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THE CEDARS' BARK- June 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Here we are.... in the last three weeks of the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you all for being a part of the amazing community known as Selkirk School. Looking back on the great things that have been accomplished this year, it is hard to believe they occurred within the span of only 10 months.

We had phenomenal progress with regards to our school goal: 85 percent of all students are meeting expectations to exceeding expectations for Oral Language. This is excellent progress. We had so much learning take place, from learning how to read and write to learning how to code computer programs and solve pre-calculus problems. Students at Selkirk demonstrated their athletic abilities, musical talent and overall well roundedness throughout the year. In addition, students at Selkirk this year made huge strides in beginning to find ways to self-regulate at recess and lunch rather than just play on their phones or gaming devices. Students formed relationships and learned ways to engage in creative positive play outside. I am happy to announce that we have wrapped up our Oral Language Goal and for the next three years we will be focusing on Social Emotional Learning. This includes self-awareness, social awareness, responsible decision making, self-management and relationship skills.

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 to see you soon. 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

Wed, June 14 th -16 th	Grade 5 Camp Elphinstone
Thurs June 15th	Class Placement Forms due - extended date
Fri, June 16 th	Grade 7 Grad 12:30-3:30
Fri, June 16 th	PAC BBQ/AGM 5:00
Thurs, June 22 nd	Chess Party 11:30-1:30
Tues, June 27 th	Pancake Breakfast 9:00 for Division 26F, 27F, 19F and 20F
Wed, June 28 th	Primary Year End Assembly 9:15am
Wed, June 28 th	Intermediate Year End Assembly 11:00am
Wed, June 29 th	Last Day-reports home
Tues, Sept 5 th	First Day of School 9am- 10am

LATE RETURN SEPTEMBER 2017

If your child will be returning to school late in September (after September 5th), 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 5th 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.

LIBRARY NEWS



The library needs your help. There are currently 1500 books circulating in homes and classrooms. This represents about \$3000 worth of books that need to come back to the library in the next 2 weeks.

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 Teresa in the library. If you have lost a book, invoices go out this week. Thanks for your help in returning these books!

FIRST NATIONS CARVER JAMES HARRY'S WORK WITH SELKIRK A SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

We are excited to announce that James Harry, First Nations Carver, has finished the carving for our school. He worked with students to brainstorm and create a design that was reflective of our school community. Students decided to go with the Trout and Cedars. Classes got to take part in a cultural sharing during the carving and be involved in the process. It was an amazing experience for the whole school. The carving will be shared at Canada 150 Plus July 26-30th. We will have a special ceremony and raising of the Spindle Whorl in the fall.

Here is the amazing finished piece.



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:

Mr. Peeters- Vice Principal
Mme Melissa –grade K FI
Mme Erica- grade 6/7 FI
Ms. Yuen-grade 7
Mr. Sherman Wong – EA
Ms. Rudland – Literacy Teacher
Ms Tran- grade 1 (job share with Ms. Zaitsoff)
Mme Coit- grade 1 (here for Erin Bell)
Mme Stephanie Wigod- grade 2 (here for Adina Marin)
Mme LaMonde–grade 5/6 (here for Mme Michel)
Mr. Thibault- grade 4/5 (here for Mme St. Onge)
Mme Madison- grade 4 (here for Mme Coodin)
Mme. Bernabe/Mme McNair-grade k (here for Mme Aimee)
Ms. Young –grade 6 (here for Ms. Kushniruk)
Ms. Giovanna- OAA (here for Karen Scott)



SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2017 2018

Please find our temporary organization for 2017-2018. This is very fluid and may change depending on numbers or staffing changes.

ENGLISH

Grade 7: Mrs. M. Smeeth/ job share posting
Grade 6/7: Mrs. S. Kushniruk
Grade 6: Mr. P. Nickel
Grade 5/6: Mr. C. Hoffin
Grade 5: Mr. K. O'Neill
Grade 4/5: Ms. H. Ravenal
Grade 4: Ms. K. Mazzone
Grade 3: Ms. N. Yap/Ms. R. Hibbert
Grade 3: Ms. M. Smith
Grade 2: Ms. R. LeMaire
Grade 2: Ms. M. Reibin
Grade 1/2: Ms. K. Lam
Grade 1: Ms. S. Zaitsoff/Ms. Gee
Grade 1: Ms. C. Asai
Grade KF: Ms. D. Bain
Grade KF: Ms. A. Tooshkenig

FRENCH

Grade 6/7: Mme. C. Ramamonjisoa
Grade 6/7: Mr. A. Chou
Grade 5/6: Mme. M. Michel
Grade 5: Mme. C. St-Onge-new teacher until March
Grade 4: Mme. K. Houle
Grade 3/4: Mme. W. Zwaagstra
Grade 3/4: Mr. S. Audet
Grade 2/3: TBA
Grade 2: Mme. R. Balde/Mms. H. Hodson
Grade 2: Mme. R. Balde/Mme. S. Arnold
Grade 1: Mme. R. Kargut
Grade 1: Mme. A. Williams- new teacher until March
Grade KF: Mme. E. Bell

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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERNS

It has been brought to our attention by neighbours that on late nights and weekends there has been suspicious activity happening on Selkirk School grounds. We take these concerns seriously and have alerted the Vancouver Police Department as well as the Vancouver School Board.

If anyone notices activity after 10 pm on school property, please call the police. Please remind your neighbours this is the protocol.

The VPD is doing increased surveillance and the VSB security patrol has increased on the evenings and weekends for the next few weeks.

School staff and the engineers are exercising due diligence to check school grounds during morning supervision sweeps.

Please contact Ms. Burton if you have any other pieces of information or concerns.



FRENCH IMMERSION UPDATE

Please find below the link to the report from the Vancouver School Board on the challenges facing the French immersion program. This report is very important as it shares the challenges as well as the actions being taken to try to overcome them. Please let me know if you have any questions.

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/17May31_op_commlil_item2.pdf

SPORTS CENTRAL

Congratulations to the Grade 6 and 7 Ultimate Teams for a great season and for representing Selkirk in the VSB Tournament. Even with the challenging weather conditions this spring, the players played hard and competed. Well done, Selkirk! Thanks to Mr. Ee and Ms Young for coaching our young athletes.

Our Senior Girls Volleyball Team went to the Children's hospital last week with Mr. Johnston and presented them with a cheque for \$175 from the money they raised from the paper airplane contest. Thank you to Mr. J and the girls for making a difference in the community. Well done Team!!!

SELKIRK PAC

PAC News

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 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 2017 was a huge success.

ONGOING 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!



We had a total of 122 riders and 407 trips. Division 26F and 27F for Primary and Division 19F and 20F for Intermediate were the champions of the week.

We even had many staff who biked in every day, including our principal and vice principal. Every bike rack was full and students had to lock their bikes to poles and railings.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help make this an awesome event. Thank you to Max Birch who has been the head of the Safe Travel Planning Team.



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.