

## STETTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **March Newsletter**

## **Dates to Remember**

Wednesday, March 1st - Beach Day

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Grade 5/6 Basketball practise

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Professional Development Day (no school for students)

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Convention (no school for students)

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting – 7:00 PM, SES Library

**Friday, March 17**<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Leprechaun Traps

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Wear Green Day

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – School Council Hot Lunch (Perogies & Sausage)

Monday, March 20th – Report Cards Issued

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Leadership Day/Student Led Conferences

Friday, March 24th – Rainbows Windup

Friday, March 24th – Twin Day

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – School Council Subway Hot Lunch

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Spring Break

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – First day back at school after Spring Break

## Principal's Message

We have moved into March and, hopefully, we will see spring in full swing very soon. As teachers, the highlight of February is staff appreciation week. Throughout the year we genuinely appreciate our parents and all of the fine work that the School Council does in supporting our staff and our school. In February, and on that note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent cooks for the delicious dishes, the parent organizers, the parent supervisors and all of the rest of the parents that made the staff appreciation luncheon possible. It was truly incredible and genuinely appreciated! As we move into spring, this may be a good time to remind you to please send an extra pair of pants, socks, etc. to school with your child when the weather warms up. With spring comes an abundance of puddles and mud, and even when we are very careful accidents happen and clean, dry clothes come in very handy when they do occur. We will make every effort to keep your children out of the mud and water, but there is a definite magnetic attraction between children and water, and keeping almost 600 children out of the water at the same time can be quite a challenge.

Also as we move into March, we move into another very busy few weeks. The teaching staff will be spending Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton at Teachers' Convention and the staff at SES certainly hopes that you and your family will be able to enjoy time together during this long weekend. Once we return from Teachers' Convention, preparation for report cards will be in full swing. Report cards will be sent home on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and then Leadership Day/Student Led Conferences will be held during that same week. On Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are excited to introduce Student Led Conferences in our classrooms. Our

students will be working hard to prepare to show you what they have been learning throughout the year. The Student Led Conferences and tours start at 11:20 with lunch to follow at 12:15. We are hoping that you will be able to join your child at school for a light lunch. After report cards and student led conferences, we will be moving into the annual spring break. Spring Break this year will be from March 27<sup>th</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>, and families will again have an opportunity to spend some quality time together. We do hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break, and that the time away from school will be fantastic for everyone. We return to school on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and immediately we fall into a busy school schedule. We will also be busy with music festival planning and registration for next year. Do you have a child, or know of a child, ready to start their school career? Our annual Kindergarten Information and Registration Night will be held on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Drama Room. At this time it looks as though there will be both full time and part time program choices available, so please do plan to attend to ensure you know the details of the program of your choice. Please note that this evening is for parents only. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2017 in order to enroll, so please bring your child's birth certificate. If you have a child that will be three or four years of age, you are invited to register for the Start Right Play School Program. Play School Registration Forms are available at the SES front office. Until then, enjoy this month that will fly by incredibly quickly and hopefully spring will be in full swing before we know it.