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From the Principal

With an excellent second term at Selkirk now drawing closer, staff are in the process of preparing brief interim progress reports, which are being shared with parents between Feb 11th and March 8th. In keeping with changes to the reporting system that Selkirk is using for the first time this year, teachers will make their own choice about how student progress will be reported for several or more subjects. Information may be sent by email, by phone, meetings or on paper. Parents may be interested to know that Yukon Education has surveyed parents at schools that used the new student assessment and reporting methods last year, to explore any further changes that may be needed for 2019-2020.
To learn more, to participate and to find out which schools are being surveyed, visit www.engageyukon.ca/en/2019/student-assessment-survey

Plans to accommodate new classes for 2019-2020 are continuing with one more French Immersion and one English Kindergarten now planned for Selkirk. As you may know, our dual track school will continue to offer Core French Gr 4-7 for students in the K-7 English program, as well as French Immersion K-4, Intensive French gr 5 and Post Intensive French Gr 6 and 7. Parents are reminded that both English and French Immersion Kindergarten pre-registration begins on Monday Feb 11th, 2018 at 9:00 AM for students who will be 5 by Dec 31 2019.

This is French Immersion Week, or Semaine de I'mmersion with activities in French being held each day. If you wish come and join us in the celebrating French culture with us, see the calendar at the end of this newsletter for details and times . Parents are also invited to attend Shining Star Assemblies on the first Tuesday of each month! Come and enjoy presentations made by one our classes under the direction of Mr Hartwick and school staff!

School News

Polar Games

Grade 6 students from across the Yukon gathered in Whitehorse January 31st and Feb 1 to participate in the 50th anniversary of the Polar Games. Participating in activities ranging from speed skating and broomball to skittle ball and hip hop dance, the games were a great success. The highlight for many students was the Polar Games Dance, which took place at Selkirk. Complete with a DJ and concession, a great time was had by all who attended. Thanks to Ms. MacLeod for helping organize Selkirk students and teachers for the games!

Cardboard Arcade

Before the Christmas break, grade 6 and 7 students from Ms. Dennis's and Ms. Thompson's classes were busy designing, building and testing arcade games from cardboard and other recycled materials. In January they put on an afternoon of arcade game fun for many of our classes. Students had a great time showing off their games, and the younger students enjoyed playing the games. From this event, we raised $136.00 for the No Fixed Address Outreach Van. Thanks to all who supported this event.

After School Supervision

The playground is supervised in the mornings from 8:15 am until the bell rings at 8:30, then again from dismissal time at 3:02 pm until 3:15 pm. At 3:15 teachers and EAs are not on the playground; they want to go home or need time to prepare for the next day. If you wish to remain on the playground with your child(ren) please ensure that you are **actively supervising** them. There have been reports of issues that are occurring outside of supervision hours, over which staff have no control. If you are picking your child(ren) up please ensure that you are doing so before 3:15 pm

SES January Shining Stars

Selkirk continues to have our monthly Shining Star assemblies, where students are recognized for their good behavior. In January the following students received pencils and certificates: Rodmar C, Shaylin G, Yvett B, Carolyne D, Raquell D, Samuel M, Keira G, Emily F, Aliyah HB and Asher B. Our January pizza winners were Blake S, Adelaide L, Hugh H, Prab K, Rosemary A and Isla M. Great job! Our next Shining Star assembly will be on Monday, March 4 at 1:00pm. Parents and families are always welcome to attend.

Intensive French Program

Students from Mme. Morrison's Intensive French have completed their half year of French immersion and are now working on the compressed English part of their year, while continuing to practice their French for 45 minutes a day. As they incorporate the Science and Social Studies components of their program, students
can look forward to lots of Project Based Learning. *Bravo les amis de 5/6M!*

Family Literacy Day

In celebration of Family Literacy Day, parents and families were invited to come to school and read with their children on January 25. Families were treated to fruit and hot chocolate and enjoyed reading together. Thank you to those who were able to attend.

Family Night

Family night continues to a wonderful part of our Selkirk Elementary School community. It is great seeing so many of our families out enjoying time together here at the school on Tuesday evenings. A big thank you to the teachers and staff who donate their time and talents to this event. We also want to thank our parent volunteers. Mickey Conlon recently volunteered to and Dustin Rainey offered soap stone carving to students and parents. If you are interesting in sharing a skill or activity for Family Night, please contact Ms. Widdis.

Basketball

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams have had a great season. They've done well in their competitions against other elementary school teams. Both teams will be participating in the basketball championships on February 14 and 15. Good luck Coyotes! Special thanks to Mr. MacDonald, Mme. Morrison, Mr. Farrow and Don Harding for helping coach these teams.

Operation Education Boston Pizza Fundraiser

Operation Education is a cooperative fundraising initiative that partners local schools with Boston Pizza restaurants. Staff, students and families can dine at Boston Pizza and help their school earn 5% cash back on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts. Here's how it works:

1**) Eat at Boston Pizza between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019**
2) Save your receipts
3) Submit to Ms. Whitehead or your child's teacher before the end of the school year

Selkirk String Stars

On March 3, the Selkirk String Stars will be performing at the Yukon Arts Center as part of Strings Extravaganza. The show starts at 3 pm. Come out and support Selkirk's violinists!

Calendar of Events

Feb 12	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
	Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm-Library
Feb 15,16	Gr 7 Basketball Tournament
Feb 19	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb 22	Heritage Day Holiday, no classes for students
Feb 26	Selkirk Family Night Swim Night 5:30-7:30
Mar 5	Shining Star Assembly 1;00 SES gym
Mar 5	Selkirk Family Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m
Mar 11-21	Spring Break