



Selkirk Elementary

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Message from your Admin



Winter is here, and with it comes all the excitement that this season brings to our school community. We've been incredibly busy with exciting field trips, our amazing culture camp, and fantastic learning experiences in and out of the classroom. Both our staff and students have been working incredibly hard, and everyone is sure to enjoy a well-deserved winter break!

Please note that the winter break will begin on December 23, with December 20 being our last day of school before the break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Jan 6th!

Important Dates

Dec 2-6- Our School Survey- see emails or message below

Dec 9-13- Share the Spirit; bring non-perishable food items

Dec 4-12- Festive Follies: Buckets of Fun!
** feel free to bring non-perishable food item to go under our tree

Dec19- Theme Dress Up-
"Winter Wear !"

Dec 20- Progress Report go home

Dec 20- Last Day of 2024;

See you Jan 6th, 2025

First Nation Education Advocates Yukon First Nation Education Directorate yfned

Selkirk is incredibly fortunate to have the support of Sydney Cairns and Darcy Carlick, who serve as Education Advocates for Indigenous students at Selkirk. If you would like more information on accessing these supports, please click on the links below.

<https://www.yfned.ca/advocates>
[Intake Form](#)

Also from yfned, Winter Hampers!
[Register Here](#)

Selkirk is Developmentally Responsive



December is often a busy month at school with lots of fun activities and creative projects to fit in before the winter break. We know that providing these new and engaging opportunities for students is important for their educational growth. However, we also know that providing structure and routine is important for students' regulation, which supports their learning abilities. As a developmentally responsive school we are striving to balance these two needs so we can send students off to break with smiles. We hope you and your family enjoy the winter season, spending time together and enjoying the beautiful snowy scene.

OurSCHOOL Parent Survey

Selkirk Elementary School will be participating in an online school survey for parents and guardians called the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey. We invite you to review the information below, and complete the survey using the login information provided.

Who: all parents/guardians/caregivers

When: Dec 1- Dec 6

Where: At your convenience on a home device, or come to Selkirk and use a school device.

Why: To provide us with information that can support us in strengthening the Selkirk Community.

The OurSCHOOL Parent Survey gives you the chance to provide your feedback anonymously into school initiatives. It's voluntary, but we encourage you to participate, so we get a better understanding how you feel the school supports learning, positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and must be completed in one sitting. For more information about the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey, please visit The Learning Bar Inc.'s website: www.thelearningbar.com.

To access the survey, go to <http://www.ourschool.net/89sxx>

If you have questions or would like to request more information about Selkirk's upcoming implementation of the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey, please contact Leslie Doran, Principal, Selkirk Elementary.

Selkirk's Culture Camp

Selkirk's Culture Week was an enormous success, filled with smiles and incredible learning experiences for everyone involved! Students had the opportunity to participate in lessons on trapping, fish cleaning, storytelling, beading, handgames, cooking and baking, and even tasting delicious bannock. They also learned about fish tanning and had a blast using their skills in Arctic sports. This amazing opportunity wouldn't have been possible without the outstanding organizing and scheduling by our PE team, Dave Rawling and Frédérique Bouchet, along with our VP, Nicole Doré. We were thrilled to welcome so many wonderful guests to our school, including Linda Harvey, Ryan Sealy, Cheryl McLean, and Darcy Carlick, along with the amazing crew of Education Advocates from YFNED!

<https://www.yfned.ca/advocates>

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Shining Stars

This month we continue to work on Mastery, catching the students being:

- Able to be brave, take risks, and persevere in a variety of situations.
- Able to identify personal strengths and stretches to work towards success.
- Able to demonstrate curiosity, encouraging lifelong learning.
- Able to observe, learn, and honor the greater skill sets of others.

Reading over the Winter Break

Reading with your child over winter break is a win-win! It helps keep their brain sharp, builds their love for books, and boosts skills like vocabulary, reading fluency, and understanding. Plus, it sparks creativity and helps them think critically. Reading together is also a great way to spend quality time, connect emotionally, and chat about fun stuff. It can even cut down on screen time and add a bit of routine to the break. Make it extra cozy with holiday books, and you'll create fun memories while supporting their learning!

And don't forget— you can pick up books anytime from Selkirk's free library! They're always available for you to explore.



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.

Lost and Found

Thank you for helping 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>

We can't wait to welcome you back on January 6th after the Winter Break!