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THE CEDARS' BARK- February 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy February Selkirk Community! We have had so many things happening this month. Our Grade 7 French Immersion students just got back from a wonderful trip in Quebec, we have our French reading tutor program up and running, Community Schools Teams activities happening, and so much deep learning taking place.

Students and staff are already beginning to work on areas of growth as communicated in our Mid-Term Progress Reports you received on January 31st. Conferences are on March 11th and 12th, these are an important time to share in the success that students have experienced this term. It is a time to give credit for their accomplishments, no matter how big or small. It is also a time to review their goals for the remainder of term two. This mid way check in point is important for parents to attend so they can better know how to support their children's learning at home. Parents can help ensure students are actively engaged in their daily schoolwork and using deep thinking strategies when they come across problems. Encourage them to go further and develop grit (as I spoke about in previous newsletters). This resiliency towards problem solving is critical for their success in adulthood.

On February 27th, we celebrate PINK day where we come together to promote kindness, acceptance and appreciation of diversity. Promoting these key values is an essential part of teaching, both at home and at school. Many of our difficulties are often created from the feeling that we're separate and somehow different from everyone else and feel alienated due to these differences. Part of our job is helping students see that we are ALL similar and different in various ways. It is our differences that make our community vibrant and strong. We accept people regardless of race, gender, language, ability, appearance, religion, or culture. Selkirk School and The Vancouver School District prides itself on the inclusive approach to education where diversity is celebrated and equality and mutual respect is promoted. I encourage you to help your child see ways they can show kindness and respect to everyone. This week we have given each student a kindness challenge to do 7 acts of kindness.

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

February	Black History Month
February 10-14	Kindness Week
February 14	Pro-D No School
February 17	Family Day – No School
February 21	Conference forms are sent home to parents
February 21	Selkirk Royale 7:00pm
February 26	Conference forms due back to teachers
February 27	Pink Shirt Day Assembly
February 29	Cross Boundary application closes
March 11 and 12	Early Dismissal 2 pm Conferences
March 13	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 16 –27	Spring Break
March 30	School Re-opens

PINK SHIRT DAY- FEB 27th 2020

We are looking forward to hosting Pink Shirt Day Assemblies for both our primary (K-3) at 1:15pm and intermediate (4-7) at 9:15am to talk about kindness, acceptance and anti-bullying. There are a number of books available at our school and the local library to support your child's learning at home.

Pink Day started as a result of an amazing act of friendship by a group of students in Nova Scotia in 2007. We are encouraging all students to wear a pink shirt or something Pink on February 27th to stand together against bullying and all forms of discrimination. Help us celebrate Selkirk's diversity and acceptance.

There are several actions you as a parent can take, at home and at school, to help your child feel more connected to his or her school, including:

- Encourage your child to talk openly with their teachers, counselors, and other school staff about his/her ideas, needs and worries.
- Attend school meetings, read information that the school sends home to you and talk to teachers and staff. Find out what your child is expected to learn and how they

should behave in school, and support these expectations at home.

- Help your child with homework and teach him/her about good time management techniques.
- Encourage your child to participate in school activities. Keep informed of these by reading school newsletters, attending parent meetings, checking out the school website, etc.
- Get your child involved in helping other adults – at home, school or in the community. Volunteering is a great way to do this.
- Attend term meetings with your child's teacher to discuss his/her behaviour, accomplishments, challenges, etc.
- Get involved as a parent in various school activities, committees or working groups.

These are only a few ways that you as a parent can get involved. Talk to other parents or those in your school community about what you can do to help support or create a positive school culture, so your child is more connected and supported at school.

10 Tips for Parents that Foster Connections to School

1. Model respectful, cooperative, positive behaviour in your everyday interactions.
2. Participate in school events.
3. Show interest. Be involved in your child's academic activities.
4. Maintain regular contact with your child's teacher.
5. Monitor your child's homework completion and work with him/her on homework assignments that involve family participation.
6. Be present when things go wrong.
7. Know your child's friends and their parents.
8. Ask school leaders what you can do to support them.
9. Volunteer at school.
10. Nominate effective school leaders for local awards.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Scholastic Book Fair

It's that time of year again! The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Lord Selkirk in March! This fair will have an entire room of French books as well as English books. This is a good time to stock up on great books for Spring Break and for the summer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every year we depend on volunteers to help run this wonderful event. Parents/guardians, we invite you to volunteer as little as 1-hour of your time.

Sign up for a shift here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AAFAE23A2FA7-scholastic4>

Your help is especially appreciated during set-up and take-down.

BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE

Our book fairs are scheduled around parent-teacher conferences so that it is convenient for you to stop by before or after your scheduled appointment. We hope to see many of you at the fair the week of March 9th.

March 9 - 12

Mon 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Tues: 8:30 - 9:00AM and 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Wed & Thurs: 8:30-9:00 AM and 2:00 - 7:00 PM

@ the Selkirk Library

Looking forward to seeing you there!



PROJECT BACKPACK

We have started collecting and continuing until February 26, we will be collecting new, unused items for Project Backpack; a community-based campaign that facilitates the hands-on charitable efforts of those who want to make a difference in the lives of Vancouver homeless youth. This is a joint partnership between Selkirk and Gladstone. Between the 2 schools, we are hoping to fill 50 backpacks with items that will help make it a bit easier for youth living on the street. Drop off boxes are in each of the 2 buildings to make it easier for students to make their donation. Items listed below are suggestions only but are the items that are most needed. Questions? Feel free to contact Ms. Mani at 604.713.4660/vmani@vsb.bc.ca

Cold Weather gear

- ❖ Socks
- ❖ Toques
- ❖ Gloves
- ❖ Rain Gear (ponchos from dollar store or army and navy)

Toiletries

- ❖ Combs & Brushes
- ❖ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ❖ Hair accessories
- ❖ Dental supplies (floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- ❖ Deodorant
- ❖ Feminine Hygiene products

Useful & Handy Bonus Items

- ❖ Superstore/No Frills gift cards
- ❖ Tim Hortons/Starbucks gift cards (max amount \$5 please)
- ❖ Subway cards (max amount \$10 please)
- ❖ Pre-loaded Compass passes (max amount \$10 please)
- ❖ Water bottles
- ❖ Art supplies/journals/pens
- ❖ Granola bars, protein bars, fruit bars (small, lightweight & portable please)



FILM FESTIVAL

The Canadian parent for French is hosting its first family French film event that will take place on February 15, 2020. We believe that events such as this will be of great interest to your students and their families, who are seeing extracurricular ways to enrich their French. As advocates of the French language, we are hoping to have a good turnout at this first event.

SELKIRK PAC

Next PAC meeting is March 2nd at 6:30 in the staff room! All Selkirk adults are encouraged to attend! We will have babysitting available in the library.

9th Annual Selkirk Royale – Tickets now on sale!

Selkirk Royale 2020 is right around the corner and we can't wait to see you there! Come enjoy the festivities with us on Friday Feb. 21st. Doors open at 7pm. Get your Tickets for \$15 at: <https://squareup.com/store/LordSelkirkPAC>

Our annual fundraiser provides over \$10,000 to support Selkirk programs and services.

We are still looking for volunteer to help make this event run well! To sign up for a shift, please visit: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nPVRCoZdKkceAmqD2FdwJ9n6y22Npe3IF7MemS6BKXY/edit#gid=810747023>

Lost and Found Area Makeover!

The Lost and Found recently got a refresh! A new shelf and bins have been added to organize the items, so things should be easier to find. There is also a new sign! Items will be donated every winter break, spring break and at the end of the school year. There will be a notice in that month's newsletter as a final reminder before items are donated.

Please stop by and take a look to see if any items may belong to one of your kids. Please help to keep the area tidy. If you see something that's not where it should be please put it in the correct spot. Your help is appreciated! We hope you find what you're looking for!

Labelling - we noticed very few items have a name on it. Tagged items can be returned to their owners, however first name only makes it really hard with 700 kids at the school!

PLEASE TAG ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS WITH THEIR LAST NAME!!

Need labels? Check out the combo packs from Mabel's Labels (waterproof and don't peel off):

1) Go

to: https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/supp-ort/

2) Under Support a Fundraiser, choose Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC (20% is donated back to the school!)

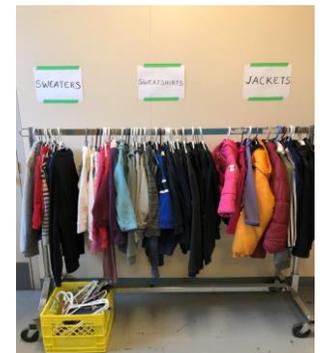
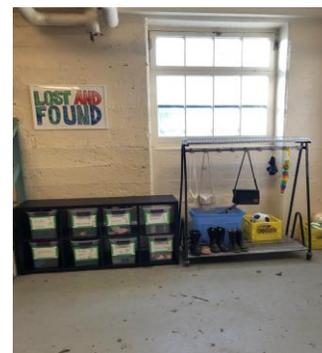
3) Under Combo Label Packs, here are some good options:

- Tag Mate Stick on Clothing Labels (70 clothing labels for \$21)

- Clothing Label Pack (70 clothing labels and 12 shoe labels for \$25.95)

- Custom Clothing Stamp (1000 imprints on all colours of clothes for \$47.00)

- The Fundraiser Combo (39 combo labels for \$17.45)



PAC FUNDRAISING

Rufus Guitar Shop

Guitar or Drum one-on-one lessons? Sign up for a month of music lessons at Rufus Guitar & Drum Shop on Commercial Drive and they will donate 10% back to our school. Music lessons options include: drums, guitar, base guitar, mandolin and ukulele.

Open to both students and parents of Selkirk kids! Call Rufus Guitar Shop at 604-222-1717, select #2 for Commercial Drive location. **Must mention Lord Selkirk Elementary when booking for the school to receive the fundraiser donation.**

Famous Foods

Local, convenient, all your grocery needs covered. Get your Famous Foods cards anytime online at [Lord Selkirk Elementary PAC](#). We will arrange to drop off at the school office and deliver to your home. Famous Foods donates 15% of every purchase back to our school!

NEW for Famous Foods - Drop off your own containers, have them filled with 'bulk' items of your choice (flour, oats, spices, beans, nuts, etc...), and pick them up the next day. Amazing zero waste grocery option in our neighbourhood.

Have questions? Comments? We'd love to be in touch with you. Please connect with us via our email 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
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our webpage <https://selkirkelementary.com/> Click the "Sign Up Now" button at the bottom of the page!

GLADSTONE UPDATES

High School for Parents

Going to High School: An Event for Parents and the Community (February 20 | 6pm-8pm | Gladstone Secondary School Auditorium)

Transitions in life can be scary. The transition from elementary school (Grade 7) to high school (Grade 8) is a big one. If you are a parent or someone caring for a student going to high school next year, we invite you to come and gain insights on what Grade 7s are concerned and anxious about, tips on how to be supportive through this transition, and visit with organizations and programs at the onsite resource fair. This is a free event and you can RSVP at:

<https://HighSchoolforParents.Eventbrite.ca>

Cafeteria at Gladstone

We are very fortunate and have been given the go ahead to have our students purchase lunch at the cafeteria once a week.

The menu is on the Gladstone webpage and updated weekly:

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/gladstone/dailybulletin/Pages/default.aspx>

Monday Division 20 / 21
Tuesday Division 1 / 2
Wednesday Division 3
Thursday Division 4
Friday Division 19

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.**