

Dear Sansome Families:

Happy Spring Sansome Families!

With the melting temperatures, the snow is beginning to melt and leave us large puddles and muddy fields. We have been asking students to stay out of the large puddles to avoid getting soaked. It would be a good idea to pack some extra **dry clothes** for those who run into slips and falls while on the playground!

Covid-19 Update:

Since returning from Spring Break, students are no longer restricted to staying with their grade/ group cohorts. We have returned to our regular recess times of 10:25 in the morning and 2:25 in the afternoons with everyone Grade 1-5 outside at the same time. At lunch, we continue to have our Grade 4/5 students going out for lunch recess the first half of lunch hour and the Grade 1-3 students going outside the second half of the lunch hour. This is to assist our Lunch Supervisors with the outdoor supervision of the students. (On that note, we are once again looking for additional Lunch Supervisors to assist us in this 1 hour per day. If interested, please contact the School Office at 204-889-6000.)

We continue to monitor our reported Covid Absences (code V in our computer system). Weekly reported Covid related absences will be posted on our School Website each Friday.

Our staggered entries (8:50 & 8:55) and staggered dismissals (3:50 & 3:55) continue to avoid congestion in the halls and lockers at these times. Please plan your arrival and pick-up times accordingly. Note: There is no adult supervision on the playground or school grounds after dismissal.

We continue to be a mask friendly environment and to encourage mask wearing along with good hand hygiene and cough etiquette. Please see the attached new signage that will be posted at all SJASD schools.

Covid Isolation requirements for those who have tested positive and/or have symptoms of Covid-19 are for isolation for **5** days after a positive test date and/or until symptoms have improved over the past 24 hours and there is no fever present. Lingering symptoms such as a cough or loss of taste or smell can persist beyond the isolation period and are not reasons for continuing isolation. Close contacts are no longer being tracked nor notified unless an individual chooses to do so on their own. To determine if any family members require testing, please refer to the Covid-19 Screening Tool: sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/ If families need Rapid Test Kits, we have some available at the school.

Report Cards were sent home electronically on April 6th. Virtual Conferences will be held on Thursday, April 21st (evening) and Friday, April 22nd (morning). Conference times can be booked through Conference Manager which opened on Thursday, April 7th.

<https://sansome.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>

International Day of Pink is coming up **April 13th**. This is an International Day to raise awareness to stop all forms of bullying. Students are invited to again wear pink on this day of awareness!

There has been a great demand for additional **Sansome School Parent Council Raffle Tickets**. If you are unable to sell your booklet, please return it to the school and our Parent Council will redistribute those booklets as quickly as they can! If you are wishing to contact our Parent Council, their e-mail is: sansomeschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com

The next Parent Council meeting is **Monday, April 11th at 6 p.m.** on Teams. Please contact henrietta.hoch@sjasd.ca or robert.bell@sjasd.ca for your Teams invite.

Thank you to Sansome Parent Council for organizing an amazing Staff Appreciation Week! Thank you to all families who participated in the special events of this week. All of Sansome Staff felt very appreciated and express their gratitude to all involved!

Administrative Staffing Announcement: At a special School Board meeting held on March 25th, Rob Bell was appointed Principal of Crestview School for the 2022- 2023 school year! Our congratulations go out to Mr. Bell!

Sansome School will be welcoming Chris Mavroudis as the Vice Principal for the fall. Chris has been Vice Principal at Lakewood School for the past 2 years. Prior to becoming Vice Principal, Chris taught gr. 1; Gr. 1-3 Multi-age; Gr. 4-5; and Kindergarten.

Congratulations to Swasti K. who was awarded 1st Prize in the St. James-Assiniboia mARTch Art Contest! Swasti's class will receive a class set of canvasses. A picture of her painting is attached below.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Henrietta Hoch & Rob Bell

Water Bottles: Please remember to send your child with a reusable water bottle. The water fountain spouts are still closed but we do have no touch bottle fillers attached to the fountains.

Milk Store: Milk tickets are \$1.00 each or a sheet of 10 for \$10.00 and can be purchased in the office. Students can now purchase Kernels Popcorn at lunch. The cost is \$2.00 per bag and the flavours are Butter Salt, White Cheddar, Salt & Vinegar and Dill Pickle.

Next Early Dismissal Day: Tuesday, April 19th. Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.

No School: Friday, April 15th, Friday April 22nd

Resiliency in a Covid World - Virtual Parent Session

Wednesday, April 20th, 6:15pm – 7:15pm – Early, Middle and Senior Years Parents, presented by Dr. Maria Phelps, School Psychologist

Resiliency is a central concept in mental health promotion. Resiliency is the ability to bounce back from adversity and adapt well to changes in our life. We can become resilient by developing ways to think and behave that help us cope and adapt to challenging situations successfully, such as a pandemic. In this session, evidence-based strategies that can be deployed by parents to encourage the development of resiliency skills leading to better mental health for all.

Please note this session is intended for parents. Please register for the appropriate date with Debbie Neufeld at debbie.neufeld@sjasd.ca no later than **Thursday, April 14th** and provide your name, your child's grade and school, and your mailing address, as we will send sending out a free resource.

Pink Floyd have reunited for a one-off charity single to raise money for Ukrainians affected by Russia's invasion. "Hey, Hey, Rise Up" features vocals by Andriy Khlyvnyuk of the Ukrainian band, Boombox, who recorded himself in full military gear singing the folk song, "The Red Viburnum in the Meadow," to the empty streets in Kyiv's Sofiyskaya Square. Please take a moment to view this powerful video.

<https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-news/pink-floyd-hey-hey-rise-up-1334338/>