

ÉCOLE LORD SELKIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE CEDARS' BARK- June 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have arrived – we are now in the last three weeks of the 2017-2018 school year! Thank you all for being a part of our amazing community here at Selkirk. Looking back on the great things that have been accomplished this year, it is hard to believe they occurred within the span of only 9 months.

We had so much learning take place, from learning our As and Bs, to learning how to write a magazine publication(see attached), learning how to code computer programs, starting Selkirk's Community Garden, developing a sense of volunteerism, and learning all about how to self-regulate our bodies and our minds. Students at Selkirk demonstrated their athletic abilities, musical talent and overall well roundedness throughout the year. It is truly inspiring to see students form relationships and learned ways to engage in creative positive play outside. **Next year, we will continue to be focusing on social emotional well being- self-awareness and self-management and responsible decision making as our focus.**

It has been such an absolute pleasure to work with the Selkirk Community this year. The PAC and PAC executive are an admirable group of hardworking individuals committed to improving education and supporting their school. This is a strong community which is the backbone quality for achieving greatness in education.

I hope you have a wonderful and safe summer.

We will be posting information regarding school start up on our website in the next few weeks. Please check it regularly. <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/selkirk/Pages/default.aspx>

As always, my door is open if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mme Burton

IMPORTANT DATES

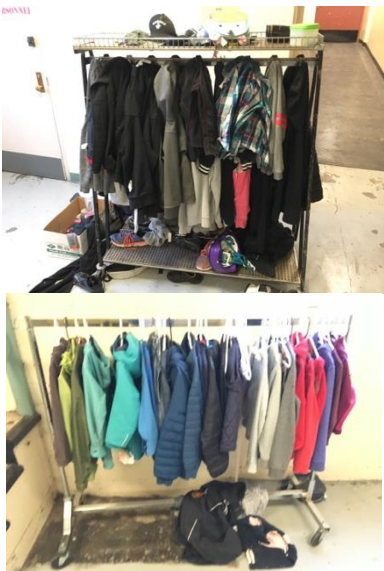
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| Wed, June 13 th - 15 th | Grade 5 Camp Elphinstone |
| Fri, June 15th | Class Placement Forms due |
| Fri, June 22 nd | Grade 7 Grad 12:00-3:00 |
| Wed, June 27 th | PAC BBQ 5:00 |
| Tues, June 26 th | Primary Year End Assembly 11:05am |
| Tues, June 26 th | Intermediate Year End Assembly 9:15am |
| Thurs, June 28 th | Last Day – reports home |
| Tues, Sept 4 th | First Day of School 9-10AM |

LATE RETURN SEPTEMBER 2018

If your child will be returning to school late in September (after September 4th), it is critical that you submit a “late return notice” to the office prior to June 30th so we know that your child(ren) will indeed be returning to Selkirk School. If you are not here on September 4th we will assume that you are not returning to school for the year and your child’s spot may be re-assigned. As you know space at Selkirk is at a premium.

LOST AND FOUND

We ask that all students please check the lost and found. It is important to pick up any items left. Parents, we would recommend you take a look as well to see if you notice any items your child may have left behind.



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

It is that time of year where many staff are finishing short term assignments with us or deciding to move onto other adventures. We thank all the amazing staff for their contributions and dedication to the Selkirk community. You are what makes this school a remarkable place.

Farewell to:

Mme Jenn T – FI Resource
Ms. Kernohan - Resource
Ms. Tooshkenig - Kindergarten
Ms. Jarvis – Grade 1 / 2
Ms. Martin- Grade 7
Ms. Lisa Hong – EA
Ms. Maria Alexandrova – EA
Ms. Sallusti - Resource
Ms. Yap – Grade 3

Thank you to the staff that have joined us recently to fill various vacancies:

Ms. Sarah Cordingley– Prep/Music
Ms. Julia and Ms Karen– Kindergarten
Ms. Alexandra Caviglia – PE Prep
Ms. Carolin Scott – PE Prep
Ms. Jodie Johnson – Resource
Ms Andrea Cramer - Resource
Mr. Kevin Pugh – Resource

A SPECIAL GOOD BYE

We are sad to say Mr. Fernando is retiring at the end of the school year. He has been a positive and encouraging member of the staff for 24 years. Fernando has had such an amazing impact on students and staff and we will surely miss his wonderful sense of humor and presence here at Selkirk. Now he wants to take on a new role and spend time with his family. Please take an opportunity to wish him well over the next few weeks.



CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS

Teachers will be doing class placement next week. The school works very hard to make the best possible educational placement for your child, taking into account a myriad of variables such as academic progress, individual learning styles, interactions between classmates, specific learning needs in different areas, a balance of gender, a balance of those students requiring additional support, information provided by the child and parents, friendships (that do not interfere with learning) and other factors.

If you feel that you have important supplemental information pertaining to your child's specific learning needs that would assist us in placing your child, please complete the attached form.

The school organization created may change depending on the number of students who actually arrive at school in September. As such, classes set are **tentative** only and may change during the first month of school. In fact, in some cases, staffing may change with teachers transferring in and out of Selkirk.

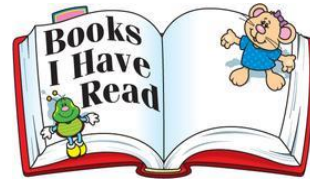
In all cases, requests for a specific teacher are not appropriate and will not be addressed. Please focus on describing your child's learning needs and situations which staff need to know that may affect class placement.

LIBRARY

Overdue Books

The library needs your help. There are currently about 1,000 books circulating in homes and classrooms (not including textbooks). This represents about \$15,000 worth of books that need to come back to the library in the next week.

Please look high and low at home for these books. If you believe that you have returned books that are still on your account, come and see Mme Astrid in the library so we can hunt for them on the shelves. If you have lost a book, invoices will go out this week. Thanks for your help in returning these books!



We have new and exciting plans for the library next year...but first, we need to clean-up and reorganize. Astrid is looking for parents/guardians interested in helping out with this first step in the library's transformation. You are invited join the clean-up party on **June 26th anytime after 9 AM**. We will be putting together furniture, moving books, wiping off shelves, and setting up newly purchased items for the new space. **Thank you** to the PAC for supporting this budding project. RSVP to agodin@vsb.bc.ca.

Stay tuned for a **fresh new look** early next school year.

LE LITMAG

From the editor's desk

We are very excited to announce the launch of our very first Selkirk literary magazine. Intermediate students were given the opportunity to submit written work for inclusion in this first version of our magazine. Beautifully printed copies have been distributed for classes to peruse in their own time. Please have a read at the work of our amazing students and help us build excitement in other blossoming writers. Summer vacation offers many opportunities to be inspired. We look forward to our next round of submissions in the fall for a publishing date of December 2018.

SELKIRK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our garden is in full bloom with winter greens, peas, herbs and squash. Students from division 8, 25, 26, and 29 have enjoyed nurturing their seedlings to blossoming vegetables. We are currently set to enjoy our harvest party on June 13th, where students will taste the *vegetables of their labour*. With Selkirk's Community Garden in its first year, we're looking to next year with more beds, storage for our tools, a pollinator garden and a

First Nations garden. Over the summer months, Out of School Care will be watering the garden, however, feel free to take a peak and pluck a few vegetables if they are ready to be harvested. Selkirk is thankful for everyone involved in making our garden happen, such as: Nikoo our wonderful garden educator, Russ and his team at Tupper Secondary for building the beds, TEGS for the grant, as well as the PAC for supporting the Selkirk Community School Garden. Accordingly, we'd like to thank teachers and students involved in the planning and care of our garden. Here is to next year's harvest!



SCHOOL GROUNDS OVER THE SUMMER

With summer fast approaching, it is important to keep a close eye on our school grounds. We would appreciate a community approach to keeping our grounds clean and tidy. If you notice any suspicious behaviour, please call the non-emergency line at (604) 717-3321. Alternatively, if you notice potentially dangerous behavior, call 911 directly. With traffic concerns, we would ask that you call 311 directly, or use the City of Vancouver app that allows you to submit any concerns.

GEERING UP

UBC's Geering Up Program is excited to be offering two camps at Selkirk Elementary from July 30 – August 3. There are two camps, one for students in Grades 2-3 and another one for students in grades 4-5, both will run from 9:00AM – 2:30PM in the Main Building at Selkirk. Both programs will be bringing interactive, hands on, science and engineering activities, as they explore physics, chemistry, biology, technology, engineering and more in a fun and accessible setting. The program

is run by passionate STEM students; delivering demos, design challenges, and hands-on activities. There are limited spaces so get your forms in today. If you have any questions how registering for the program, please contact Vanessa Mani, at ymani@vsb.bc.ca.

SELKIRK PAC

Final PAC General Meeting of 2017-2018.

Join us for the last PAC General Meeting on **Wednesday June 27th - 5:30pm start!** It's our annual end of the year Picnic and Dance Party. Bring a picnic dinner for your family (or buy a hot dog or taco from our vendor). Join us to reflect on all our amazing accomplishments this year, and be part of the discussion and decisions for 2018-19.

Do you have questions? Comments? We would love to be in touch with you. You can be in touch with your PAC Executive by email:

lordselkirkpac@gmail.com.

Connect with us on Facebook:

<https://m.facebook.com/selkirkpac>.

Or visit our beautiful new website:

<http://selkirkelementary.com>

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK A HUGE SUCCESS



Bike to School Week 2018 was a great success!

We had a total of 125 riders and 503 trips.

Division 25 was the 2018 champions with a total of 64 rides for the week - up from last years winners who had only 39 rides total. Congratulations and enjoy the pancake breakfast!

We even had many staff who biked in every day, including the vice principal who cycles year round.

Every bike rack was full and students had to lock their bikes to poles and railings.

Thank you to all the parents who helped volunteer to make this an awesome year. Thank you to Max Birch who has been the head of the Safe Travel Planning Team.



SELKIRK SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL FEES FOR 2018-2019

2018-2019 School Calendar

Schools are required to publish their school calendars by May 31st of the previous year. Please find the 2018-2019 school calendar on a separate page that will be going home with this newsletter. It will also be available on-line on the school website.

We encourage parents to frequently check the school website for information about upcoming and current events. The website is updated regularly and is a great way to see what's happening at the school.

2018-2019 School Fees Outline

Please find the general outline of school fees for 2018-2019 on the back of the school calendar.

Both these items have been shared with the PAC.

ONGOING PAC FUNDRAISING

Here are two great fundraising activities that you can take part in over the summer to help Selkirk PAC raise funds for the school.

Mabel's Labels

Summer camps are around the corner. Prepare ahead so your kid(s) don't lose their stuff! Mabel's Labels has new Sleepaway and Day Camp Label Packs now available.

To order your labels through this fundraiser, go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC. Keeping stuff organized one item at a time!



SPUD Fundraiser

The Organic Roasting Vegetable produce box is a great option for creating a delicious dinner. Each month, our fundraising efforts with SPUD.ca (25% from 8 different organic produce boxes) grows. To get started... go to SPUD.ca, select SPUD fundraising under the main menu tab, add a produce box to your order, enter FUNDRAISING in the promo code box and select Selkirk Elementary. For more information, go to the Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC Facebook page, or <http://www.selkirkelementary.com/> fundraiser page. We appreciate your support!



Summer Camp Programs -- Trout Lake

Looking for something to do with your children during the summer months? Please find information from Trout Lake regarding their Brick Animation and Robotics summer camps.

