

ÉCOLE LORD SELKIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE CEDARS' BARK- April 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now in the home stretch of the school year. It is hard to believe that we have had 8 months fly by. April is a time for planning for the next school year, while simultaneously learning and moving vigorously forward.

This newsletter contains key information for parents. First and foremost, if your status has changed for next year and now you are moving, or alternatively you would now like to stay, please let the office know right away. School organization and class casting are dependent on numbers. A change of one student can cause an entire shift in school organization.

We strive at Lord Selkirk to make social emotional learning an important part of school. At this point in the year, as students get prepared for the next grade, we encourage increased independence and responsibility. Students are expected to show increasing ability to make good decisions, and to take responsibility for their learning. We are beginning several new initiatives here at Lord Selkirk to help improve children's ability to navigate daily life. Grade 5 and 6 students will be trained by Ms Burton and the Changemakers Team as peer leaders and helpers. We are teaching students to learn how to problem solve and use kindness, open mindedness and critical thinking when dealing with conflict. This ability to navigate challenges is a life skill that will help students be successful across all environments.

At home you can encourage these things by giving your children small tasks and by talking about the processes they use to solve conflict and problems. This responsibility and reflection are important parts of learning.

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

Thursday April 12	Vision Screening
Friday April 20	Class / Team photos
Monday April 23	Pro D Day NO SCHOOL
Wed April 29	Earth Day Assembly / Twin Day
Monday April 30	Immunization clinic Gr.1 & 6
Wednesday May 2	BINGO NIGHT community out reach
Thursday May 3	Earthquake Drill
Thursday May 10	Multicultural Dinner 5-7pm
Thursday May 17	Sports Day
Friday May 18	District closure day NO SCHOOL
Monday May 20	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday May 29	Volunteer Appreciation Tea

SUMMER SCHOOL

2018 Summer School Program. Registration begins on Friday April 27, 2018. If you would like further information please click on the link via the Vancouver School Board.

Ms. Stephanie Wigod, grade 2 FI teacher, is teaching a knitting class at Eric Hamber during the summer.

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



SPORTS DAY

Sports day will be on Thursday, May 17th from 9am to 3pm. More information about this fun day to come in the May newsletter and from your child's teacher. We encourage parents to come join us for the fun.



ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

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.

The school is now operating a student lead Crossing Guard Scheme on 22nd at Commercial Street. This should increase the safety of all students and staff entering the school premises from 22nd.

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 between Welwyn and Commercial Street only, coming in from the West and leaving towards the East and Victoria Drive.

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 Commercial, Miller or Welwyn Streets 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. Under no circumstance are parents permitted to access the staff parking areas. 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. Attached is a map showing routes that allow for some Drive-2-5 options:

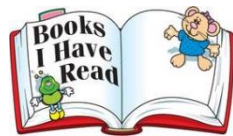
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to our MANY book fair volunteers and to all the students, families and teachers who visited the fair. The Scholastic Book Fair and Festival du Livre were both a great success! We totalled \$8,281.00 in sales which represents a healthy amount of Scholastic Credit Rewards and cash rewards.

Many thanks, We could not have done it without you.

See you again next year at the fall fair.

Kind regards,
Astrid



BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Bike to School Week is coming - May 28th to June 1st.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the Celebration Stations during the week. <https://bikehub.ca/bike-to-school/bike-to-school-week>.

This year all students will receive recognition for wheeling or walking to school.

Approximately 45 minutes help is needed each of the five mornings. Contact Max Birch: birchmax@gmail.com



B-I-N-G-O NIGHT

We will be holding our first BINGO night on Wednesday May 2, 2018 in the gym. This is a free event for the whole family! Doors will open at 5:30pm and games will start at 6:00pm. There will be juice boxes and popcorn for sale \$1.00 each.

If any families that have new items that can be donated for prizes, please contact Ms. Mani @ vmani@vsb.bc.ca or 604-713-4660.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



IMMUNIZATIONS

Reminder that the 2nd immunization clinic will be Monday April 30th. It will include primarily Kindergarten and Gr. 6 students. Any student not in those grades requiring shots will be sent a reminder. The health nurse will only be immunizing students for whom we've received consent forms checked "yes" beside the individual shots. Please return all consents, if you do not want your child to receive a shot check "no" next to the shots. If we don't have a complete immunization history for your child please attach a copy of it to the consent form. I will contact you and let you know if there are any outstanding shots your child requires based on the new information. If you have any questions please call.

Hang Chou – Public Health Nurse 604-872-2511 Ext. 3313



SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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 your child is going to be late or on vacation please contact the office via email.

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



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT UME ARCADE

In the winter term students were given the chance to explore design and computational thinking skills. In the link below you will be able to see the work of Div. 6,7 and 27F. More classes will take part in April. Thank you to PAC for funding this enhancement of the curriculum.

<https://ume.academy/arcade>

PAC NEWS

CLEAN FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISING

Clean for a Cause is here! Second Nature and Sapadilla Soap have partnered up to offer locally-made, eco-friendly, refillable, and amazing smelling cleaning products. Choose from concentrated laundry soap and all purpose cleaner to liquid dish and hand soap. All are made with 100% pure

essential oils, non-toxic and plant-based biodegradable ingredients - including cleaning ingredients from vegetable sugars and coconut oil, natural essential oils and vegetable glycerine. Safe for the whole family and skin-friendly!

Sample products are available in the office - come find out which scent you like best. Encourage all your family and friends to place an order with your child, as 30% of purchases are donated back to our school!

Deadline for orders is April 27th, with pick up in early May. Check your child's backpack for order forms and send back to your child's teacher by April 27th or order online at <https://squareup.com/store/LordSelkirkPAC>.

Questions? Contact Heather at lordselkirkPAC@gmail.com. Refills are available at Second Nature boutique at 3565 Commercial Street.

Take care, Heather

FAMILY MULTICULTURAL DINNER

PAC is very excited to be hosting a Selkirk Multicultural dinner on Thursday May 10th. This is an exciting community building event which celebrates our diversity. More info to come soon. Please plan on coming to this event.



SPUD FUNDRAISING

NEW Spud gift cards [Spud.ca/spudcards](https://spud.ca/spudcards). Remember to enter code FUNDRAISING at checkout and select Selkirk Elementary from the drop-down list. This ensures 10% of gift card and 25% of produce boxes proceeds are donated back to our school.