

ÉCOLE LORD SELKIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE CEDARS' BARK- May 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have a very short week this week with our Selkirk Sports Day happening tomorrow and a Professional Day on Friday May 17, 2019.

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 have our "Community Packing Party" on Wednesday May 22nd from 3:30-6:30 – pizza and refreshments provided (see invite attached). On May 23rd we have our "Bikes and Bling" event (see attached flyer) to promote bike to school week and encourage safe travel. We also have our "Selkirk Multicultural Dinner" on Wednesday May 29th in the school gym.

You can help build our community by coming and taking part in these events, and encouraging your children to be open and respectful to all people 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

Thurs May 16	Sports Day
Fri May 17	District Closure Day NO SCHOOL Chess Tournament
Mon May 20	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
Wed May 22	Welcome to Kindergarten
Wed May 22	Packing Party 3:30-6:30pm
Thurs May 23	Tooth Trolley 9:00-12:30
Wed May 29	Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner
Fri May 31	Grade 5 Walk a Thon
Tues June 4	Staff Appreciation lunch
Thurs June 6	Monthly Assemblies 9:00
Wed June 12/14	Camp Elphinstone Gr. 5's
Fri June 14	Year End Picnic
Tues June 18	Super Hero Day
Thurs June 20	Grade 7 Grad
Thurs June 27	Last Day for Students

PACKING PARTY

Selkirk is asking for your help in getting our teachers ready for the upcoming seismic move in September of 2019. We currently have 12 teachers that will be moving internally and 8 teachers moving to Gladstone. This requires a lot of packing, purging and cleaning and we need all the help we can get.

If you have some spare time to help, please join us on May 22nd, anytime from 3:30 – 6:30 pm, to lend a helping hand. It is very important that you RSVP (link below), in order for us to ensure we can distribute volunteers accordingly and order the right amount of pizza and refreshments.

To RSVP: Please RSVP by May 17, 2019 using this link, <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWwEjpd4P5JlvBZLsisd1VuPUe1UQIAzRDJMMFILQVQyMFJYQzICQjgzvk5GWS4u>



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day –Thursday May 16th

Sports day is coming up Thursday, May 16th. 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.**



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 requested to attend the Lord Selkirk School Welcome to Kindergarten on:

**Wednesday, May 22nd,
English 11:00 – 12:00pm; French 1:00 – 2:00**

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 and but please make sure to RSVP by emailing Cristina Rei at crei@vsb.bc.ca. if you haven't already.



SELKIRK'S SAFE TRAVEL SOCIAL

Wednesday May 15 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Selkirk Library

Is a Selkirk Student in your family scheduled to go to Gladstone next year?

Do you have another Selkirk Student who will be staying at 1750 E 22nd Ave?

Join elected PAC Members Beverly Walker + Max Birch for a safe travel information session and social event to talk about options and challenges that are expected to be a part of occupying two locations next year. Affected Selkirk Adults and Selkirk Students who are currently in Grade 5 and Grade 6 are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments and free child minding for junior Selkirkians provided.

Please note - this is a Selkirk PAC event around safe travel only and will not include information from Selkirk Staff or VSB Administrators regarding seismic upgrade plans



2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL FEES

2019-2020 School Calendar

Schools are required to publish their school calendars before the end of the school year, our school calendar will be shared in the June newsletter.

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.

2019-2020 School Fees Outline

School fees for the 2019-2020 school year will be shared in the June newsletter. These will be similar to the 2018-2019 school fees.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

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. You are also encouraged to formalize your input, using a form available in the office, that Ms Burton will take. All forms must be received before June 7th to be considered. No exceptions.

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.

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Hey Parents & Students - Bike to School Week is coming - Monday May 27th to Friday May 31st. Spring is here and its time to dig out your bike and prepare for that sweet warm weather riding! It's the healthiest, fastest and fun-est way to get to school!

Come to our incredible Bike To School Week kick off events: Bike Lights & Bling Spring Fling: The biggest baddest bike makeover you can get. Decorate your bike, get a tune up and brush up your biking skills all in the same action packed afternoon - Thursday May 23rd from 3pm until 6pm.

SAVE THE DATE. HUB & City of Vancouver Bike to School 2019 Launch Event: Come and be a part of the launch of Bike to School week which is hosted by Lord Selkirk, HUB and The City of Vancouver. Prizes, snacks, bike decoration and tune ups to really get you going on your week long biking journey. Monday May 27th between 8am and 9am.

1. Get Ready! Tune up your bike - check your Air, Brakes and Chain. Make sure your helmet fits.
2. Get Riding! From Monday 27th to Friday 31st of May ride your bike to and from school. Collect a sticker and put it on our poster.
3. Win Prizes! Win some hot bling for your ride. Fill the Road with Wheels! More information at bikehub.ca/btsw



PAC NEWS

Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner:

You are invited to Lord Selkirk PAC's Annual Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner.

Come celebrate our Selkirk community. Bring a family favourite dish to share! Feel free to wear clothing reflective of your cultural heritage. The PAC Executive will provide dessert and drinks for the event.

Wednesday May 29, 2019 in the Selkirk Gym
5:00-5:30: Doors open – 'Seek and Find' social challenge begins:

5:30-5:45: Welcome, introductions, sharing how we say our 'thanks' before meals

5:45-7:00: Buffet is open – let's eat together!

7:00-7:15: Clean up and door prizes awarded

7:15-7:30 Parade of bikes (in honour of bike to school week) – meet at Strong Start portable for a ride around the field.

Please remember:

- ★ Bring your own plates, cutlery, and cups
- ★ Label your dishes and serving pieces
- ★ Consider including ingredients and/or recipe
- ★ Use our recycling, compost, and dishwashing stations!

Let us know you are coming by Wednesday May 22, 2019 !

Email lordselkirkpac@gmail.com

Yes, we'd love to come! There are _____ people in our party.

The dish we are bringing is:

(dessert and beverages will be provided)

I can help at this event (set-up/serving/clean-up – bring your dish towel!):

Name and phone or email contact



Staff Appreciation Lunch!

Our annual staff appreciation lunch will be Tuesday June 4th this year! Every year we serve our hardworking staff a homemade lunch to show our appreciation for all they do! Roll up those sleeves and pop something on a platter for our hardworking staff to share! Every year the staff are so thankful for the lunch, because food=love!

Please drop off your item by 10:30 to the staff room by the office and our organizational pros (read: PAC) will handle the rest! Serving utensils are helpful too. Please be sure to label your dishes and serving utensils.

If you have time to lend a hand with clean up from 1-2 pm we'd sure love that too.

Famous Foods

Shop at Famous Foods? Cards will be available for purchase from a PAC member at the Multicultural Dinner and End of Year Picnic. Buy your Famous Food cards through the PAC, as they donate 15% back to Selkirk. We have raised almost \$2000 since Dec 2018 and they are always available online on the PAC SquareUp Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC in \$50, \$100 and \$500 denominations. You purchase, we deliver!

Spud.ca

No time for grocery shopping? Have it delivered to your home or work and support Selkirk when you add a produce box or spud card to your cart. Spud.ca grocery fundraising is ongoing with 10-25% donated back to the school. Get started and keep shopping at <https://www.spud.ca/catalogue/FundRaising.cfm> and <https://www.spud.ca/spudcards.cfm>

Mabel's Labels

Camper is around the corner. Labels are essential so your child doesn't lose their stuff! Need more sparkle in your life? Order at https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and don't forget to choose Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC under support a fundraiser!