

# ÉCOLE LORD SELKIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## THE CEDARS' BARK- March 2017

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Only one more sleep until Spring Break. What a wonderful term it has been at Lord Selkirk School. There have been many great activities this term both in and out of the classroom -presentations on stopping bullying for Pink Day, writing on heroes, technology presentations on the human body, cedar bracelet weaving, 100 day projects, basketball team success, and many more activities and educational excursions.

As we move into Spring on March 20th, I think about growth. One of our goals as educators is to promote student growth in the areas of academics, athletics, social/emotional learning and the arts. Just as the tulips require watering and sunlight to fully bloom, our students need nurturing, patience, and to be taught and guided. Carol Dweck (2006), teaches us about growth and success in relation to mindsets. As parents and educators we want to encourage students to develop a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset. In a fixed mindset, students desire to be smart in every situation and question "will I succeed or fail?" or "will I look smart or dumb?" In a growth mindset, students want to take risks and learn and they question, "will this allow me to grow?" or "will this help me overcome my challenges?" Often in a fixed mindset, students have trouble and/or ignore constructive criticism; whereas in a growth mindset, we learn from criticism to further improve. As report cards are received, this is a wonderful opportunity to work with the children to help them develop a growth mindset. Rather than looking at the report card as a static indicator of ability, help your child to question what growth they had since last term, and what they can learn from to help them do better after Spring Break.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Lord Selkirk Elementary for all their amazing work with our kids. The children here are truly well supported. Thank you to the wonderful parent community for their support of all the programs here at Selkirk and for being positive partners in education. It is by working together that we have the greatest impact on the children.

I would also like to wish Mme Aimee, and Mme St-Onge well as they go on maternity leave and to Mr. Ben Lucet as he takes on a new position.

Have a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break. We will see you on Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> for the first day back.

Sincerely,

Mme Burton

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 13 - 24	Spring Break
Monday April 3	Non Instructional Day - No School for students
Monday April 10	PAC Meeting
Monday April 17	Easter Monday
Tuesday April 21	Spirit Day-Earth Day
Monday April 24	Class Photos
Friday April 14	Good Friday
Wed. April 19	Ready Set Learn
Monday May 22	Victoria Day

## READY SET LEARN

Calling all three to four year olds!!! Ready Set Learn will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Trout Lake. Please see flyer attached.

## KNITTING CLUB

We are excited to get the Selkirk Knitting Club up and running after March Break!

Grade 1's will work on Finger Knitting and Knitting Nancy's in SW 203 on Mondays, beginning April 10th. Experienced knitters will meet on Mondays in SW 206, beginning April 10th. Beginner knitters will meet in the library on Wednesdays, beginning April 5th. All sessions will take place at 12:20 pm.

Thank you to those who have kindly donated knitting needles and yarn. Donations can be dropped off in the box located under the PAC mailbox. If you would like to donate knitting needles, sizes ranging from 4.0 to 6.0 would be best as they are easiest to learn with. We are also looking for Knitting Nancys (spool knitting tools).

Parents, if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Stephanie Wigod at [swigod@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:swigod@vsb.bc.ca).

Just a reminder that this is not a drop-in program--it is important for students to come regularly, so they can build on their skills.

We had over 100 students come to sign up! This is exciting!! We ask for your patience with us while we get our Selkirk Knitting Club up and running.



Mme Wendy  
Mme Stephanie W.  
Mme Rama  
Mme Rebecca  
Mme Stephanie C.

## ADOPT A SCHOOLYARD TERM 2 WINNERS

It has been amazing to see such an improvement on our school yard. The amount of litter has been **DRASTICALLY** reduced. This is thanks to **YOUR** care for our place.

Term two winners for the cleanest area of our school yard are quadrant 6 and quadrant 7. The classes responsible for the amazing maintenance of these areas are Division 9 and Division 23, and Division 4 and Division 11.

They will get a pancake breakfast the week after Spring Break on **FRIDAY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>** at 9:00 am.

Thank you for continued help to keep Selkirk Pride.



## SELKIRK CHESS INVITATIONAL

We are pleased to announce our fifth annual invitational chess tournament. The Lord Selkirk Chess Club will be having a fun tournament with our neighbor school, Charles Dickens Elementary, on April 3rd. It's a non instructional day anyway, so if your son or daughter has been coming to chess club on Thursdays at lunch hour, why not see if they would like to attend. And we can always use some extra help; so parents please feel free to come by to assist or just to see your child play. Please see attached flyer.

LORD SELKIRK  
ELEMENTARY  
vs.  
CHARLES DICKENS  
ELEMENTARY

LUNCH INCLUDED  
REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS 9:00 AM TO  
3:00 PM LORD SELKIRK GYM



## SELKIRK PAC

### SPUD Fundraiser

The SPUD fundraiser has a new Rewards Program for top supporter of the month! Each month, the person who has generated the most donation \$ (SPUD donates 25% back from 8 different organic product boxes) earns a \$20 credit on their SPUD account.

To get started... go to SPUD.ca and under the main menu tab select SPUD fundraising. 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.

Your support is greatly appreciated - we have raised over \$280 so far with organic & local groceries delivered to you!

### Selkirk Constitution

Reminder that the PAC Constitution is getting an update and we need your feedback! This document governs the way that the Selkirk PAC is organized and run, and is relevant to all Selkirk Adults who have a child enrolled at Lord Selkirk Elementary. Are we on the right track with the sections and wording? Please visit the Selkirk PAC website to review the latest draft: <http://selkirkelementary.com/pac-constitution/> and email comments and/or suggestions to Holly Hergesheimer: [holly.hergesheimer@gmail.com](mailto:holly.hergesheimer@gmail.com)

## QUEBEC FUNDRAISING



From the Grade 7 Parent Team:  
**Purdy's Fundraiser**

You're invited to participate in our Easter 2017 Fundraiser Campaign!

The French Immersion Quebec Exchange is fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier, just in time for Easter! If you'd like to support us through purchasing some Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please follow the link below:

<https://www.purdysgpp.com/join/34817>

After you've signed in you can buy chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you...Allison Newton  
([snewtdog@gmail.com](mailto:snewtdog@gmail.com))

### **Popcorn Sales**

Popcorn Sales will continue on Fridays. **Sales will start at 12:30 and all students must eat lunch before purchasing popcorn.**



Sale dates are:  
March 31  
Apr 7, 21, 28  
May 5, 12, 19

### **SELKIRK FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

We had our first movie night on February 23rd and we had a great turnout. Over 200 students and their families joined us for popcorn and a movie!

Extra thanks goes out to those parents who stayed behind and helped with stacking chairs and tidying up the gym. We really appreciate it!

Stay tuned for our next movie night, sometime in April.

Have a wonderful Spring break!

### **VSB 2017-2018 CALENDAR**

The final approved for 2017-18 is attached here, and the link to the full report is below.

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/VSBSchoolCalendar2017-2018d.pdf>

## **SAFE ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANNING**

As the weather improves please have your child walk or wheel to and from school if possible.

Research is consistently showing that this has a positive effect on the mental and physical health of school children. If you must drive please leave early enough to Drive to 5, park a block or two from school and walk the last five minutes. It is a great way to prepare for or decompress from the school day.

There are good parking options near Rona on Kingsway and at Trout Lake Community Center. Walking time from both is under 5 minutes.

We remind parents that there is no parking on our adjacent streets during school hours. If there is no option but to stop and drop on the school boundary please use 22nd Avenue only, coming in from the West and leaving towards the East and Victoria Drive.

Please be aware that this section is undergoing some changes and Parking/ Stopping has become more complex as a result. The city is in the process of installing a crosswalk and have altered a stretch of curb from no parking to no stopping in recent weeks to facilitate this. Please observe all current city parking signage as vehicles have and will continue to be ticketed if these are contravened. Please be aware that there is a No Idle Bylaw in effect also. We ask that you refrain from using Miller or Welwyn St at all for drop off and pick up. Please do not turn in the road or use any entrance to the school to perform a U turn or stop and drop. Thanks.



## BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Bike to School Week is coming - May 29th to June 2nd. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the Celebration Stations during the week. Approximately 45 minutes help needed each of the five mornings. Contact Max Birch: birchmax@gmail.com



## SELKIRK SPORTS CENTRAL

**Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team** who had a fantastic season. They worked incredibly hard, and were such an enthusiastic group that they chose to keep practicing even after their official season had ended! We hope that all of the girls will come back out for the team next year (and bring some friends, too!). Way to go, girls! See you next season! Ms. Kernohan, Ms. Gee, and Mme. Trachtenberg

**Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball Team** for a great season. They advanced to the Elite 8 City Basketball Playoffs before getting eliminated from the Final 4. Thanks to the boys for representing our school: Miguel, Atif, Mark, Dillon, Calvin, Gabe, Matthew, Tobias, Nathan and Carlo.

**The Grade 7 Sr. Girls Basketball team had a successful season**, finishing in the final 4 teams at the city championships. The girls displayed great teamwork and had amazing chemistry. The team learned to play excellent defense and were able to win 3 consecutive thrilling playoff games over Thunderbird, Britannia and Lord Nelson. These grade 7 girls had fun developing their basketball skills and

were committed to improving. They practiced several times each week over the 3 month season. Their determination and hard work was rewarded with one of the best ever results for a Selkirk basketball team in recent history. A top 4 city-wide final placement is an impressive accomplishment in a league that consisted of approximately 60 teams. Thank you for representing our school so well.



## Summer School 2017

Please note that the 2017 Summer School Program Registration begins on Friday, May 5, 2017. If you would like further information please click on the link via the Vancouver School Board.

<https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>