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Selkirk Montessori School E-Newsletter

We make a difference!

In the fall of 2021, a parent from our school, Laura Brandes, approached our Kingfisher class to see if we were interested in helping out with our local Community Fridge. Wanting to help our local community, we immediately jumped on it, and have been helping Laura collect and distribute goods to the Community Fridge since then.



As the numbers of people accessing the Community Fridge continue to grow, we wanted to do more. After approaching the Community Fridge Support Committee with an idea, they gave us their approval to produce food for the fridge. Putting to work the skills learned during the Food

Safe course, students baked cookies, assembled meat and vegetable sandwiches, and added fruit, juice, and yogurt to beautifully decorated bags to donate. All of the supplies came from profits earned from our classroom business, the Kingfisher Café.

On one occasion, while dropping off the food at the Community Fridge on David Street, one person said, “Selkirk Montessori is the best school!” We couldn’t agree more. Thank-you for continuing to support the Community Fridge.

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*“April, dressed in all
its trim, hath put a
spirit of youth in
everyone.”*

William Shakespeare

Community Fridge (cont'd)



We received the following email today:

"Hello, today I met staff and students from your school at the Community Food Cupboard on David Street.

I just wanted to say a big thank you for you generosity, fun art work and great jokes with your brown bag lunches. I (and 39 others) had lunch today because of you and that means a lot in that community.

I wish you all excellent karma. Your kindness goes a long way."

Selkirk Parent Group (SPG) Update

Spring is here and somehow we're already in the final school term. Thank you for supporting the Selkirk Parent Group (SPG) throughout the year! Our most recent fundraiser, the spring Purdy's Chocolates campaign, raised \$900. We hope you enjoy your sweet treats knowing you've helped the school along the way.

Lend a Hand ...

We have more fun things in the works, and we need your help! We're looking for:

- Help with the Hot Lunch Program (various roles)
- A lead for June's "Freezies on the Green" event,
- A lead for our September "Back-to-School BBQ"

These fundraisers are valuable in many ways. They help raise money for enrichment activities, but they also help build and develop our school community. Please email the SPG at spg@selkirkmontessori.ca to learn more about how you could help.

Staff Appreciation

March 16 – just before spring break – the SPG sent out a survey asking for your feedback on school-wide staff appreciation processes. We've done different things over the years and we'd like your input on whether and how we should continue.

If you haven't yet completed the survey, please give us your feedback by **Wednesday, April 5:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2ZDL2MT>

Art Cards, Magnets, Puzzles, Blankets...

Also coming soon: Art Cards. Children prepare art specifically for this fundraiser. You'll be able to order cards, magnets, puzzles, blankets, mugs and more featuring their artwork. Even if you don't order anything, you'll have the original artwork to keep!

If you do order something, remember to return the artwork to the school for scanning. Don't worry, you'll get it back when your order is filled.

Community Education Night

Watch for details about an upcoming community education night!

Upcoming Dates

- April 5 – Complete the SPG survey about staff appreciation
- April 19 – Art card orders due, and artwork due back at school
- April 24 – Pick up art card orders and artwork

FUNDRAISING AUCTION UPDATE

Come join us on **Saturday May 13th**, as we turn up the beat & enter the rad world of the 80's!

Selkirk Montessori School's biggest fundraiser, our Silent Auction, is taking place and this year's theme is "80's Prom". Bring back those running-man and cabbage-patch dance moves, as it's going to be a nostalgic night filled with neon lights, big hair and throwback music.

Thinking of bringing the kids? As if! Let them chill at home with a sitter. This is an adult only community event. We encourage you to invite any friends, family or neighbours who are interested in supporting Selkirk and are jonesing for a good time!

There will be tons of totally legit items for you to bid on during the course of the evening. Past donors include: Royal BC Museum, Butchart Gardens, Dodd's Furniture, Fireside Grill, Russell Books and plenty more! Some other note-worthy "priceless" items up for bid include Reserved VIP Family Seating at the year-end concert, and "Rockstar Parking" in front of the school for a week! We are not-even kidding!

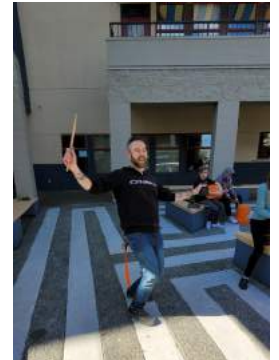
Ticket sales start soon! Admission Includes:

- Hot food buffet
- Dessert table
- Beer + Wine Bar (Ticket Sales)
- Coffee/Tea Service
- Live DJ + Dance Floor
- Swag Bag Sales
- Photo Arch
- Crowning of the King & Queen of Prom

"Watchu talkin' 'bout volunteering?"

We are so grateful for the many items that have come in so far, and we encourage our Selkirk families to keep looking to local businesses for donations of services or tangible items to auction off. There will be many opportunities to lend a hand in the weeks to come. To learn how to get involved, please contact Penny or Erin Andrews in the office.

Immersion Week Photo Gallery



Mr. C. and his buskers were out in force every afternoon during Immersion Week this year to the delight of our families and friends.



Ayako had a group of meditators and mindfulness students this year. They were well rested and ready for Spring Break!



Nikta and Adam were all about foods. Looks like their group had lots of fun opportunities to learn about cooking, baking and catering.

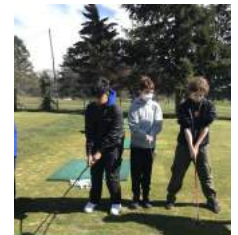
Immersion Week Photo Gallery (cont'd)



Marie and the Engineers for Kids group had a super time with their creations.



Elizabeth and Gigi asked their group to Be Leaf in themselves — and they did! Brian and Judy took their group out for a try at some leisure sports.



Immersion Week Photo Gallery (cont'd)



Check out this unique city plan! The students were learning about eco-cities and architectural design. Thanks to Petit Architects and former parent, Erica, from D'Ambrosio next door.



Carmelle and the hair group had some great experiences, including a few visits to local salons.



Immersion Week Photo Gallery (cont'd)



Lau and Shannon had their Sketchy Sketchers out-and-about appreciating and creating art works while Devon's group were hard at work with clay on the wheel.



Immersion Week Photo Gallery (cont'd)



Bree's group had an adventure in gymnastics and circus skills.



Immersion Week culminates in a showcase on Friday afternoon. Photos of various presentations are spread throughout the gallery.

A very special thank you to all the teachers for sharing their passions with the students during the week. You ROCK!



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Celebrating the spring blossoms in after school care. Thanks to Lily for the photo.

Dates to Remember

- April 7th - Good Friday
- April 10th - Easter Monday
- April 17th – Swimming Lessons Begin (Grades 1-4)
- April 19-21 - Spring Clean Up Sale hosted by Grade 5/6s
- April 28-30 - Montessori Model United Nations
- April 26/27th - Senior Musical - Oliver Jr.!
- May 5th - Puppet Shows (Grade 1-2s)

Selkirk Montessori School is located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən speaking people, today known as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on this territory.