



# Selkirk School

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## From the Principal

From all of us at Selkirk, we extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, and a warm welcome to new students and families joining the SES community!

At this time, we are beginning to make plans to accommodate new classes for 2018-2019 as Selkirk continues to grow as a dual track school offering both English and French Immersion programs. Next year, we will add space to extend the French Immersion program to grade 3 and to accommodate new Kindergarten students. Entry to the Early French Immersion program can also occur at the Gr 1 level. Parents interested in finding out more about French Immersion programs offered at Whitehorse and Selkirk Elementary Schools will be invited to an informational meeting at 7:00pm February 7<sup>th</sup> at Whitehorse Elementary School.

An active sports program is under way again this term with practices now focusing on basketball. An informal earlybird tournament at the Canada Games Centre this week will precede a regular game schedule between schools and a final tournament to end the season Feb 15-16<sup>th</sup>. As always, parent spectators are welcome to cheer our teams at home or away games. Polar Games for grade 6 students will take place on Feb 1 and Feb 2 this year. Details to follow. During the week, and especially on cold indoor days when the windchill is -25C or below, many of our classes continue to provide several short physical literacy breaks, adding to the various self-regulation activities currently offered within the school.

This term, Selkirk staff will continue working with the new curriculum. Our next activities will focus on goal setting with students, developing positive mindsets and working on methods of inquiry to address core student competencies and skills. Always an adjunct, ways to strengthen interrelationships that support a positive learning environment will also be part of the process, as will a greater incorporation of First Nations cultures and ways of knowing. This work will occur on our next Pro-D Day Friday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> ***Students do not attend school on this day***

Many thanks are extended to our SES Parent Council for their continuing involvement and excellent support of school programs and activities! Be it the purchasing of school sports jerseys, violins, ski equipment for primary students, computer programs and hardware, or the building of library furniture, funding of student field trips, or the support of our performing arts programs, school wide special events as well as recognizing the work of staff, our council's stellar support continues to be greatly appreciated by all of us in the school!

**School Council**    **Interested in sitting on school council?**    School councils work to improve and support student learning and engagement and provide guidance and feedback on how to create a positive school culture and environment.

2018 is an election year for Yukon School Councils. Selkirk Elementary has a 5 member council. An election is held every 2 years and appointments are for 2 year terms.

Nomination papers will be available starting April 9, and must be submitted by April 26. If more than 5 people submit a nomination paper and an election is required, then the election will take place on Monday, May 7 from 3 - 8pm. You can learn more about school council elections at: [www.electionsyk.ca/en/elections/SchoolCouncil](http://www.electionsyk.ca/en/elections/SchoolCouncil)

If you are interested in putting your name forward to sit on council, consider coming to one of our upcoming school council meetings to meet current members and get a sense on what being on council is all about.

Even if you don't want to commit to being a board member, parents are still welcome to come to all school council meetings to provide input, suggest ideas and join the discussion.

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the school library.

Your school council members are:

Melanie Davignon - chairperson

Michelle Boleen

Sandy Calhoun

Laura Davidson

Sharon Specht

You can contact the school council members at: [selkirkschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:selkirkschoolcouncil@gmail.com). (Note: please don't send messages containing confidential student information to this email address).

### **Kindergarten Pre-Registration**

Pre-registration begins on Monday Feb 12th, 2018 at 9:00 AM for the school year 2018/2019

The pre-registration form will be available on the website on the pre-registration date. The website at [http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten\\_registration.html](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten_registration.html) has been updated with all information related to Kindergarten Pre-Enrolment for the school year 2018/2019. Note that kindergarten in Whitehorse is a full-day program.

In addition to the regular English-language Kindergarten program, Whitehorse parents can choose French Immersion and Catholic education.

French Immersion is based at École Whitehorse Elementary School in downtown Whitehorse and at Selkirk Elementary School in Riverdale.

Catholic education is offered at Christ the King Elementary School in Riverdale and at Holy Family Elementary School in Porter Creek

Students enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 by December 31, 2018

### **French Immersion Pre-Registration for 2017 Grade 1**

Students may also enter the Early French Immersion Program in grade 1 without having been in a Kindergarten Immersion program. Parents wishing to select this option are also invited to attend the meeting at Whitehorse Elementary February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm noted for information about French Immersion programs and registration procedures.

### **Family Literacy Day**

This annual, popular event will be held at Selkirk on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>. All parents are invited to attend school for a half hour of reading with their child(ren) at the beginning of the day, from 8:45-9:15am. Bring a book your child will like, enjoy a small refreshment, and if you wish, dress up as a favourite book character! Look for further developments from your child's teacher. See you there!

### **Selkirk Shining Stars for December 2017**

<b><u>Pencil Winners</u></b>		<b><u>Pizza Winners</u></b>	
Hannah S	7C	Lewyn G-M	1/2D
Rylie R	4/5 HB	Brody N	KV
Diego S	7C	Kevin B	5M
Veronica F	1/2D	Anthoni T	4/5HB
Aliyah H-B	KV	Ann C	1/2D
Hailey W-H	1/2D		
Wyatt G	1/2D		
Saikrishna V	2/3S		
Diamond R	2/3S		
Lyra J	KV		

### **Calendar of Events**

Jan.16	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Jan 19	Professional Day for Teachers, no classes for students
Jan 23	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Jan 30	Selkirk Family Swim Night 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Feb 6	Shining Star Assembly 1;00 SES gym
Feb 6	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb 1,2	Polar Games for Gr 6
Feb 13	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb 15,16	Gr 7 Basketball Tournament
Feb 20	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb 23	Heritage Day Holiday, no classes for students
Feb 27	Selkirk Family Night Swim Night 5:30-7:30
Mar 13	Report Cards Sent Home
Feb 29-M 4	Book Fair
Mar 1	Shining Star Assembly
Mar 15	Evening Parent /Teacher/Student Conferences
Mar. 16	Morning Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences,
Mar 19-29	Spring Break
Mar. 30	Good Friday Holiday

