



Salmon Arm West Elementary School

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Spring/Summer 2023 Newsletter

Dear SAW Families,

It is hard to believe we are in the final weeks of the 2023/2024 school year. It has been a wonderful privilege to have served as your Principal this year, and for you to have put your trust in me throughout these past 10 months. Watching your children learn, grow, share their curiosities and spread their gifts throughout our school community is a joy each and every day. I am so grateful to be returning in the fall and look forward to serving this community once again.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special shoutout to our Grade 5 students, who have been such an incredible group of students and leaders for our school. They will be SO greatly missed, but I know will thrive and love their time in middle school. I look forward to seeing them out and about in the community and hearing their stories! We will be hosting our Grade 5 Farewell Tuesday, June 27th at 1pm and look forward to sharing that special day with our community.

Early Dismissal & Report Cards Thursday, June 29th 2023

Please note we have early dismissal for students Thursday June 29th at 10:17am. Students will be coming home with their report cards, which will also be uploaded to the student portal. Please celebrate your child(ren)'s successes this year!

Moving?

We are currently working on planning and preparation of our classes for September 2023. One important piece of the process is to know which students will not be returning to Salmon Arm West in the fall.

If your child is currently in Kindergarten to Grade 4, and you know that your child(ren) will **not** be attending Salmon Arm West Elementary for the new school year, please email Mme. Jegues as soon as possible if you have not already done so. It is important for us to know whether or not your child(ren) will be moving to a school within School District No. 83 or a school in another school district.

If you move throughout the summer, please make time to email Mme Jegues to ensure we have the up-to-date information. Please email saw@sd83.bc.ca

If your child(ren) are staying at Salmon Arm West, no further action is needed. We look forward to welcoming them back in September 😊

Bottle Drive Fundraiser - September 23, 2023

Please help us by collecting bottles over summer.
All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to our school's library!



Bussing reminders

Students who ride the bus must be respectful towards the driver of the bus, other students and the property of the bus. The bus driver needs to have a quiet and respectful environment on the bus, in order to ensure that all students arrive at school and home in a safe manner. Riding the bus is a privilege and students who do not follow the expectations set for riding the bus may be asked to find an alternate form of transportation. All students have received a Bus

Orientation/Evacuation session, and as such all expectations for riding the bus are known. Students who are not registered are not permitted to ride the bus. Thank you for your support!



PAC

All parents automatically belong to PAC - our Parent Advisory Committee. All parents are always welcome at meetings! You can plan to attend all or just some of the meetings. We welcome all new Salmon Arm West parents as well 😊

Our first 2023/2024 PAC meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, September 27, 2023 in the school library. ALL families welcome!!

Volunteer Police Information Checks

As you may know from the last couple of years, the school district now requires all parents who volunteer to work with children (unsupervised by the teacher) in the school setting to have a Police Information Check (PIC) completed by the RCMP. This is of particular importance for parents driving students to sporting events and on field trips. Simply put, if a parent is not on our file at our school for having had a record check completed, s/he can ONLY drive his/her own children. As a result, this may affect sports teams' participation in road games, as well as field trips in our community. If you would like to get a Police Information Check (PIC) done, please visit the following website: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>

You will be required to enter an Access Code that is unique to School District No. 83. Please contact Dani in the office for the Access Code. There is no cost to have a Police Information Check completed, and the PIC is valid for five years.

2023/2024 Bell Schedule

8:00 - Supervision Begins (no supervision before this time)
8:16 - Entry bell
8:20 - Classes Begin
9:50 - 10:05- Recess
11:35 - Bell for Lunch (Eating Time)
11:55 - Bell for Lunch (Outdoor Play Time)
12:20 - Afternoon classes Resume
2:16 - Dismissal (please note the time changed from 2:17 to 2:16)
2:30 - Supervision Ends (School will call families of students still at school)

**Please visit our webpage for Upcoming Events and important information **

www.saw.sd83.bc.ca

Important Dates

Please note: Important dates are emailed weekly by our office in addition to our webpage being updated regularly with any new additions. We ask that families check regularly on the webpage for additions and watch for emails from the school.

Please also visit our school district website for district-wide information and important dates:

<https://sd83.bc.ca/district-calendar/>

June 29 - Last day for students - early dismissal 10:17am

June 30 - Last day for staff

August 29th - New student registration day - office will be open 8:30-2:30pm for new registrations only. Please email saw@sd83.bc.ca or call for more information.



New school year dates:

September 2023

Mon. 4 - Labour Day (statutory holiday)

Tues. 5 - Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Wed. 6 - Early Dismissal Day (students dismissed and buses running three hours earlier)

Mon. 18 - Professional Development Day (no school for students - school-based pro d day)

October 2023

Mon. 2 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (schools closed)

Mon. 9 - Thanksgiving (statutory holiday)

Fri. 20 - Professional Development Day (no school for students - provincial pro-d day)

Thurs. 26 - Conference Day (Elementary/Middle Only)

November 2023

Fri. 10 - Remembrance Day stat (in lieu)

Fri. 24 - Professional Development Day (no school for students - school-based pro-d day)

December 2023

Thurs. Dec. 21 - Last Day before Winter Vacation

Winter Vacation - Dec. 22 to Jan. 5, 2024

January 2024

Mon. 8 - Schools re-open after Winter Break

Wedn. 17 - Kindergarten/French Immersion/ Outdoor Learning registration opens for Sept. 2024

Mon. 29 - Non-Instructional Day (no school for students - Ministry designated day)

Tues. 30 - Secondary Only non-instructional day (semester transition)

February 2024

Fri. 16 - Professional Development Day (no school for students - regional day pro d day)

Mon. 19 - Family Day (statutory holiday)

March 2024

Fri. 15- Last day before Spring Break

Spring Break March 18 - March 28

Fri. 29 - Good Friday (statutory holiday)

April 2024

Mon. 1 - Easter Monday (school holiday)

Tues. 2 - Schools re-open after Spring Break

Fri. 29 - Professional Development Day (no school for students)

May 2024

Mon. 20 - Victoria Day (statutory holiday)

June 2024

Thurs. 27 - Last day before summer break (early dismissal)

Fri. 28 - Non-instructional day (no school for students - administration day)

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter. We want to keep you informed of school activities and events, using various methods of communication. **This newsletter is being sent home via email only. Should you require a paper copy, please contact the office and we would be happy to send one home with your child.** All school newsletters will also be available on the school website. Our goal is to reduce the amount of paper distributed by the school.

To all of our Salmon Arm West families: I wish you all a safe, wonderful summer with your children. We look forward to hearing all of your summer stories when students return for an early dismissal day on Wednesday, September 6th 😊

Warmly,

Laura Jègues

Principal

Making Memories!!!!!!!





