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THE CEDARS' BARK- May 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day Weekend. I would like to talk about the concept of community in this newsletter. Community is simply defined as a small or large group of people having something in common. We know however, that community means so much more than that. We are all fortunate to be part of a large diverse community here at Lord Selkirk. We have people from various cultural heritages, different sexual and gender identities, varying socio-economic backgrounds, diverse daily living situations and so much more. We respect, value and appreciate the diversity that embodies the people in the community of Lord Selkirk School. It is not only our diversity, but our strong common drive and mission which joins us together. We come together on a very strong common goal to work together to create a school where learners are at the center, where learning, teaching and experiencing is a rich, thoughtful and significant experience.

Last week I had the pleasure to be part of the wonderful "Selkirk Multicultural Dinner" that took place in our school gym. Led by our grade 4 leaders, families plotted their cultural heritage on a map, connecting by sharing stories about their heritage. Diverse families ate delicious home-made food together. Some old friends reconnected and many new friends were made. Thank you to Beverly Walker for her commitment to making this event happen this year again. I can say without a doubt it was a very special night for many.

You can help build our community by coming and taking part in events, and encouraging your children to be open and respectful to all students in the community. We have a big mission to accomplish and can only do that when we work together. It will not always be smooth but it is in those challenging times if we maintain respectful and open mindedness we will be able to achieve great things.

I hope to see you soon. As always, my door is open if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mme Burton

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, May 19	Sports Day – 2 pm dismissal
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day – No School
Wed., May 24	Welcome to K-for FI families enrolled for next year
Thurs., May 25	Welcome to K-for English families enrolled for next year
Thurs., June 1 st	Volunteer Appreciation Tea 2:00-3:30
Friday, June 2 nd	Staff Appreciation Lunch
Friday, June 9 th	Class Placement Requests Due to office
Wed., June 14 th -16 th	Grade 5 Camp Elphinstone
Friday, June 16 th	Grade 7 Grad
Friday, June 16 th	PAC BBQ/AGM

SPORTS DAY-MAY 19th-2:00 DISMISSAL

Sports Day – Friday May 19th

Sports day is coming up Friday, May 19th. Please note the following:

Students will be dismissed early this day at 2:00 p.m.

- Sports day is “rain or shine”. Please ensure your child is prepared for the weather. Given the current weather forecast, children are encouraged to wear sunscreen, a hat and bring a water bottle.
- Primary students hold their events at nearby Brewers Park; Intermediate students remain on the main school grounds.
- Students report to their classes as usual at 9 a.m. for attendance and then will go with their teacher to their events.
- Family members are invited and encouraged to join in the fun and watch their kids. We would ask, however, that family pets stay at home.

- The lunch program will proceed as usual. **Students *not* on the program will need to bring their own lunch from home.**



FIRST NATIONS CARVER JAMES HARRY HAS STARTED THE SPINDLE WHORL

We are excited to announce that James Harry, First Nations Carver, has started working with students from Selkirk to carve a Spindle Whorl for the Canada 150 plus celebration. We received financing from PAC and through a VSB grant. He will be working in the Harry Potter Room in the library so please come by and say hi and find out about the process and history of carving.



SELKIRK SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL FEES FOR 2017-2018

2017-2018 School Calendar

Schools are required to publish their school calendars by May 31st of the previous year. Please find the 2017-2018 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.

2017-2018 School Fees Outline

Please find the general outline of school fees for 2017-2018 on the back of the new school calendar.

Both these items have been shared with the PAC.

CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS

In mid to late June, teachers will be putting together tentative classes for next year. 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, classroom 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 speak to your child's current teacher.** It is primarily the classroom teacher in collaboration with colleagues that will be placing your child into this tentative organization. You are also encouraged to formalize your input, using a form available in the office that Ms Burton will take, summarize, and then pass on to the teachers concerned. **All forms must be received before June 9th to be considered.**

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. Consequently, we cannot be sure of how the

grade levels will be organized, nor can we know for sure which teachers will be teaching each class. 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.

WELCOME TO KINDEGARTEN

Help get your child excited about starting school and ready for Kindergarten! Join us for a "Welcome to Kindergarten" orientation and learn about family activities that will help your child be ready for school. You and your child are invited to Lord Selkirk School on **Wednesday, May 24th, 11:00 am -12:00 p.m., in the gym for FRENCH families** and on **Thursday, May 25th, 1:15-2:45 p.m., in Room 105SW for ENGLISH program** (translators available).

School staff and community partners will share fun activities you can do at home with your child.

You will receive a "Welcome to Kindergarten" bag with magnetic letters, books, crayons, scissors, paper, glue, playdough, and more!

This event is FREE, but please register by calling 604-713-4650.



VOLUNTEERS WE THANK YOU- PLEASE COME TO THE VOLUNTEER TEA ON JUNE 1st.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration June 1st

On June 1st from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm we will be holding a parent and community "Volunteer Appreciation Celebration" event in our School Library. There will be snacks and beverages as well as some entertainment from some of our students. Child Minding is also provided. If you volunteered and for some reason did not receive an invitation, please come and join us on June 1st.

Please RSVP to Vanessa Mani



vmani@vsb.bc.ca

SPORTS CENTRAL

Selkirk sweeps at Badminton Finals

Once again the Badminton Finals performance by our Selkirk team is off the charts! Our players showed tremendous poise and displayed a quiet confidence in a (87 wins - 2 losses) record in the finals tournament at Charles Tupper. The Selkirk players won the blue ribbon in all eleven divisions at the tourney.

This small group of players had to endure February school tryouts which saw nearly 100 players coming out for the team. They have been practising 3x per week the past few months, with most being in the gym every recess and lunch when it was available.

A definite highlight of the tourney was when a boy from another school was pre-match boasting that he was undefeated and would beat any girl. Until he met Florence from Selkirk, who was extra motivated by his attitude. After a final score of 21-2, he may

have a different outlook on girls in sports. Our player never said a word, but the hidden smile would only be recognized by those who know her best.

This years team was coached by Gladstone grade 9's Valentina and Camille who were there every game day. Thanks to Mr. J and Mr. Ee for sponsoring the team and to Ms. U and Ms. Ee (Isabella's and Talia's moms) for getting the kids to the venues.

SELKIRK PAC

PAC News

A huge thank you to all the Selkirk families who came out to enjoy the annual Multicultural Dinner on May 10. Over 140 Selkirkians shared an international meal while being serenaded by the Selkirk Band.

Congrats to the Grade 4 Leadership Team for hosting a cultural mapping activity, the Gladstone volunteers for staffing the event and all of you who found the time to come and share a meal together.



Final PAC General Meeting of 2016-17

Join us for the last PAC General Meeting on **Friday June 16 - 5:00pm 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 from our vendor). Join us to reflect on all our amazing accomplishments this year,

and be part of the discussion and decisions for 2017-18.

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]lordselkirkpac@gmail.com

Connect with us on Facebook
<https://m.facebook.com/selkirkpac>
Or visit our beautiful new website
<http://selkirkelementary.com/>

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Friday June 2nd is our annual Staff Appreciation Lunch!

Roll up those sleeves and pop something on a platter for our hardworking staff to share, go on, spoil them!

Please drop off by 10:30 to the staff room by the office and our organisational pros (read: PAC) will handle the rest! Serving utensils are helpful too. If you have time to lend a hand with clean up from 1-2 pm we'd sure love that too. Every year the staff are so thankful for the lunch, because food=love!

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Bike to School Week 2017 is riding into town...

Lord Selkirk Elementary has registered to take part in Bike to School Week 2017 which will take place from May 29th to June 2nd, 2017.

Bike to School Week is a free, fun, week-long celebration for children of all ages and abilities. It is designed to encourage a more active way to get to school whilst at the same time teaching kids to be more independently mobile and confident in their urban environment.

As usual we will be registering everyone who managed to ride, wheel or walk into school in order to win prizes for best participation. As an added bonus this year the two classes with the highest attendance will be treated to a slap up

pancake breakfast prepared by Ms. Burton and Mr. Peeters. So dust off your bike, pump up your tires, oil your chain and join us for a fun filled active week biking to school. More information at bikehub.ca/btsw



LATE RETURN SEPTEMBER 2017

Late Return to School for September 2017

If your child will be returning to school late in September (after September 6th), 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.

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

GRADE 7 FI FUNDRAISING

Freezie Fridays

Spring has arrived (we hope!) This means that the Grade 7 QX 17 students will be switching over from Popcorn Fridays to Freezie Fridays. Starting Friday, April 21st and every Friday after that at 3:00pm in the the schoolyard (Welwyn side.) Freezies for \$1! Please bring your loonie and help support their grade 7 trip fundraising.



PAC FUNDRAISING

Here are two great fundraising activities that you can take part in 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!