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# Selkirk School

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## From the Principal

Following an early and excellent start, the 2018 2019 year is now fully in place, with all programs in both English and French programs enjoying strong beginnings, along with extracurricular sports, music and after school dance activities. Adding to a solid year opening, we extend our thanks to our Parent Council for hosting a great **family and staff get-together and barbecue** Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeting one another socially over gourmet hotdogs was certainly a continuing hit again this year!

Thanks to Brian Macdonald and Andree-Anne Verret for hosting **soccer** teams and excellent tournament play earlier this month at Vanier. **Volleyball** season is next with senior teams now being organized with tournament play to follow in October. The **Selkirk Running Club** has also been active over the last few weeks, with an excellent turnout of students joining Leslie Doran, Monique Levesque, Lindsay Hutchinson, and Leah Widdis the rabbits for noon-hour sprints along the Millennium trail.

With support from Grant Hartwick and Katie Avery, a thriving new group of beginner students have already been added to the **Selkirk Strings Program** beginning Tuesdays on **Family Nights from 5:30-7:00** with Grant Hartwick and Katie Avery. Special thanks to the SES Parent Council for their financial support of our popular **After School Dance** programs with Dale Cooper.

On a social front, Ms Thompson and Ms Dennis organized an excellent **grade seven dance** for all Whitehorse students on Friday Sept 21st. Students had a great time as the music resonated from 7pm to 10pm. Thanks to students and staff for making the event a great success!

Our first **Family Night Program** begins this Tuesday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> with 68 students and parents registered for a family swim at the Canada Games Centre. Parents are asked to arrange their own transportation, and to check at the desk for a free entry to the pool. Parents interested in hosting a 3-6 week activity on Family Nights for students in an area of interest or expertise are certainly welcome! For information, or to volunteer, contact Leah Widdis at the school at 667 3688.

Next week, as part of **Family Week**, our **Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** program will consist of our annual **Family Night Potluck**. All families are cordially invited to share a meal and conversation with one another! Please remember to bring your own cutlery, plates and cups, as well as your good humour and a favorite dish to share. **Begins 5:30, ends 7:00**. See you there!

## **School News**

**Terry Fox Run** Once again we are hoping for good weather and excellent participation in our annual Terry Fox Run. Students and parents wishing to join us will meet in the gym at 1:00pm Wednesday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, along with toonies to support cancer research. Primary students run to the footbridge over the river while intermediates complete the Millennium Trail. Thanks once again to Leah Widdis for organizing the event and to staff, students and parents for their ongoing support!

### **Learning Together Program**

Families new to Selkirk may wish to know that our Learning Together (LT) is a drop-in program designed for 0 - 4 year olds accompanied by parents or caregivers. The program operates Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and is offered to all parents and children living in the Whitehorse area. An interactive room with high ceilings, bright walls, big windows, and lots of space for movement and high energy, this program provides a great environment and opportunity for parents and caregivers to interact with their children.

### **Selkirk Family Night**

Selkirk School and Parent Council are continuing to support our **Family Night** program for students in grades 3-7 and their families as a school-based, family support and recreation program. Free for families, it is held at Selkirk on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00pm

As in the past, we wish to include adults and parents within our school community both as **participants** and as **program leaders** to share their skills and talents with students and families. The school is able to provide parent program leaders with funds to cover expenses. Programs usually last for 3- 6 sessions over one or two months. ***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!***

## **What's New?**

**Professional Development** Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>, Ronald Morrish, author of *Secrets to Discipline* and *With All Due Respect* provided an excellent session with SES staff to review and add to the school's celebration of key values as well as an updated review of teaching children to be responsible and cooperative without making deals, arguments or confrontations. From all accounts, the evening session for parents was both well attended and enjoyed, with a number of "ah ha's" helping to explain typically different responses often attributed to gender and age.

**Thursday September 27 and Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>** are ProD Days for the Yukon Teachers Association. A wide variety of topics dealing with the Growth Mindset have been arranged. These sessions fit well with the Selkirk School Growth Plan that also addresses the Growth Mindset this year.

**Parents are reminded that students do not attend on these days.**

**Reporting student progress to parents** will take several forms this year. During October, teachers will be contacting parents by email, phone or note before **Student Led Parent teacher conferences** from 3:15-8:00pm Thursday Nov 15 and from 9:00 to 12:00 on Friday NOV 16<sup>th</sup>. To support changes to the reporting process, students are expected to attend with parents and guardians to take on a leading role with parents and teachers.

**After School Care**

Spaces are still available at The Teen Parent Centre for after school child care. Located next to the school, Teen Parent Centre staff will pick up from Selkirk and walk them over. For more information, parents can email [teenparentcentre@gmail.com](mailto:teenparentcentre@gmail.com) or call 334-3609.

**Dates to Remember**

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| Tuesday October 2nd  | Shining Star Assembly 1 pm                           |
| Tuesday October 2nd  | Family Night Pot Luck 5:30 -7:00pm                   |
| Friday October 6     | Professional Development Day Students do not attend  |
| Monday October 8     | Thanksgiving Monday, no school                       |
| Tuesday October 9    | Selkirk Family Night, 5:30-7:00                      |
| Tuesday October 9    | School Council Mtg(AGM) 6:30, Library                |
| Thursday, October 19 | Parent-Teacher-Student Evening Conferences 3:15-8:00 |
| Friday, October 20   | Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00-12:00                |
| Tuesday, October 23  | Selkirk Family Night, 5:30-7:00                      |
| Tuesday Oct 30       | Family Swim Night                                    |

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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) \_\_\_\_\_