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Selkirk School



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From the Principal

Retirement You may already know that I will be retiring from Yukon Education in the New Year with January 10th as my last day at Selkirk. I wish all to know that it has been a thoroughly enjoyable privilege to work with the students and members of the Selkirk school community, with my colleagues and with the Department during my tenure in Whitehorse. Selkirk is a progressive school that has increasingly grown with a strong, caring and capable staff, willing to explore and address best pedagogy and programs for our students together with the generous and solid support from a committed School Council. After a career of 50 years both in Canada and internationally, of which the last 11 years have been at Selkirk, I am pleased with what our school has accomplished over time, and am confident about leaving it in good hands!

Staff changes at Selkirk. Congratulations to SES Vice-principal Tamara Boiteau in being appointed as the principal at Selkirk beginning January 13, 2020! Tamara knows our school community well, and we are pleased that she is willing to take on this new challenge! At this time, we also wish Nicole Dore all the best as she begins her maternity leave in January, to Shawna Vedress who will be heading to Australia on a one year teaching exchange, and to Nicole Cook as she moves to Watson Lake. Warm SES welcomes are extended to Genevieve la Cute, who will be working with the grade two French Immersion class and to Serenity Jones, who has joined us as an EA.

School News

Free Store During the *lunchtime* break (12:00-12:55 pm) on Wednesday, December 11th, Thursday December 12th, and Friday December 13th, the clothing portion of the **Free Store** will be open to **intermediate students** and **parents**, only. Shopping will take place in the library.

Items you can expect:

- Outside winter gear: Jackets, Snow-pants, Toques and Mitts, Snow boots
- Running shoes
- Children's clothing ranging from 0-12 months all the way to children's large
- Adult clothing ranging from small to XL
- Blankets

On December 20th, all items of the Free Store will be open to parents and students all day.

We would also like to say a BIG THANK-YOU to all the families who donated so generously! J

Any questions? Please email Nicole.schroeder@yesnet.yk.ca



Sports With volleyball championships having concluded the season on Nov 21st and 22nd, basketball is next with Justin Quigley, Mar-André Chartrand and Nicole Schroeder taking on coaching for our senior students. Classes are also busy with sports suited to the season, with field trips for skating, skiing, snowshoeing and swimming a regular part programming.

The Arts With Grant Hartwick at the helm, our students have been musically active at school assemblies, in the community with the Jerry Granelli Jazz Trio at the Yukon Arts Centre, at the Celebration of Music at the Legislature, and soon, at our annual **SES Festive Follies: LE Grinch en Hiver** on Thursday Dec 19th. Parent seating and student arrivals at 6:30 pm. Curtain at 7:00pm. An early performance is available to parents this year, on Thursday with seating at 8:45 and curtain at 9:00 to help accommodate our growing concert audiences. Bring your Christmas spirit and donations to the food bank to ring in the festive season!

Pancake Breakfast Don't forget the Pancakes and PJ's Breakfast from 7:30-8:30 on Friday Dec 20th!! After that, check the Free Store and the lost and found for items

Selkirk Parent Council

Student Safety Thanks to SES Council Chair Melanie Davignon, parents Ian Parker and James Saunders for presenting the school needs at City Council for safe student and vehicle passage on Selkirk Street south of the school. As those who take this route know, the street is poorly lit, has no foot or bike pathways and is dangerous for students, particularly on dark mornings and afternoons. Until this problem can be resolved, we are counting on parents to accompany their children on Selkirk Street or to have young ones walk with older students who are more traffic savvy. We also ask that the circle for vehicles not be used for parking but only as a drop-off and pick-up zone.

With colder weather and shorter days, parents are again reminded that outside playground supervision is not provided until 8:15 or after 3:15.

Next Council meeting is at 6:30 Monday Dec 9th in the library

Selkirk Family Night Family Night for parents and students grades 3-7 still has opportunities for parents to share their skills and talents as **program leaders**. Programs usually last for 3- 6 sessions over one or two months. The school will cover expenses for materials that are needed. ***If you would like to be a participant or a program leader, please fill out the attached response form below and return it to the school. Thanks!***

Selkirk Shining Stars... Students at Selkirk Elementary earn "Shining Stars" for positive behavior in learning, attitude, responsibility and respect and caring. Congratulations to the following November Shining Stars:

Pencil Winners:

Hailey W.H	3/4M
Sierra E-M	3/4M
Wylde L.	2/3BG
Julia F.	2/3S
Grace C.	KC
Manaf R.	4/5M
Ryland E.	4/5M
Sanjana J.	5/6H
Gavin P.	2D
Ana L.	1V
Austin D.	1/2E

Pizza

Kentin G.	KV
Jerome M.	4/5M
Bresil L.	KC
Everett G.	2D
Blake S.	6/7J
Nathan W.	5M

Dates to Remember

December 11 Early Bird Basketball
December 19 8:45 a.m. Festive Follies 9:00 curtain
December 19 6:30 p.m. Festive Follies 7:00 curtain
December 20 7:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast / P.J. Day
January 6 First Day of School 2020

Best Wishes from the Selkirk Staff!



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Selkirk Family Night Parent Survey PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL

_____ I am able to **lead** a Family Night program (Activity area) _____.

_____ Number of sessions (3 or 6)

_____ Number of students I can host

(Parent Name(s)) _____ Phone(s) _____