



Sayward School News

MAY 2025

This Month

Here's a quick round-up of the important dates and events happening in May: May begins with Student-Led Conferences on the first. If you haven't yet scheduled your time slot, please don't hesitate to call the main office. Miss Catherine will be happy to fit you into the time best suited to your schedule. Please note there will be no classes in session this day.

May 6th: Independence Assembly and Rotary Student Awards
Join us for the Independence Assembly and Rotary Student Awards on May 6th. The assembly will start at 11 AM in the school gym.

May 14th: Spring Plant Fundraiser
Spring Plant Fundraiser plants will be arriving on May 14th. Call the office if you can help us unload and sort the pallet! Orders will be ready to pick up on the 15th.

May 28th: Talent Show
Our Talent Show will be held on May 28th at 3:30 PM. Come and support our talented students!

May 30th: PAC Spring Market
The PAC Spring Market will take place on May 30th in the gym. Enjoy the concession, cake walk, door prizes, and more!

We look forward to seeing you at these events and appreciate your support in making them successful!

Reminder

As spring arrives, it's important to remind our children about bear safety. Here are some simple tips to share with them:

Make Noise: Encourage your kids to make noise while playing outside. Singing, clapping, or talking loudly can help avoid surprising bears.

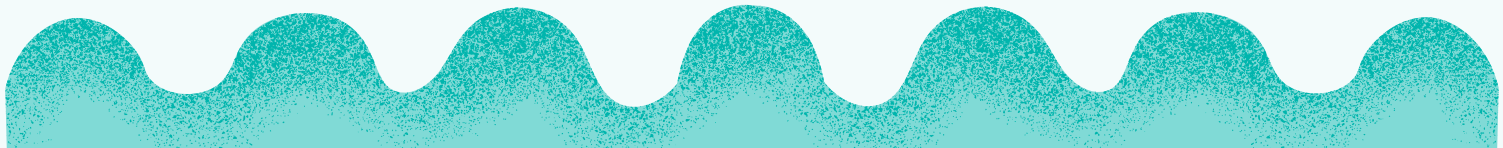
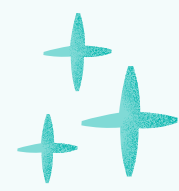

Keep Food Safe: Teach children to put away their snacks and clean up after eating. Bears are attracted to food left out.

Stay Together: Remind kids to play in groups and stay close to adults. Bears are less likely to approach larger groups.

Look for Signs: Show children what bear tracks and scat look like. If they see signs of a bear, they should calmly leave the area and tell an adult.

Give Bears Space: If a bear is spotted, instruct kids to back away slowly, avoid eye contact, and speak softly.

By sharing these tips, we can help our children stay safe and enjoy the outdoors



A few photo highlights from April!



FOOD ALLERGIES AT SCHOOL:

Sayward School is a **NO KIWI** zone!

Please DO NOT send kiwi in your child's lunch as our admin is VERY allergic. This is an airborne allergy that affects her airway even from down the hallway. Thank you for understanding.

Hot Lunch cooks needed!

Seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help make hot lunches!

- Volunteers must fill out the volunteer forms.
- At least one of the two cooks must have a valid Food Safe certificate.
- Cooks are expected to prep, cook, plate, and clean up each time.

Volunteering for the hot lunch program is a rewarding experience that allows you to directly contribute to the well-being of our students. Whether you have culinary skills or simply a passion for helping out, your participation is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our school community.

PAC will reimburse Food Safe certification for volunteers who cook three or more times in a school year.

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OUR TEAM

PAC meetings:

May 12 2:45pm

June 9th AGM 5pm- The one where we vote our new PAC in! Everyone encouraged to attend!



Dear Sayward Families,

Happy May!

As we welcome warmer days and the excitement of spring, I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic learning that is happening at our school. From creative projects to engaging discussions, our students are continuously growing their knowledge in ways that extend beyond textbooks and worksheets.

This month, we celebrate the many ways learning happens—especially through artistic expression and storytelling.

The Power of Arts & Crafts in Learning

Did you know that arts and crafts aren't just fun but also a powerful way to develop essential skills? When students paint, sculpt, or design, they are strengthening their problem-solving abilities, motor skills, and even mathematical thinking. Creating art encourages them to express ideas, follow sequences, and think critically—all while having fun!



Read-Aloud Magic: More Than Just a Story

Reading aloud in our library isn't just about hearing a story, it's about building deep comprehension skills and fostering meaningful discussions. As students listen, they connect ideas to their own experiences, analyze characters, and develop critical thinking. Talking about books helps them expand their perspective, improve communication, and sharpen reasoning skills, all of which will serve them throughout their lives.

Let's continue embracing learning in all its forms. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I continue to enjoy seeing our students thrive in these enriching experiences!

Warmest Regards,

Christine Middleton, Principal, Sayward Elementary School

