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THE CEDARS' BARK- February 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have officially passed the mid-way point of the school year. Students and staff are already beginning to work on areas of growth as communicated in our Mid-Term Progress Report. The Conferences have been changed to March 14th and 15th. EARLY DISMISSAL IS NO LONGER FEBRUARY 28th and MARCH 1st. These are an important time to share in the success that students have experienced this term. It is a time to give credit for their accomplishments, no matter how big or small. It is also a time to set goals for the remainder of term two. This leaves a lot of time for students to work hard towards their goals before then. This mid way check in point is important for parents to attend in order so they can better know how to support their children's learning at home. Parents can help ensure students are actively engaged in their daily schoolwork and using deep thinking strategies when they come across problems. Encourage them to go further and develop grit (as I spoken about in previous newsletters). This resiliency towards problem solving is critical for their success in adulthood.

On February 28th, we celebrate PINK day where we come together to promote kindness, acceptance and appreciation of diversity. Promoting these key values is an essential part of teaching, both at home and at school. Many of our difficulties are often created from the feeling that we're separate and somehow different from everyone else and feel alienated due to these differences. Part of our job is helping students see that we are ALL similar and different in various ways. It is our differences that make our community vibrant and strong. We accept people regardless of race, language, ability, appearance, religion, or cultural affiliation. Selkirk School and The Vancouver School District prides itself on the inclusive approach to education where diversity is celebrated and equality and mutual respect is promoted. I encourage you to help your child see ways they can show kindness and respect to everyone.

The rest of the newsletter has important information about what is happening at Selkirk this and next month. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you around the school. As always, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Mme Burton

IMPORTANT DATES

February 12	Family Day
February 14	Valentines Day
February 16	Lunar New Year
February 16	Selkirk Royale 7pm-11pm- no minors
February 19	Professional Day-No School
February 27	Roots and Shoots Whole School Field Trip to UBC Chan Center
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 28	Pink Day Assemblies
March 14/15	Early Dismissal 2 pm Conferences
March 16	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 19 - April 2	Spring Break
April 3	School Re-opens

PINK DAY- FEB 28th 2018

We are looking forward to hosting Pink Shirt Day Assemblies for both our primary and intermediate classrooms to talk about kindness, acceptance and anti-bullying. There are a number of books about families available at your school and local library to support your child's learning at home.

Pink Day started as a result of an amazing act of freidndhsip by a group of students in Nova Scotia in 2007. We are encouraging all students to wear a pink shirt or something Pink on February 28th to stand together against bullying and all forms of discrimination. Help us celebrate Selkirk diversity and acceptance.

There are several actions you as a parent can take, at home and at school, to help your child feel more connected to his or her school, including:

- Encourage your child to talk openly with your teachers, counselors, and other school staff about his/her ideas, needs and worries.
- Attend school meetings, read information that the school sends home to you and talk to teachers and staff. Find out what your child is expected to learn and how they

should behave in school, and support these expectations at home.

- Help your child with homework and teach him/her about good time management techniques.
- Encourage your child to participate in school activities. Keep informed of these by reading school newsletters, attending parent meetings, checking out the school website, etc.
- Get your child involved in helping other adults – at home, school or in the community. Volunteering is a great way to do this.
- Attend term meetings with your child's teacher to discuss his/her behaviour, accomplishments, challenges, etc.
- Get involved as a parent in various school activities, committees or working groups.

These are only a few ways that you as a parent can get involved. Talk to other parents or those in your school community about what you can do to help support or create a positive school culture, so your child is more connected and supported at school.

10 Tips for Parents that Foster Connections to School

1. Model respectful, cooperative, positive behaviour in your everyday interactions.
2. Participate in school events.
3. Show interest. Be involved in your child's academic activities.
4. Maintain regular contact with your child's teacher.
5. Monitor your child's homework completion and work with him/her on homework assignments that involve family participation.
6. Be present when things go wrong.
7. Know your child's friends and their parents.
8. Ask school leaders what you can do to support them.
9. Volunteer at school.

10. Nominate effective school leaders for local awards.

If you have any questions about this topic, please do not hesitate to speak with Shannon Burton, Selkirk School Principal.



SELKIRK PAC

Hello from your PAC Executive + Members at Large!

Have questions? Comments? We'd love to be in touch with you. Please connect with us via the options listed below, or stop to talk in the school yard. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

- Check our website: <http://selkirkelementary.com>
- You can like us on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest Selkirk

Events: <https://www.facebook.com/selkirkpac>

- Sign Up for our

eNews: <http://selkirkelementary.com/enews-sign-up/>

- Or send us an email: lordselkirkpac@gmail.com

7th Annual Selkirk Royale

Selkirk Royale 2018 is almost here, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate with you on Friday Feb. 16!

If you don't have your tickets yet, here is your chance to buy tickets at the advance price of only \$12.50. Click the link below to be connected to our online ticket store:

<https://squareup.com/store/LordSelkirkPAC/>

In addition to supporting our students by enjoying dancing, gambling, and bidding generously at our silent auction you can share an hour of your time at one of our volunteer positions. Here is the link to the google document to invite you and your favourite Selkirkians to sign up for shifts at Selkirk Royale.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12BaOx3PJ2U4hO3zdfbM3i62Vytje49h1BntPrL-idLs/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have trouble with the Google Document, please contact Anna King at annaelectric@gmail.com for assistance.

On Friday, I'll be at the admission table, and the photo booth, and the fabulous silent auction ... See you then!

Kind Regards,

Beverly Walker
2018 Selkirk Royale Committee Chair on behalf of Anna, Roberta, Andrea, Vanessa, Tracey, Shari, Michelle, Conrad, and Jenny :)



SPUD Fundraiser

Did you know that Spud.ca offers more than just groceries and produce boxes. While the produce boxes support Selkirk fundraising with 25% donated back to our school, you can also order:

- prepared meals and meal kits
- household products
- pet food and supplies
- hair and skin care
- fresh juices
- local meat and meat alternatives
- fresh baked goods
- nut-free snacks for school
- weekly office fruit boxes

Get started today at [SPUD.ca/fundraising](https://spud.ca/fundraising). Enter the code FUNDRAISING at checkout, select Selkirk Elementary from the drop-down list, complete your order, and your groceries will be on their way.



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Message from DPAC

The VSB is currently undergoing a French Immersion Program Review. As part of the review process, DPAC has been asked to 1) send up to 5 interested parents to be part of the Working Group (contact secretary@vancouverdpac.org if interested) and 2) to ensure the representative we include on the Working Group can represent our diverse membership.

We have been asked to be inclusive of the array of perspectives within the VSB parent community. This means we want to hear from parents who are currently part of a French Immersion PAC and the diverse reasons they chose to be there. We also want to hear from members of non-French Immersion PACs, especially from those members whose children left or were denied entry to the FI program or have strong feelings about choice programs and/or their impact on regular stream.

We have arranged an input session on Saturday, February 10th from 10am-noon for interested parents to discuss the attached meeting summary with the DPAC representatives on the Working Group. Realizing that this is not an ideal time for many, we would also love to receive written input ... ideally before the 10th, otherwise before the next Working Group meeting on February 15th.

QUEBEC FUNDRAISING

Division 17 have now returned from Quebec!-- Along with Mme. Cynthia, Mr. Dominic, Mme. Hennesey. The class is participating in the first part of the exchange, improving their fluency, confidence and responsibility. We feel lucky that Lord Selkirk values this special opportunity and are grateful for the hard work of those individuals that help make this happen. Our campaigns raise money for the costs of the exchange:

Thank you for your continued support of Division 17's **Friday Snack Sales**. Sales will continue each school Friday throughout spring - all snacks are \$1.00!

Coming later this month and running to March is the Spring Purdys chocolate campaign will pick up at the school in time for Easter - **keep an eye out for the FLYER coming home soon-**

This is an online campaign. Visit the group site: <https://www.purdysgpp.com>, log in with your

information from the winter campaign or set up a new account.

Customer number: 34817, click **Join Campaign "SELKIRK QUEBEC EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER - EASTER 2018"**.

We'll keep you updated on plans for a Bottle Drive and Spring Hanging Baskets sale for Mother's Day (YAAS) :)!

Happy Spring! Jen - d_j@telus.net

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are encouraging all students in grades 5-7 to be involved in some type of leadership. Whether this be as a lunch monitor, office monitor, peer helper, etc. Please come see Ms. Burton if you want more information about how your child can get involved.

Selkirk IS student leadership. Part of what makes Selkirk such an amazing place to be is the role that students play in the school. They are involved active citizens that work to help make a difference.

Participating in these activities helps the school community while working on developing strong leadership qualities.

We will be starting two more leadership opportunities – Crossing Guards and Peer Helpers.

Crossing Guard Training will be booked shortly. Permission forms will be going home this coming week. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with this. Please contact Ms. Burton if you are able to help out.

Peer Helper training will be in the upcoming weeks.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Scholastic Book Fair

The date for **Scholastic Book Fair** (French and English) **has changed**. The new date is set for the **week of March 12th** to coincide with parent-teacher conferences. We hope to see many of you. The schedule will be:

Monday March 12 & Tuesday March 13
8:30 AM - 9:00AM
3:00 PM - 4:00PM

Wednesday March 14 & Tuesday March 15
8:30 AM - 9:00AM
2:00 PM - 6:00PM

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this exciting literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels in both French and English. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to get more detailed information about these books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the BookTube page.

Parent Volunteers Needed

We're excited about sharing the joy of reading with our students. We invite you to participate in this year's Scholastic Book Fair by volunteering.

Please look out for an email with a link to a digital sign-up form or contact Mme. Astrid directly at agodin@vsb.bc.ca.



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCES

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call (604)713-5159 prior to 9 am. Please press # and then # you will then be prompted to provide the two-digit (76) extension for the student's school to access the school's voice mailbox for reporting an absence. **##-76-#**

If you send an email to your child's teacher directly to report your child absent, please ensure you copy the school secretary, Cristina Rei at crei@vsb.bc.ca.

STAFF PARKING LOT

Please avoid parking in the staff parking lot or using it to turn around. This is only for staff parking. Also, please remind your children not to walk through the parking lot as it is not safe.

HOT LUNCH

Just a reminder that **Selkirk Hot Lunch Program is a full pay program**. Menus may at times be going out late. For example, the month of April, because of Spring Break, menus will be sent home on or about April 4th. Students who are regularly on the lunch program will be fed lunch every day even though payments are not yet received.

If you require financial subsidy please contact Ms Burton sburton@vsb.bc.ca to discuss further as this approval needs to be done by administration.