

# ÉCOLE LORD SELKIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## THE CEDARS' BARK- June 2019

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are now in the last three weeks of the 2018-2019 school year! Thank you all for being a part of our amazing community here at Selkirk. Looking back on the great things that have been accomplished this year, it is hard to believe they occurred within the span of only 9 months.

We had so much learning take place, from learning our As and Bs, writing bi-lingual magazines, sending computer code to the International Space Station, planting and harvesting Selkirk's Community Garden, raising ducklings, developing a sense of volunteerism, and learning how to be mindful. Students at Selkirk demonstrated their athletic abilities, musical talent and overall well roundedness throughout the year. It is truly inspiring to see students form relationships and develop connections which will help them navigate life at school. It is these connections and a sense of belonging that are essential for student success. **Next year, our school goal will continue to be to improve student's social emotional competencies. We will be looking at the impact of implementing school wide mindfulness. We look forward to your support to help improve our childrens self-awareness and ability to self-manage.**

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 you have a wonderful and safe summer.

I will be sending out information regarding start up and we will also be posting information regarding school start up on our website in the next few weeks. Please check it regularly. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-selkirk/Pages/default.aspx>

As always, my door is open if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mme Burton

## IMPORTANT DATES

Fri June 14 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Year End Picnic 5:00-7:00
Thurs June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Grad 12:30 – 3:00
Tues June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Primay Year End Assembly 9:30am, Intermediate 11:00am
Wed June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Playland Div 1-4,10,11,18F-20F
Thurs June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School
Tues Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Day of School 1 Hour
Wed Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Full Day of school 9am – 3pm

## LATE RETURN SEPTEMBER 2019

If your child will be returning to school late in September (after September 3<sup>rd</sup>), it is critical that you submit a “late return notice” to the office prior to June 27<sup>th</sup> so we know that your child(ren) will indeed be returning to Selkirk School. If you are not here on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## SEISMIC UPDATE

We have been busy collaborating and preparing for our grade 6/7 move to Gladstone in September. The first day will be 8:50am - 9:50am and all students will meet in the Gladstone Auditorium. The following two days students and staff will be doing cooperative activities to familiarize students with Gladstone and for them to get to know key people. We are also pleased to announce our Hot Lunch Program will continue here at Selkirk during seismic and the grade 6/7s will have access to VSB brown bag lunch program. In addition, we will also have two supervision aides designated for our grade 6/7 group. We appreciate all the support from the VSB to help maintain educational programming and student safety during these seismic projects. There will be more information to come at the end of June.

## LOST AND FOUND

We ask that all students please check the lost and found. It is important to pick up any items left. Parents, we would recommend you take a look as well to see if you notice any items your child may have left behind. We will be donating all clothing that is left behind to the Developmental Disabilities Association.

## 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.

We say good bye to Ms. Asai who has taken a position teaching Kindergarten at Kingsford- Smith. Selkirk has been so fortunate to have her as a valued member of the community making an impact for many years.

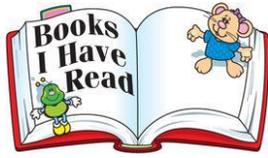
We also say farewell to Mme Cynthia who is moving up into the role of Vice-Principal at L’École Bilingue. Mme Cynthia’s work at Selkirk has been greatly valued. Both these teachers will be missed but we wish them all the best in their new roles.

## LIBRARY

As always, the library has been a busy hub of activity this year, filled with author presentations, exciting workshops, two book fairs, many acquired books and almost 32,000 books circulated to students and staff! I would like to thank all the parent and student volunteers who tirelessly helped to keep this incredibly busy library running smoothly. I wish you all a restful summer and look forward to seeing you at both our campuses in the fall.

Please note that all books are due back by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please have a look around your house for any

overdue books and feel free to come to see me if you believe your child has already returned a book that is showing as overdue. Invoices for lost books will be sent out after June 17th.



## SCHOOL GROUNDS OVER THE SUMMER

With summer fast approaching, it is important to keep a close eye on our school grounds. We would appreciate a community approach to keeping our grounds clean and tidy. If you notice any suspicious behaviour, please call the non-emergency line at (604) 717-3321. Alternatively, if you notice potentially dangerous behavior, call 911 directly. With traffic concerns, we would ask that you call 311 directly, or use the City of Vancouver app that allows you to submit any concerns.



## BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK A HUGE SUCCESS



Bike to school week was a great success!

We had many students, staff and community members cycling and walking to school. This year, we had 128 participants riding their bikes, with 490 successful trips to school, as well as 165 students walking. How great is that? Thank you to the wonderful volunteers that made this such a great success and thank you to HUB cycling and the City of Vancouver.

## SELKIRK SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL FEES FOR 2019-2020

### 2019-2020 School Calendar

Schools are required to publish their school calendars by May 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Please find the 2019-2020 school calendar on a separate page that will be posted on our 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.

### 2019-2020 School Fees Outline

Please find the general outline of school fees for 2019-2020 on the back of the school calendar. We will be encouraging all parents/guardians to pay for school fees and field trips via our online School Cash program. This will allow

parents/guardians to pay via credit card and direct withdraw from your bank accounts.

Both these items have been shared with the PAC.

## GRADE 7 CAMP TIMBERLINE

Our grade 7 camp to Timberline Ranch was a fantastic experience for Division 1 and 2 students.

Students rode horses, rock climbed, practiced archery, sling shot, frisbee golf, participated in a challenge course and team building activities.

Our chocolate almonds and sweets fundraising was a success. Thank you PAC and to everyone who volunteered their time, finances and support for our school community.



## GEERING UP

We are excited to announce that Geering Up – UBC Engineering for Kids will be coming back to Selkirk again this summer. From July 15-19, we will be hosting the Geering Up crew who will be running two camps (Gr 2-3 and Gr 4-6) that will be offering a dynamic mix of hands on activities, demonstrations, and design challenges.

Join us as we explore themes of physics, chemistry, biology, technology, engineering, and more in a fun and engaging setting. Our programming is run by passionate undergraduate STEM students;

delivering demos, design challenges, hands-on activities, and science shows.

The week-long program runs from 9:00-2:30 and costs \$80.00 for the week. If you're interested in signing up for this program, please email Scott Deyell (Community Schools Coordinator) at [sdeyell@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sdeyell@vsb.bc.ca) for more information and to save your space today!



## SUMMER TRACK AND FIELD CAMP

This summer, Vancouver Thunderbirds is pleased to be hosting a full month of Summer Track and Field Camps, each week in July.

New to 2019: Two Camp Locations!

- 4 West Side Camps will be held at West Point Grey Academy Track: July 1-5, July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26th. Options for half day or full day campers available.

- NEW! 1 East Side Camp July 15-19th at Burnaby Central Secondary 9am-12:30pm

REGISTRATION ONLINE:

<https://www.thunderbirdstrack.org/summercamps>

If you have ANY questions or concerns, or would like to learn more about our camps, please contact 2019 Summer Student and Head Coach Hayley Madden: [hayley@thunderbirdstrack.org](mailto:hayley@thunderbirdstrack.org)

## ARTS/PERFORMANCES

Next year, Selkirk Elementary is continuing with our school goal of social emotional learning and mindfulness. In order to support that, we are bringing in a workshop titled: *Mindfulness For A Happier, Calmer K-7 Classroom*, which will span 8 weeks targeting Grade 4-7 students on a variety of topics such as: mindful listening, mindful breathing, kind and caring on the playground,

mindful eating, mindful movement & walking, etc. A growing body of research has shown that social emotional intervention helps develop: better focus and concentration, an increased sense of calm, decreased anxiety, improved impulse control, increased self-awareness, increased empathy and understanding of others, to name a few. Selkirk is also focusing on bringing more hands-on workshops focused on Indigenous Perspectives such as drumming, dancing and lacrosse.

## SNOW LEPARDS DONATION

A grade 7 student, Molly Tanaka, took the initiative to start the fundraiser for the snow leopards. She shared information with her class regarding the state of the snow leopards in the world. She then organized a sign up sheet for those who wanted to participate in an event to help the snow leopards. Molly was able to gather 95% of her classmates, most of them took part in either making posters and posting them around the school, baking and providing snacks to sell the day of the fundraiser snack sale or helped sell and count money. Molly is an inspiring student that helped make a difference. We are proud to donate on her behalf the amount of \$292 she collected for this great cause.

## PAC NEWS

Thank you to all our helpers and supporters this year! 2019 has been an amazing year at Selkirk. PAC events this year have helped raise funds for the school and bring the neighborhood together. The year-end picnic will be our last event of the year on June 14th! See you on the grass field between 5 and 7pm! Mr. Tubesteak will be there, if you don't have time to make a dinner beforehand. Next year will kick off with the welcome back tea in mid-September, keep your eyes open for info at the beginning of the year! Have questions? Comments? We'd love to be in touch with you. Please connect with us via our email [lordselkirkpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordselkirkpac@gmail.com), or stop and talk

in the school yard. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

- Like us on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest Selkirk Events [www.facebook.com/selkirkpac](http://www.facebook.com/selkirkpac)
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our webpage <https://selkirkelementary.com/> Click the "Sign Up Now" button at the bottom of the page!

Famous Food cards, SPUD.ca, and Mabel's Labels are available throughout the summer.

Thanks to all of you for your grocery shopping support. Famous Food cards will be dropped off directly to you by a PAC member during the summer. Here is the link for purchase - <https://selkirkelementary.com/fundraising>