessie, who have offered to be our referees for these games. We will be hosting a game each week on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>



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## Student Learning Survey

The [2021/22 Student Learning Survey](#) (SLS) is available now **until April 29, 2022** for students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, as well as parents, staff and principals/vice-principals. The student and staff surveys are available in English and French, and the parent survey is available in 18 languages.

**Parents**

- Please complete one survey for each child.
- Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct Access (no logon number required) Access (please select one of the options below).

<p>With a logon number from your school</p> <p>Logon # <input type="text"/></p> <p>Language <input type="text" value="English"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Log On"/></p>	<p>Direct Access — no logon number required</p> <p>District <input type="text" value="73 Kamloops"/></p> <p>School: <input type="text" value="South Sa-hali Elementary"/></p> <p>Language: <input type="text" value="English"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Log On"/></p>
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It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a moment to fill out this survey

## SPARK

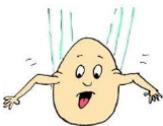
We will be hosting our first of four SPARK (Strong, Prepared, And Ready for Kindergarten) sessions on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-5pm for our students entering Kindergarten in September. If you haven't already registered, please take a moment to do so now, so that we know who will be there.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEDfUEQwwHyYv6NHwy3NO1c0bW1iKcNwBjyLBEJXzn9I9ukw/viewform>



Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

## Egg Drop



Mme Graf is holding an [Egg Drop](#) competition on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at lunch, for any student who would like to participate. Please see the attached rules for the SSES Egg Drop Contest.

## Dressing for the Changing Weather



Spring is more or less here, which means students might need a coat or heavy sweater in the morning, and shorts and sandals by the afternoon. April can also be a very wet month. We try to get students outside every day, even if it is only for 10-15 mins in very cold or wet weather; therefore, it is very important for your child/ren to come to school prepared for





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the elements. In addition, teachers will begin to bring their students outside for some their PE times, so appropriate attire (ie – outside footwear/rain boots, rain/winter jacket) will be necessary.

It is also very helpful for your child to have a change of clothes at school in the off chance that they have an accident, or get wet or muddy during their outside play time. It is much less disruptive to everyone (you included) if they can change into dry clothes without having to call someone to bring some to the school in the middle of the day.

## **Grade 7 Year-End Fundraising**

Our Grade 7 families are hosting a number of fundraisers in order to raise money for their year-end trips and festivities. One of the events that will be taking place is a Bottle Drop in our bottom parking lot in the morning during drop-off time on the remaining dates:

- Tuesday **April 19<sup>th</sup>** & Wednesday **April 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Monday **May 9<sup>th</sup>** and Tuesday **May 10<sup>th</sup>**
- Tuesday **May 24<sup>th</sup>** & Wednesday **May 25<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any bottles and/or cans that you would like to donate to this group, they would be most appreciative. In addition, you can drop your bottles off at any of the three General Grants locations in Kamloops and tell them that you would like to donate them to South Sa-Hali Elementary, and we will put those funds towards our Grade 7s. General Grants is accepting milk and milk substitute drink containers (i.e. soy, almond, oat, etc. milk) but not yoghurt drinks. Please ensure that these containers have been thoroughly washed, otherwise they need to be thrown in the trash instead of collected for the refund.

## **Opportunities for Kids**

There are a few parents who are offering some interesting opportunities for kids in the coming weeks. Please see the attachments about an Ultimate Frisbee Club happening on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 – 8:30, and Kids' Orienteering Sessions.

## **PAC Fundraising**

The PAC has a number of fundraising initiatives planned for the coming months.

### **1) Value Village FunDRIVE (APRIL):**

Do you have an urge to purge? Just like last year, our PAC has planned a Value Village FunDrive to collect your donated clothing and small household items. The shipping container collection box will be set up at the bottom of our school grounds on April 11<sup>th</sup> and PAC will be collecting your donations after that. Start organizing those closets and getting rid of those clothes that don't fit any more! The PAC will **NOT be collecting books or household items larger than a microwave, including furniture.**

### **2) Plant Sale (APRIL/MAY)**

Please visit the website to order: <https://southsahaliel elementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/> . Orders are due April 21<sup>st</sup> with delivery of plants on May 9<sup>th</sup>.



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## 2022 Spring Order Form



Orders Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant Pick-up: \_\_\_\_\_



**12" Premium Hanging Baskets**  
Our improved flower mixes are sure to be a big hit! These hanging baskets can be exposed to full sun with the best flowering and trailing plants. There are a variety of mixes/colours.



**12" Premium Patio Planters**  
All planters include an assortment of our top performing plant collections. Planters can be exposed to full sun areas. Perfect for creating a spring patio or backyard paradise.



**12" Rose Patio Planters**  
Introducing the popular patio and garden rose! This perennial will add colour year after year. Please note that colours cannot be selected. May receive light pink, dark pink, white, or yellow.



**11" Strawberry Basket**  
A kid favourite! Enjoy fresh strawberries all summer long. Ever bearing strawberries with different coloured blossoms in white or pink. Beautiful and delicious!



**10-pack 4" Succulents**  
Fast-growing in popularity, succulents are versatile & low maintenance. Ideal as house decor and gifts! This 10-pack offers excellent variety and textures from the echeveria, sedum, sedeveria and senecio families. Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



**10-pack 4" Herbs**  
An assortment of our finest herbs! Varieties include:  
-Basil (Sweet) -Mint Mojito  
-Basil (Thai) -Peppermint  
-Thyme -Oregano  
-Chives Onion -Parsley  
-Chives Garlic -Rosemary  
Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



**10-pack 4" Veggies**  
Grow your own food this year in a garden or planter box! Varieties include:  
-Tomatoes x 4 -Cucumber  
-Zucchini -Peppers x 2  
-Kale -Romaine  
Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



**10-pack 4" Zonal Geraniums**  
These easy to grow bedding plants add vibrant colour to your garden. Resistant to pests such as deer/rabbits.  
Colours: Red, White, Pink  
Cannot mix & match colours in a flat.



**10-pack 4" Wave Petunias**  
The popular cascading Wave petunias bring eye-catching colour to gardens, planter boxes and hanging baskets.  
Colours: Purple, White, Pink  
Cannot mix & match colours in a flat.



**10-pack 4" Marigolds**  
Marigolds add a pop of colour and brightness to enjoy all season. Excellent companion plants for many vegetables!  
Colours: Orange



**Premium Soil 30 L**  
A bag of organic potting soil, perfect for filling containers. This hearty mix helps plants grow to their full potential. Enriched with: compost, kelp, fish meal, peat moss, glacial rock dust, & rice hulls.



**Fertilizer Shaker 1.8 kg**  
Enhance your garden with an easy to use fertilizer shaker. Made with organic granular kelp this blend is great for both flowers and veggies.

### 3) Online 50/50 Draw (JUNE)

### 4) Mabel's Labels (ongoing)

1. [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/by-occasion/school-labels.html](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/by-occasion/school-labels.html)
2. Click support a fundraiser
3. Search for South Sahali and select our school.
4. Shop as normal! 20% of your purchase comes back to the PAC.

### PAC Meeting and PAC FB page

Our next PAC meeting will take place **Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm** via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our PAC also has a [Facebook page](#) (South Sa-Hali Elementary PAC-Ecole South Sa-Hali PAC) that you might want to consider joining. In order to be granted access, you will need to answer the questions posted.



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## Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>  
April 11<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

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 Financial Literacy Assessment  
 Resiliency Assessment  
 Flag Football Practice 3:00 – 4:30  
 Flag Football Practice 3:00 – 4:30  
 Good Friday – School is Closed  
 Easter Monday – School is Closed  
 Class Photos  
 Flag Football Team 1 @ home vs Pac Way  
 Team 2 @ Juniper Ridge  
 Grade 7 Year-End Celebration Parent Meeting  
 SPARK Session #1 @4pm  
 Flag Football Practice 3:00 – 4:30  
 PAC Meeting @6:30  
 Egg Drop  
 Professional Development Day for Teachers (school is **NOT** in session)  
 Flag Football Team 1 @ Parkcrest  
 Team 2 @home vs Beattie  
 Financial Literacy Fair



As always, if you have any questions or have any concerns that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to call the office.

Sincerely,

Susie Mabee  
Principal