



Selkirk Elementary

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Message from your Admin

Welcome back, Coyotes! We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating winter break, filled with moments of joy and relaxation. As we step into the new year, we are excited to embrace the fresh opportunities and exciting challenges ahead. January marks a time for new beginnings, and we're eager to embark on this journey with renewed energy and optimism. Together, we'll continue making this school year a year of growth, success, and meaningful connections. Let's make the most of every moment and continue to support one another in the months to come. As always, please reach out to our admin team with any comments, queries, or concerns!

Important Dates

Jan 6- Welcome Back to School!

Jan 13- Gr 7 Basketball Game

Jan 20- PD Day- no school for students

Jan 21- School Council Meeting 6:30

Jan 22- Kindergarten Registration Parent Meeting- 7:00pm-8:00pm, via Zoom

Jan 27- Gr 7 Basketball Game

Feb.10-14 French Immersion Week

Feb.21 Heritage Day (no school)

Feb.26 Pink Shirt Day

Feb.27-28 Student-Led Conferences
No School for Students Feb 28

First Nation Education Advocates Yukon First Nation Education Directorate yfned

Selkirk is incredibly fortunate to have the support of Sydney Cairns and Darcey 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](#)

Darcey leads our Coyotes in Hand Games every Wednesday in the Emerald Room. If you have a child who is interested and would like more information, please contact Darcey at:

Darcey Carlick <Darcey.Carlick@yfned.ca>

Selkirk is Developmentally Responsive



During the month of January, we lean into re-establishing routines and connections within our Selkirk Community. We understand that predictability and consistency help regulate everyone's nervous systems, and connection is an integral part of both. We strive to establish routines that meet children's current skill level and that serve to grow both independence and community. As Selkirk Staff Members, we are so privileged to create nurturing and inspiring environments for our Selkirk Coyotes, and we are grateful for our entire Selkirk Community. With full hearts, let's head into 2025!

Donations

It's that time of year when people start clearing out extra items from their homes! If you happen to have any of the following gently used items that you no longer need, we'd be grateful for your donation:

- Games like UNO, Cribbage, Chess, or Checkers
- Outdoor gear such as neck warmers, buffs, or wool socks

Your donations help make our school a great place for students to learn and grow. Thank you for thinking of us!

Welcome to our new staff

Please join us in welcoming our new teachers, Karen Campbell, Steven Bridwell, and Hilary Calnan, to our SBT! With this expanded staff, we'll be able to offer more intensive support to our students. Bhumi Patel also joins us as an EA, bringing her valuable experience.

While we bid farewell to Lucy Morrison as she prepares to welcome a new addition to her family, we are excited to introduce Jeff Hamilton, who will be stepping in to cover the Grade 5 classroom. Although farewells are always bittersweet, we're thrilled to have Jeff join our team.

A huge shout-out to our new staff—thank you for being part of our community!

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Shining Stars

This month we continue to work on **Independence**, catching the students:

- able to stay on task when given instructions
- able to access strategies when facing challenges
- able to take responsibility for words, actions, and relationships
- able to make goals and create steps to achieve them

Home Reading

We're excited to invite you to take advantage of our Selkirk Free Library! Reading at home is one of the best ways to support your child's learning. It helps build vocabulary, boosts comprehension, and sparks a love for reading. Plus, it can strengthen family bonds as you share stories together.

Stop by and choose a book from our selection—it's completely free! Whether you're looking for a fun adventure, a mystery, or something educational, there's something for every reader. We hope this encourages you to make reading a part of your daily routine. Happy reading, and thank you for supporting your child's learning journey!



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.

Field Trips- SUNSHINE FUND

Field trips provide wonderful learning opportunities for all students. Thanks to Selkirk's Sunshine Fund "top-up" program, families can round up their field trip payments and contribute to a fund that helps make these experiences accessible to everyone. Your donations go directly to supporting Selkirk children, ensuring every student can join in. If you need any financial assistance, please feel free to reach out to the teacher or administration—we're here to help and understand the financial challenges, especially after the holidays. Our goal is to make field trips as stress-free as possible for all families. A heartfelt thank you to the Selkirk School Council for launching this initiative with their generous contribution!

From your classroom teachers, and all other Selkirk staff

Handle With Care



If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please email me "handle with care." Nothing else will need to be said or asked unless you are willing. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience, or love during the day.