

# ÉCOLE LORD SELKIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## THE CEDARS' BARK- December 2019

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy December everyone! This month we have all been working hard to develop a deeper sense of gratitude, for what we have and for the wonderful community we are part of at Lord Selkirk Elementary School. This is very fitting as we are reflecting on the past year.

We have had a very successful launch of our WITS program this past month. Students have been learning to WALK AWAY, IGNORE, TALK IT OUT and SEEK HELP in order to deal with conflict and reduce bullying. There are 44 WITS leaders trained to help at recess and lunch. You will notice them by their black and neon vests. Students can earn a WITS ticket by showing they know how to use their WITS. You can support this great program by using the WITS model to talk about conflicts at home. Please see this parent brochure for more info. <https://witsprogram.ca/pdfs/schools/media-resources/using-your-wits-at-home-a-resource-for-parents.pdf>

Lastly, thank you all for your deep sense of generosity for our various initiatives this holiday season at Selkirk, such as Secret Santa and contributing to the Food Bank. One of the measures of the greatness of a community is the compassionate actions taken by its members. As we teach the children at Selkirk, true giving comes deep from the heart. We have been teaching them that giving can be seen in many forms, such as offering to help another student, volunteering time to help at school, or just lending a helping hand to a neighbour or friend in need. Giving is not only about “making a donation”, it is about making a difference! As Winston Churchill said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

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

Wednesday Dec 11	Cocoa and Caroling (5:30PM - 7:00PM)
Thursday Dec 17	Winter Concert K-4 9:30am 5-7 11:00am
Thursday Dec 19	FI Students @ Rio Theatre
Friday Dec 20	Last Day of school before Winter Break
Monday Jan 6, 2020	School Re-Opens
Thursday Jan 9/20	French Immersion Info Night
Monday Jan 13/20	K Choice Program registration opens
Friday Jan 31	K priority registration closes
Friday Jan 31	Report cards go home to all students
Friday, Feb 21	Selkirk Royale 7:00pm

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for 2020-2021 has begun!!! This is happening for in-catchment students from now until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If you or someone you know has a child born in 2015 please visit the Vancouver School Board website at: [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Kindergarten\\_Registration/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Kindergarten_Registration/Pages/default.aspx) for more information on the process to register.

## FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

Do you have a child currently in French Immersion who has a sibling born in 2015? If so, are you planning to register them for French Immersion for the 2020-2021 school year? Please email by Friday December 13 to [crei@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:crei@vsb.bc.ca) to advise us of the registration.

## SPORTS CENTRAL

Senior Girls Volleyball teams are entering their playoffs this week at Templeton and Van Tech Secondary schools.

This year the girls were able to rally enough players together to make two teams. Welcoming six new players who have never played school volleyball. They have played every Wednesday since early September, walking back to Selkirk after school. They showed their dedication and commitment by practising every second day during lunch hours in the big gyms at Gladstone.

This group won the city championships in grade 6 and are looking to make the finals again. Always a tough task in this age group as there is 96 teams this year in the division. Thanks to Selkirk alumni / Gladstone grad '19, Lianne Mah who has coached this group for three years along with Mr. J. We wish them good luck.

## WE CLUB

On November 19, Selkirk's' humanitarian group called We Club had the opportunity to attend We Day sponsored by Lorne Segal.

Our students were motivated and encouraged by guest speakers and entertainers to continue to fight the good fight and help those who are less fortunate.



## COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING (CSL)

CSL is about more than the written reports, Communicating Student Learning (CSL) is meant to be an ongoing process of communicating to parents using strengths-based language, from the new BC curriculum, about your child's learning with regard to student's strengths, their areas for growth, and a plan for further support with the goal of advancing student learning. Over the course of year, teachers will be communicating with families 5 times. Examples of this may be report cards, parent conferences, phone calls, meetings or email. As to written progress reports, they should be viewed simply as 2 of the communications, but in written form and are meant to work alongside the other communications. This year, the school will be sending home 2 reports cards, the first will be on January 31st, and the second on June 25th. Reports will include examples of the student's strengths, stretches and goals for the student moving forward.

## COCOA AND CAROLING

Please come out and join us on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:00pm for our annual Cocoa & Caroling event! Doors will open at 5:15. The Vancouver School Board Choir will be joining us this year so please bring your singing voices to join along in a few festive favourites! There will be hot cocoa with or without marshmallows for sale for \$1.00. All proceeds will go to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. \*Please consider bringing your own mugs to be filled with chocolatey goodness! Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at the door for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank!



## HOLIDAY CARDS ARE BACK

Division 13 has been diligently working on a Social Responsibility project and will be selling 'hand-made' holiday cards in order to raise money for those less fortunate.

Cards will be on sale beginning Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> BEFORE SCHOOL from 8:30-9:00am in room 101M. They will also be available for purchase at Cocoa and Caroling night on Thursday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

Cards are \$2.00 each with all proceeds being donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Last year we raised \$800... Let's work together Selkirk and exceed that total this year!



## SECRET SANTA

With the holidays fast approaching, we find ourselves thinking of the many things we are grateful for. Unfortunately, there are some families in our School Community who struggle daily for

necessities. We will once again be holding our Secret Santa gift donation and would appreciate any help that will make the holidays a bit brighter for these families.

Our community is beyond generous! All Secret Santa ornaments have been spoken for, but we are still looking for various gift cards to make this Christmas as wonderful as possible for some of our families. We are asking for denominations of no more than \$20-\$25. Some suggestions for gift cards are:

- Whitespot
- Walmart
- Save-on-Foods
- Famous Foods
- McDonalds
- Superstore
- Safeway
- KFC
- DollarTree/Dollarama
- Tim Horton's
- Subway
- Pizza Hut/Panago/Fresh Slice
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- A&W
- 7-11 stores
- Dairy Queen

Please drop off your donation to the office by Friday, December 13.

Santa will be delivering the gifts to the students the last week before Winter Vacation.



## WINTER WEATHER

As the weather is changing and the colder weather is upon us, we remind parents/guardians to please send children to school dressed for the weather. Please send mittens, toques warm jackets and boots with them, as every day is an outside day at Selkirk Elementary.



## PARENT WORKSHOPS

Please find attached to our newsletter some upcoming parent workshops that you might find interesting and useful.

Anxiety in Children and Youth

Social Media

Responding to challenging behaviour



## LEGO CLUB

Please join us every Monday at lunch in the library for Lego club. You can come and build on your own, in a small group, or participate in a challenge activity. All students in grades K-5 welcome every Monday!

Schedule for Challenge Activities:

Monday, January 6: Dream House

Monday, January 20: Lego Town

Monday, January 27: Amazing Mazes

Monday, February 3: Amusement Park Ride

Monday February 10: Animal Aid

Monday, February 24: Bridge Building

Monday, March 2: Pyramids

Monday, March 9: Ultimate Playgrounds



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## DIVERSITY CLUB



Selkirk has begun hosting a drop-in Diversity Club for interested students in grade k-5 (Main Site) and 6/7 (at Gladstone) on the first and third Friday of the month. The club will be providing a safe place for students to hang out regardless of their ethnicity, religious background, gender identity or sexual orientation. The club will meet once a week as a drop in. This may just be an opportunity for students to get together to chat or play games. However, there may also be some advocacy work where the club raises awareness regarding certain issues or events such as: Orange Shirt Day, Eliminating Racial Discrimination Day, Anti- Homophobia day, Anti Bullying Day, etc. The club's objectives will be determined by its members with support from the staff sponsors: **Ashley, Julia, Rene and Kaye.**

## SELKIRK PAC

The Lord Selkirk PAC is proud to welcome everyone!

We are a friendly group of parents and are looking for all parents/guardians from all backgrounds to join us and share your voice. Let's all continue to work together to make Lord Selkirk Elementary the best place we can for our kids!

To hear about PAC events at school please subscribe to the PAC e-Newsletter that comes out monthly - email [lordselkirkpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordselkirkpac@gmail.com) with "Subscribe" in the subject line or visit our webpage at <https://selkirkelementary.com/> and click the "sign up now" button at the bottom of the page.

To attend a meeting, please come out on the first Monday of each month at 6:30PM in the staff room. Free childcare provided. (Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, June 1)

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Selkirk Royale will be on Friday February 21st this year. Mark your calendars! Come join us for a fun night raising funds for the kids!



### **Pottery experience?**

We are looking for parents with previous pottery experience and are interested in helping with a potential Pottery Club! Email us at [lordselkirkpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordselkirkpac@gmail.com)

### **PAC Holiday Fundraising**

#### **Rufus Guitar Shop**

Guitar or Drum lessons? Sign up for a month of 1-on-1 music lessons (4 classes, 30 min each) at Rufus Guitar Shop on Commercial Drive and they will donate 10% back to our school (\$12 donated back for 1st month of music lesson). Music lessons options include drums, guitar, base guitar, mandolin and ukulele.

Open to both children and parents. Call Rufus Guitar Shop at 604-222-1717 (guitar) or 604-222-3786 (drums), select #2 for Commercial Drive location. Must mention Lord Selkirk Elementary when booking for the school to receive the fundraiser donation. Bonus: fundraiser open to both kids and parents taking lessons.

Need more details: Contact the PAC - [lordselkirkpac@gmail.com](mailto:lordselkirkpac@gmail.com)

#### **Famous Foods**

Stock up on Famous Foods cards for all your holiday grocery needs. Available for purchase at Cocoa and Carolling, PAC meetings and anytime online at Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC.

Famous Food's gift to Selkirk, 15% of every purchase is donated back to our school = \$50 card (\$7.50), \$100 card (\$15), \$500 (\$75)!

#### **Spud.ca**

Spud for the holidays - need your groceries, household goods, and prepared meals made easy? Shop with SPUD.ca and have it delivered to your home or office.

To get started or keep shopping at Spud.ca: Use promo code Fundraising and select Selkirk Elementary in drop down menu. - Produce boxes: <https://www.spud.ca/catalogue/FundRaising.cfm> (25% donated back to our school or \$4-\$16 per box) - Spud cards: <https://www.spud.ca/spudcards.cfm> (10% donated back to our school)

### **Mabel's Labels**

Address labels, stocking stuffers, gift tags, and labels so your kid can find their items in the Lost & Found - get them all at Mabel's Labels! 20% is donated back to our school (\$2-\$6 per purchase). Order at:

[https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

### **KID SING**

Important dates for Kid Sing students:

Wednesday December 11th: singing for the Senior's supper at Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House

3:15 Kids meet at CCNH [4065 Victoria Drive]

3:20 - 3:45 - warm-up

3:50 to 4:20 - singing for the Seniors

4:25 - Parents may pick up their children

Thursday December 12th: Recital at the school

3 pm Kids to meet in the portable for mass rehearsal (Bring a snack as usual)

4 pm- 5 pm Recital in the courtyard @ 4 pm (come one come all parents and relatives welcome)!

Not so important to have black, red and white dress code since kids may need to be bundled up for this one

Sunday December 15th: Kingsgate Mall Recital

12:45 call time at Kingsgate mall - meet near Santa  
1 pm performance

Monday December 16th: Cooper Place Extended

Living Centre with Vivaldi Chamber Choir

6:30 pm call time

7 pm performance