



Lord Selkirk Elementary School
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October 30, 2020

Dear Selkirk Families,

The start of this school year has been anything but ordinary.

The last seven months have disrupted our lives and brought about seemingly endless uncertainty and changes to our everyday routines. But there is one thing that has not changed - the kind, thoughtful and supportive teachers, staff, students and families that make-up the Lord Selkirk Elementary community.

Over the years the Selkirk PAC has worked tirelessly to fundraise and support Selkirk activities, clubs and programs. We know that engaged and involved parents and caregivers are key to positive outcomes for students. This year we find ourselves, like so many other organizations, challenged to think about how we can do things a little differently.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the public health orders put in place to keep us all safe mean that we cannot host our biggest annual fundraiser, the Selkirk Royale. What we can and will continue to do is look for innovative ways to support our school community and to provide Selkirk children with safe and engaging experiences and activities to enrich their school life. It is with this in mind that we write to you to ask for your on-going financial support. It is our hope that this direct drive fundraising initiative will help us fundraise the \$10,000 normally raised at the Selkirk Royale.

Your financial contributions support fundamental learning experiences that are outside school curriculum, like performances, camps and clubs, playground and garden beautification, grade seven ceremonies and community outreach activities. Over the years, PAC has purchased legacy items for Lord Selkirk Elementary including Apple TV/iPad learning systems, whiteboards for every classroom, outdoor learning spaces equipment, and new volleyball lines for the gym.

This year, funds raised will go directly to supporting the following for the 2020-2021 school year:

- o Expanding the Garden Program: This year we hope to support 12 divisions to participate in the gardening program (approximately \$5,000).
- o Saleema Noon body science workshops for students and parents (approximately \$3,000).
- o Physical education equipment that can be made available to students on a sign out basis during recess (approximately \$1,500).
- o Outdoor learning needs and technology upgrades, including support for the replacement of 24 first generation iPads that no longer function adequately.

We hope you will help continue the Selkirk tradition of generosity and support. We know that for some of you the financial support you provided in the past will be different this year. Whether you make a financial donation or share your time as a volunteer; please know that your contribution makes a difference.

In collaboration with Lord Selkirk Elementary Administration, we look forward to enhancing student learning, and increasing student engagement. Thank you for your loyal and generous commitment to our school. If you have any questions, please contact us at lordselkirk-pac@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson".

Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Schofield" with a small smiley face below it.

Heather Schofield

Lord Selkirk Parents' Advisory Council Co-Chairs 2020-21

YES, I want to support Lord Selkirk Elementary!

Any amount is gratefully accepted. There are two ways to make your donation:

1. Online credit card payment through School Cash Online (vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/De-tails/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=E-Lord%20Selkirk%20PAC) – once you login select your amount and ensure "Lord Selkirk PAC" is the recipient. You will automatically be issued a tax receipt.
2. Cheque - if you are writing a cheque please complete the information below and return this portion with your cheque to your child's teacher. Please make cheques payable to Lord Selkirk Elementary.

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____ *A tax receipt is provided for donations of \$25 or more.

Full Name for Charitable Tax Receipt (please print) _____

Mailing Address (for Tax Receipt) _____

Child's Name & Division _____