

ÉCOLE LORD SELKIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE CEDARS' BARK- May 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful weekend. We have shifted into the best months to live in Vancouver.

Over the next few weeks we have many great community events. These are such important parts of what make Selkirk a thriving place to be. 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.

We had our "Selkirk Multicultural Dinner" that took place on Thursday May 10th in the school gym. It was wonderful eating delicious home-made food together with our Selkirk families. This is a wonderful example of a community event. Thank you to Ms. Simon for organizing. Also the Inner City Outreach event of Bingo was a very fun time. We had great feedback so will be hosting another Bingo night in the 2018 – 2019 school year. Thank you to Ms Mani for organizing that.

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

Thursday May 17	Sports Day
Friday May 18	District Closure Day NO SCHOOL Chess Tournament
Monday May 20	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
Wed May 23	Welcome to Kindergarten
Tuesday May 29	Volunteer Appreciation Tea Health nurse Hearing follow up
Wed May 30	Spirit Day "Hat"
Thur May 31	Grade 5 Walk a Thon
Friday June 1	Sports / Team Photos
Wed June 6	Staff appreciation lunch
Wed June 13 – 15	Camp Elphinstone for Gr. 5's
Friday June 22	Grade 7 Grad
Wed June 15	Class placement requests due
Wed June 27	PAC Year End BBQ

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day –Thursday May 17th

Sports day is coming up Thursday, May 17th. Please note the following:

Students will be dismissed at 3:00 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.**



CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS

In 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 15th to be considered.**

The school organization that is created may change depending on the number of students who actually arrive at school in September. As such, class set ups 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 KINDERGARTEN

Help get your child excited about starting school and ready for Kindergarten! Join us for a “Welcome to our school” 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 23th, French 10:50 – 12:15
English 1:15 – 2:30pm in the gym. (translators available).

You will learn specific Kindergarten information for Selkirk.

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 emailing Cristina Rei at crei@vsb.bc.ca.

Welcome to
Kindergarten

VOLUNTEER TEA



VOLUNTEERS WE THANK YOU!

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration May 29th

On May 29 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 May 29th. See attached

Please RSVP to Vanessa Mani vmani@vsb.bc.ca

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL FEES 2018-2019

2018-2019 School Calendar

Schools are required to publish their school calendars by May 31st of the previous year. Please find the 2018-2019 school calendar on a separate page. 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.

2018-2019 School Fees Outline

School fees for the 2018-2019 School year will be shared in the June newsletter. These will be similar to the 2017-2018 school fees.

Both these items have been shared with the PAC.



Bike to School Week

Lord Selkirk Elementary has registered to take part in Bike to School Week 2018 which will take place from Monday May 28th to June 1st 2018.

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.

There will be stickers for everyone who walks or wheels into school and as usual we will be registering everyone who manages to ride or wheel into school

in order to win prizes through HUB. The division with the highest attendance will be treated to a pancake breakfast prepared by Ms. Burton and Mr. Maggiolo.

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
Max Birch: birchmax@gmail.com

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 and 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.



DIVISION 6 STRUCTURES



Division 6 has been building structures as part of the new Applied Design Skills Tecnology Curriculum

Quinn enjoyed building this structure.

Above is the structure when it is about half built. Below is the finished tower. In the circular shaped areas there are teddy bears hiding.



SUMMER SCHOOL

2018 Summer School Program. Registration began 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>



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



BADMINTON SEASON

Badminton season has come and gone, but the students are still playing every chance they get. We had 48 students in grades 5 through 7 play on 4 different teams this year. Practices were before and after school, with extra time during recess and lunch. The 4 teams played a number of different schools through the 5 week season and did extremely well. The season ended with a "Jubilee" at Tupper Secondary, where all elementary schools participated. Selkirk did exceptionally well, placing students from all 4 teams in the top 3 spots. A special thanks to the parents who were able to drive the players to and from away games.

Thank you to our coaches Ms. Mani, Mme. Michel, Mr. Chou, Mr. Hoflin and Mr. Nickel.



PAC NEWS

Clean for a Cause Fundraiser

Thanks for all your Sapadilla orders. Through your generous support, we raised **\$572.70** for Selkirk!

A big thank you to Elizabeth at Second Nature Boutique on Commercial Street for supporting this Clean for a Cause program and offering refills on Sapadilla products.

Mabel's labels

Is your child going to Camp Elphinstone? Summer camp? Did you know that all your child's items should be labelled so they can be returned if misplaced. Need labels?

Get Mabel's label at campaigns.mabelslabels.com. Click on the Support a Fundraiser button and select Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC under 'your school/organization' section.