



Selkirk School

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From the Principal

Wow! With a busy year and a flurry of events keeping us all focussed on the task at hand each day, it's hard to believe that we are but a week away from Spring Break! This has been an excellent term at SES, with staff ready to conduct student led conferences with parents to review student progress to date. Reports go home March 13th. We are looking forward to seeing parents and guardians at parent/teacher conferences Thursday March 15th from 3:30-8pm and on Fri. March 16th from 8:30-12:00pm. Students attend with parents but do not attend classes on Friday, March 16th.

SES staff enjoyed an excellent Professional Development session **Feb 26 led by staff members Linda Harvey, Monique Levesque, Laura Orviss and Yukon Education's Tammy Stoneman**. We focused on new technology as well as incorporating First Nations ways of knowing and doing into the curriculum for Yukon schools, with discussions and presentations involving history, heritage and culture, governance, and the Southern Tutchone language. Don't be surprised if both students and staff provide you with a Southern Tutchone greeting! Also, if you have a chance to join a Shining Star assembly, you will find that our school song now has tri-lingual components!

On Friday April 27th, SES staff will develop new SGP goals for 2018 2019 to reflect changes in YE approaches to working with curriculum and students. We have been pleased with the work school staff have completed to date, with a continuing focus on a Growth Mindset, student goal setting and formative assessment for learning to inform teaching practice and to strengthen the student/staff/family inter-relationships that support the teaching/learning process.

School News

Busy days at Selkirk! Feb 15 and 16th provided the final tournament for our basketball teams. One and all enjoyed **French Immersion Week** Feb 26-30 with students in both French and English engaged in a variety of activities, Zumba, cabane sucre, a movie and ever popular munchies, thanks to Mmes Levesques, Trudel, Dore, and Adamsky! Thanks to Trine Dennis and supporting staff, this week also included an excellent performance by our **French Choir** at the Westmark!

Rendezvous also provided a variety of activities at SES including much enjoyed outside games as a final event. Thanks to Mr Macdonald, Mr Cressman and our grade seven students for organizing.

Last weekend, Selkirk String Stars along with Suzuki Strings, Fiddleheads and others participated at the Yukon Arts Centre in a program entitled **Strings Extravaganza**. Emceed by SES maestro Grant Hartwick, the program finale included more than one hundred students from our school and local communities.

Organized by SES teacher Andrea Webber, we have also enjoyed **Nutrition Week** featuring daily quiz questions, healthy snacks and new recipes for all to enjoy.

School Council

Selkirk School Council is excited to be participating in a project for the library that will benefit the Selkirk Elementary students and staff. Amazing people from our school and from the community are building rolling shelving units for the library. The current shelving is old and beyond the reach of most students. The benefit to the library is that the room will be able to be configured any way needed. It will be used for many different events during and after school, the configuration of the shelves can be changed at will. We will need between \$6,000 and \$8,000 to complete the project. School Council would like to invite everyone to have an opportunity to sponsor this project. Any contribution will be appreciated.

Sponsors will be acknowledged on a plaque on the shelving units. If you are interested, please drop off your cheque payable to Selkirk Elementary School to the office at Selkirk. If you have questions or need more information, please contact School Council at selkirkschoolcouncil@gmail.com or contact Laura Davidson, council member, at 667-2964.

Selkirk Shining Stars for February 2018

Pencil Winners

Chase M.	KV
Johny A.C.	3/4HB
Shaylin G.	2/3S
Toosis A.C.	2/3S
Keiron G.	4/5HB
Lacey L.	KV
Carson K.	1/2D
Elle F.	KV
Morgan S.	4/5HB
Jermaine K.	2/3S

Pizza Winners

Lance J.	3/4W
Ashton P..	7C
Ricky V.	1/2D
Mason K.	2/3S
Eunice M.	5H
Sanjana J.	4/5HB

And now....for something else to consider.....

Would you rather give up a pirate's ransom than make another school lunch that won't be eaten?

Avast ye! Come and learn some easy ways to make lunches that your little buccaneers will actually eat! X marks the spot! Muster at the Old Fire Hall on Wednesday, March 28th, anytime between 10am and 3pm for *Lunch on the High Seas*. Follow a treasure map to make a healthy lunch. There will be lots of yummy, nutritious food to sample, plus face painting and a photo booth. The event is **free** and for families with children from preschool to Grade 7. *Yo-ho-ho!* For more information contact health.promotion@gov.yk.ca

Calendar of Events

Mar 13	Report Cards Sent Home
Mar 15	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3:30pm -8:00pm
Mar. 16	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 8:30am -12:00pm
Mar 19-29	Spring Break
Mar. 30	Good Friday Holiday
April 2	Easter Monday Holiday
April 3	Students return to school Shining Star Assembly 1:05pm

