

SSES INFORMATION GUIDE

“Ecole Elementaire South Sahali”/ “South Sahali Elementary School”

The SSES Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) in co-operation with SSES would like to offer you this helpful guide for the 2012-2013 school year.

School schedule at SSES

*School doors open at 8h40. A good arrival time for students is 8h30 in our lower drop off parking lot.

Please do not drop off your children much before 8h30.

- 8h40 First bell rings; school opens for students.
- 8h50 School starts; instructional hours begin.
- 10h20 Recess outdoor play *Please send a big healthy snack.
- 12h05 Lunch eating time Bon appétit!
- 12h25 Outdoor play time.
- 12h55 Afternoon instruction begins.
- 2h40 Dismissal
- 2h50 Busses depart for Marion Schilling bus loop.

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SOUTH SAHALI ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE SEPT 2012 – JUNE 2013

September Fundraiser this month: Entertainment Books

- Sept.20 Entertainment Book Fundraiser begins. Sales run thru to Oct.9
- Sept.20 PAC meeting 7 PM Staff Room
- Sept.21 Volunteer installation of new playground
- Sept.22 Volunteer installation of new playground
- Sept 23 Volunteer installation of new playground
- Sept 24 In-Service Day No school
- Sept.26 Hot Food Day Every Wednesday except early dismissals and holidays

October Fundraisers this month: Magazine Orders, Bottle Drive

- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
- Oct. 11 Mexican Food Day – **SSES Hot Lunch Program begins. See Information * Below!**
- Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18 Scholastic Book Fair in the library
- Oct. 16 Early closure for Parent-Teacher interviews. Dismissal 12h30
- Oct. 17 Early closure for Parent-Teacher interviews. Dismissal 12h30
- Oct. 19 In Service Day -No school
- Oct. 24, 25, 26 Three day bottle drive – lower parking lot
- Oct. 25 Pizza Day
- Oct. 25 PAC meeting 7 PM Staff Room
- Oct. 26 “FREAKY FRIDAY” Family Halloween Dance

November Fundraisers this month: Art Cards, Poinsettia Sale (for delivery before Christmas)

- Nov. 8 Mexican Food Day
- Nov. 12 Remembrance Day Holiday – No School
- Nov. 15 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided
- Nov. 22 Pizza Day

December Fundraisers this month: Raffle Baskets at the Christmas concert.

- Dec. 3 In Service Day – No School
- Dec. 13 Mexican Food Day
- Dec. 20 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided
- Dec. 19 Christmas Concert with both daytime and evening performances
- Dec. 21 Last day of school before Christmas holidays.
- Dec. 22 thru Jan.6 No School

January Fundraiser this month: Bottle Drive

- Jan. 7 School begins
- Jan. 9, 10, 11 Three day bottle drive – lower parking lot
- Jan. 10 Mexican Food Day
- Jan. 17 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided
- Jan. 24 Pizza Day

February Fundraiser this month: Purdy's Chocolates – Items back in time for Easter

- Feb. 7 Early closure for Parent-teacher interviews. Dismissal 12h30
- Feb. 11...Family Day Holiday No School
- Feb. 14 Mexican Food Day
- Feb. 15 In Service Day No School
- Feb. 21 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided
- Feb. 27 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 28 Pizza Day

March Fundraiser this month: Bottle Drive

- March 13, 14, 15 Three day bottle drive – lower parking lot
- March 14 Mexican Food Day
- March 14 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided
- March 15 Last day of school before Spring Break
- March 16 thru March 24 spring Break – No School
- March 25 School begins
- March 28 Pizza Day
- March 29 Good Friday – No School

April Fundraiser this month: Spring Family dance?

- April 1 Easter Monday – No School
- April 3 Early Closure for Parent-Teacher Interviews. Dismissal 12h30
- April 11 Mexican Food Day
- April 15 In Service Day – No School
- April 18 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided
- April 25 Pizza Day

May Fundraiser this month: Fun Fair

- May 9 Mexican Food Day
- May 17 In Service Day – No School
- May 20 Victoria Day Holiday – No School
- May 23 Pizza Day
- May 23 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided

June Fundraiser this month: Bottle Drive

- June 6 Mexican food Day
- June 12, 13, 14 Three day bottle drive – lower parking lot
- June 20 Pizza Day
- June 20 PAC meeting 7PM Staff Room – Babysitting Provided
- June 24 St. Jean Baptist Day Event at SSES
- June 27 Last day of school 12h Dismissal

What is PAC and what is our purpose:

The School Act gives parents the right, through PACs, to assume an advisory role in every school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school other than matters assigned to the School Planning Council (SPC). PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are automatically voting members of the PAC.

Our PAC provides support to our Principal, teachers, and support staff.

How do we raise money for our students

Our school PAC receives the sum of \$20 per student from the Community Gaming Grant which we may use for specific purposes to support the students through-out the year. In order to fund additional projects and events SSES PAC organizes various fundraisers through the school year, with any money earned after costs going towards these goals. The many people who organize and run these events are parent volunteers.

Fundraising:

- Hot Lunch Program - Pizza / Taco days every second Thursday are a huge success with the kids.
 - Mabel's Labels - Label's for children's clothes, shoes, containers and more.
 - 3 Day bottle drives on-site at the school in October 2012, January, March, and June 2013. Just drop off any returnable bottles during the week .
 - "Treat Tuesdays". On Treat Tuesdays, our concession stand will sell healthier fun treats.
 - Fun Fair including Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, and lots of fun. Date to be announced.
 - Entertainment Book sales / Magazine sales
 - Poinsettia Sales, Hanging Baskets, Purdy's Chocolates, Panago Coupons
 - Any ideas? Please share them with any member of our PAC or email us!
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Where does the fundraising money go

The money that PAC raises from various fundraising efforts through-out the year goes to support various programs and events through-out the year as well as purchasing equipment to enhance your child's school experience.

SOME OF THE PROGRAMS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY PAC LAST YEAR INCLUDE:

- *New playground (to be installed Sept.21 -23)
- *New sound system for the school gym
- *Conrad Flapps social responsibility workshop
- *Swim team, Science Fair, Heritage Fair, ArtSmart, Come Read with Me

FOR THE CURRENT 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR OUR GOALS ARE:

- *New tumbling mats for the school gym
- *Additional musical instruments for the school
- *“Power of One” anti-bullying workshop
- *Continued support of “Come Read with Me”, Annual Fairs and programs

THE SSES PAC THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

PROGRAMS IN OUR SCHOOL

School Milk Program

Our school has a milk program at lunch time. Individual small milks (chocolate or white) will be available for \$1.25 each but a much better deal is to purchase a milk punch card for \$17.00 that provides 20 milks. Students may have one milk per day for themselves only. No buying for friends; each student must have their own card. Milk purchases will likely begin the second week of school. Please check at the office for more information. K-Gr. 3 will have milk delivered to their classes. Grades 4-7 will purchase milk at our school kitchen.

Hot Food Program - Wednesdays

Hot Food will be available every Wednesday at lunch starting September 26th. The primary focus of the Wednesday Hot Food Program is to offer children healthy, kid friendly and environmentally friendly hot lunches. Every lunch comes with fresh cut fruit and vegetables and a drink. Gluten free lunches are available on request. Please go to sseslunchprogram.wordpress.com for the month’s menu, to order and to pay by Paypal.

Hot Lunch Program Every Second Thursday

Pizza and Mexican Food. See Page 7 Information for details

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be having our Scholastic Book Fair in the library from Monday, October 15th until Thursday, October 18th. This coincides with our early closure days on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th. The book fair will be open at lunch hour and after school and will stay open for as late as interviews go on the two days. Money raised goes to support the purchase of new books for the library. Volunteers are always welcome. If you can volunteer please contact Mme. Hunter in the library, by phone 250-374-2451 or by email mhunter@sd73.bc.ca

Campbell’s Labels for Education

Campbell’s Labels for Education is a school support program with a focus on instilling healthy eating and living habits in children. Eligible registered schools can collect labels from participating Campbell products and redeem them for educational resources ranging from sports equipment and musical instruments to health and wellness videos and books. Please check the PAC bulletin board or school website for a list of eligible products. All coupons can be placed in the marked box across from the office.

Mabel's Labels

As a way to target the problem of lost belongings and a large lost and found closet, SSES is fundraising with **Mabel's Labels**, a company with all types of labels that are colourful, indestructible, easy-to-use and fun! Iron-Ons, Stickies, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more! Personalize your labels with names, nicknames, initials - whatever you choose. Cool Participants shop through a specially created website link and our school gets a percentage of all sales. Icons help even little ones identify their own belongings. Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested! Dispatched within 24 hours!

Visit the SSES School Website at south-sahali.sd73.bc.ca to place your order while helping our fundraiser!"

WHO ARE MABEL'S LABELS

We are moms who were frustrated by the amount of stuff that left our houses, never to return. After lots of research and testing we created the perfect fun, durable labels for the stuff kids lose!

Our sticky labels and clothing labels, which are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe, are not only practical, but also designed to be very special to each child. The labels are customized with a child's name, favourite mix of colours and an icon (animal, symbol, etc.). We have also expanded our product line to include personalized stationery products, ID wristbands and household labels.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Last year was a very busy time for all the students and parents as we raised money for our school and especially our new play ground. This year our goal is to relax a little more and enjoy friends & family.

Once our new sound system is in place the SSES PAC would like to set up movie nights where families can come and enjoy a night out with other members of our school community.

These nights will not be viewed as a fundraiser and will be set up to cover costs only or as a venue to gather food for the food bank.

Thank you for your support

Welcome to the on-line * SSES PAC Hot Lunch Ordering System

After conducting the hot lunch program from January to June last year we have implemented a new Hot Lunch Ordering system that will make things easier for parents and for the PAC. This new system allows parents to pay using Paypal with a credit card, debit transaction, or cheque. Please note that we will not accept cash any more. Furthermore, parents will be ordering in terms (Oct-Dec, Jan-Mar & Apr-Jun), which cuts down on cost and is one less thing for parents to remember each month. The paper order form will continue to be available for the first term (Oct-Dec) as we monitor how parents like the new system and make any necessary changes. Please use cheques only with the paper order as we will not accept cash and hope to have a strictly electronic system in place for January.

We would also like to thank parents for their past and future support of the PAC lunch program as without it the program would not be the tremendous success that it is (over \$10,000 last year). Furthermore, we are seeking volunteers to assist on the food delivery days as this is always a very busy day and the more hands the better. There is a sign up board across from the office or please contact us from the information below. Finally, constructive feedback and suggestions are welcome and would be happily received at the PAC meetings where they can be discussed.

There are two steps to do the first time you want to use our new ordering system. The following is the registration step, which only has to be done once. The second step is ordering – the instructions will be provided after registration is complete. One registration needed per family. Note that after you have registered, you can then login and edit your contact information, add additional email addresses, and add/link your children.

Please register as soon as possible so we can begin our transition to the new system.

How To Register

Go to www.sses.hotlunches.net

Click on “Click Here to Register”

Access Code: SSESHL (case sensitive)

Enter your information and click on “Register Now”. Record your User ID and Password in a safe place.

Click on “Students”

Enter your Child’s name.

Use the Drop down box to select your child’s grade and teacher.

Click on “Add New”

It is also possible to access these pages from the “**PROFILE**” menu by selecting “**Manage Students**” or “**Add a Student**”. Repeat for all your children attending SSES

We will then “verify” all students. Thank you for registering as soon as possible.

How to Place a Hot Lunches Order Online

Sign into www.sses.hotlunches.net with your new User ID and Password.

On the Home screen, click on “Manage Orders”.

Select the “Order form” next to the child’s name for the Pizza Day Orders.

Enter the quantity to the right of the food item for your child.

Click on “Place Order and Proceed”.

Repeat for each child and repeat for Mexican Food Day Orders.

You can click "Print Order" for a hard copy of each order or "Print Remittance Form" to pay by cheque. Submit this form with your cheque please. If paying by credit or debit card, click on "Pay with PayPal".

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School Map

