



Selkirk Elementary

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What an incredible month September was! Our athletes truly shined at the 4/5 Soccer Fest, Grade 7 Early Bird Volleyball, and the annual Terry Fox Run. The field trips offered fantastic opportunities for hands-on learning, whether it was cranberry picking or the Grade 7 Leadership Camp. And, a big thank you to our parent/caregiver volunteers who helped make the Terry Fox run a success.

Our Open House was a tremendous success, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended. A special shout-out goes to YFNED and the SES School Council for the delicious meal they provided and support in flipping burgers!

Important Dates

Oct 1- Monthly Assembly, arrive at 12:55

Oct. 7-11- Culture Camp at SES

Oct 14- Thanksgiving- No School

Oct 15- School Council 6:30 @ SES or zoom

Oct. 24 3:15 - 7:00- Caregiver/Parent Teacher/Student Conferences

Oct 25- all day- Caregiver/Parent Teacher/Student Conferences; No School for students

Oct. 28, 29, 30- School Photos (details to come from classrooms)

Oct. 31- Halloween- 1:00pm annual in-school parade

Nov. 1- Sugar Burn Run (same format as the Terry Fox Run)

Staffing

Great news! We're almost fully staffed! We're still on the lookout for a Literacy Coach, LAT and a Grade 7 FI Teacher. Let's give a warm welcome to Jackie Fischer, our newest member of the LAT team! We're also thrilled to welcome Abdoulaye Ba and Veerpal Kaur to our EA team!

If you're interested in joining the TOC team, we are always seeking Guest Teachers to cover for absent staff. Please follow the link to apply.

<https://yukongovernment4.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/at/s/Posting/view/53732>

Communication

At Selkirk, we understand the importance of keeping you informed. We will achieve this through a monthly school newsletter, bi-monthly classroom newsletters or updated class webpages, and the SES website.

<http://ses.yukonschools.ca/>

Selkirk is Developmentally Responsive



Throughout the fall, staff and students intentionally worked on creating Selkirk community. While it is intuitive to create relationships with students, our staff are learning about the brain-science behind the importance of these relationships. We honour that students have different relational needs, and it is our responsibility to be attuned and responsive. We understand that secure relationships build resiliency, and during difficult moments, relationships support regulation. Thank you for trusting us with your student and supporting us in growing our Selkirk Coyote Community.

Hello from your Brainy LAT (BLAT) team!

Just a little reminder about how many repetitions it takes for new information to become a learned skill. For some students learning certain concepts and skills can be very easy and they may grasp a concept quickly, but for others it can take up to 200 repetitions.

We have finished up assessments of student literacy levels and will be beginning small group and whole class assistance during the month of October.

"Literacy is our jam, and we're here to spread it."

Ms. Vedress, Ms. Eddy, Mme Andrée-Ann & Ms Fischer



School Bus Info

1. Complete the [Annual School Bus Registration form](#)
2. Submit your form to the Student Transportation branch
 - Email: student.transportation@yukon.ca
 - In person: 1000 Lewes Boulevard, Department of Education office
3. Submit 1 registration form for all children living at the same home address.

For more information visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/bus>

Here is the website to check if busses have been cancelled.

<https://www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca/Index.aspx>

Truth and Reconciliation

On September 25 for Orange Shirt Day and throughout the school year, Ecole Selkirk Elementary School honors the healing journeys of residential school survivors and remembers the children who did not come home. This commitment includes educational activities, workshops, and cultural events designed to promote awareness and reconciliation.

Selkirk is dedicated to collaborating with Indigenous community members to ensure that survivors' voices are respected and amplified. We are also committed to enhancing our awareness and understanding of Yukon First Nations' Ways of Knowing and Doing by integrating these teachings into the curriculum. Our goal is to deepen understanding and foster empathy within our school community.

"Learning is a shared journey, and your songs and stories have deeply enriched our school community. They have become a meaningful part of who we are, and we are truly grateful for your continued presence during these special moments. Thank you for being an enduring part of our growth and identity." – a note to Ms. Harvey

Equipment from Home

At Selkirk, we ask students to keep personal sporting equipment at home. This helps alleviate conflicts during recess and prevents items from being lost. We appreciate your support in reminding your child that they can ask Mr. Rawlings and Mme Frederique to borrow outdoor equipment during recess.

To our cyclists: it's wonderful to see so many SES students biking to school! For safety reasons, we kindly ask that everyone dismount and walk their bikes while on school grounds. Please use additional caution when crossing Lewes Blvd. Thank you!

Outdoor Supervision

Our morning supervisors are present from 8:15 a.m. - 8:30am, wearing yellow sashes and overseeing our SES students. Please ensure that your child is not dropped off before this time, as there will be no supervisors on duty prior to 8:15 a.m.

In the afternoon, we provide afterschool supervision from 3:02-3:15 p.m. Any students remaining without an adult after this time will be brought inside, and caregivers will be notified. At 3:02, we ask that all students who take the bus make their way directly to their bus lines.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Soon, Selkirk Swag Sale will
for Sale Again!

🎉 Get ready, everyone! In October, we'll notify you when our online store reopens for some awesome Selkirk swag, including hoodies, t-shirts, hats, and toques!

Lost and Found

Please help us out by labeling all your items. Our lost and found at Selkirk fills up quickly, and without names on clothing, we can't return lost items. For your convenience, you can order labels through Mabel's Labels to support field trips. Thanks!

<https://mabelslabels.ca/fundraising/support>