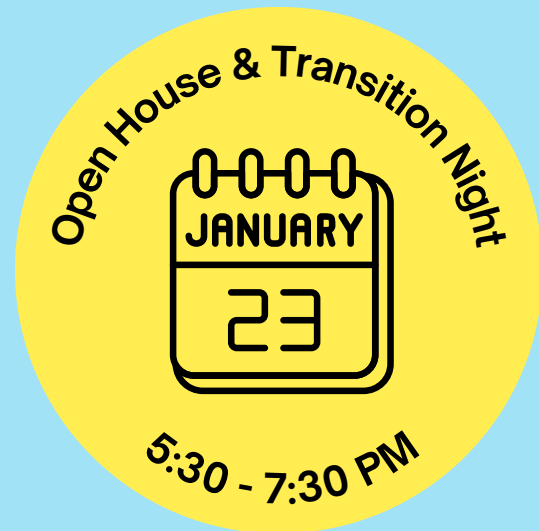




SELKIRK MONTESSORI SCHOOL



We acknowledge with deep gratitude the Ləkʷəŋən Peoples, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, upon whose lands we are fortunate to teach, learn, and live.



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, ERIN HAYES

I would like to extend a warm invitation to all families to join us for our Open House and Transition Night on January 23rd. This special evening will highlight the achievements of our current students and provide an opportunity for those interested in learning more about Montessori education to explore what we offer. Whether you are a prospective family, a pre-service teacher, or an expectant parent, we welcome you to discover how our Montessori approach fosters growth and development. I am especially proud of our Grade 8 students, who play an important role in our Open House by confidently guiding newcomers through our community. They exemplify the spirit of leadership and mentorship that we encourage here at Selkirk.

We are privileged to bring together three educational programs—Kindergarten Preschool, Elementary, and Middle School—under one roof, all united by the Montessori philosophy. As our students grow, so too do the programs, each designed to meet the changing needs of children at different stages of their development. Open House is a wonderful opportunity to witness this growth firsthand, as each child showcases their achievements within their current age group.

In addition to showcasing what your child is currently learning, the Transition Night portion of the evening offers a glimpse into the exciting journey ahead. At Selkirk, students gradually take full ownership of their Montessori education. Over the years, they develop essential skills such as effective work habits, personal responsibility, and goal setting—preparing them not only for academic success but also for a fulfilling life beyond school. We look forward to welcoming you on January 23rd and sharing the exciting possibilities for your child's future at Selkirk!

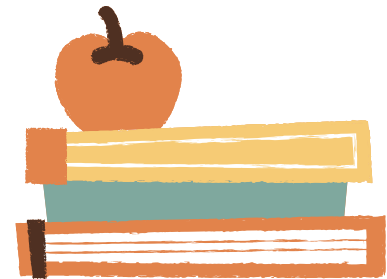
PACIFIC MONTESSORI SOCIETY - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As you know, one of our top priorities at Selkirk Montessori is to deliver a quality education in a cost-efficient manner. Board members are also mindful of the significant contribution made by parents and, accordingly, we seek to keep fee increases to a minimum.

At a meeting immediately following the AGM in November, the directors approved tuition increases of \$300 for Preschool/ Kindergarten and 6% for Elementary and Middle school programs for 2025-2026. The increase in tuitions was approved specifically to continue to support our incredible staff, who are the heart and soul of Selkirk Montessori. In particular, we want to assure our dedicated educators that the directors are committed to continuing to improve their salaries given the contract agreement in the public system last year.

This has resulted in the following fee adjustments:

- * Full Day Preschool: \$ 13,480
- * Full Day Kindergarten: \$11,534
- * Elementary/Middle: \$11,486



The Family Statement of Commitment, which you sign each year, is still in force. We need the school, parents and child to work together to develop a healthy respect for the common expectations of the school and to employ the resources deemed necessary by the staff for the success of the child.

Anybody with questions or concerns regarding changes to the Schedule of Fees, the Family Statement of Commitment or the Registration process is encouraged to contact Erin Hayes at erin@selkirkmontessori.ca.

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026

Re-Registration

Please check your email for a link to the re-registration package. Remember that space is limited in a few of our programs and the deadline is Tuesday, January 31st.

Siblings

If you are a returning family and have a new sibling to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year, please email Erin Magnus at adminassist@selkirkmontessori.ca for a separate priority Application link. Again, the deadline for submission is Friday, January 31st.

Bursaries

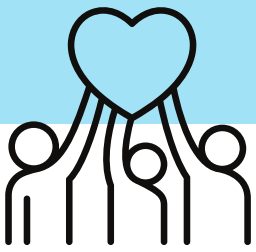
Families requiring a bursary for the 2025-2026 school year, please email erin@selkirkmontessori.ca for the application forms. This paperwork must also be completed and returned by the January 31st deadline to be considered. Please note, we do not have bursaries for preschool programs.

Waitlisted Children

We will be in touch with families on the waitlist by mid to late February. Please be patient...but don't hesitate to contact us if you are anxious! We are always happy to hear from parents that they are still keen to get their child(ren) enrolled.

Not Returning

The decision to move a child from one school to another is never an easy one; however, should you decide not to return to Selkirk for the 2025-2026 school year, we'll be sorry to see you go! We ask that you inform us as soon as possible. It has been our experience that children become confused when they are told they are making a move. They wonder, "Is Selkirk still my school? Is there any reason to keep working hard here? Do I still have to follow the rules of the school?" We want to ensure that your child's experience at Selkirk is a positive one, right down to their last day of school. It's a fact of life that some of you will be leaving. Come talk to us about making the transition an easy one for your child, for their teachers and for the school community as a whole.



SELKIRK PARENT GROUP

Building community together

As parents and caregivers of children in the school, you are all members of the Selkirk Parent Group (SPG). The group is an independent committee of the Pacific Montessori Society and has two main goals: raise funds to support our students, and—through caregiver involvement—foster an inclusive, effective school community. It's led by a volunteer executive.

There are myriad ways to get involved. Attending an SPG meeting is the best way to hear about volunteer opportunities ... But if fitting in a meeting doesn't work for you, don't let that stop you! Send us a line anytime, and we're sure to have a volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule and skills: SPG@selkirkmontessori.ca.

Reminders

- Hot lunches run until Thursday, March 13 (the Thursday before spring break). Forgot to get your order in? Never fear! Order and pay (e-transfers preferred) by January 12 at 11:59 pm: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/selkirkmontessori>
- Our [Selkirk Spirit Wear Shop](#) is open year-round, with bi-weekly drops to our school for easy pick-up whenever orders come in.

Watch for it ...

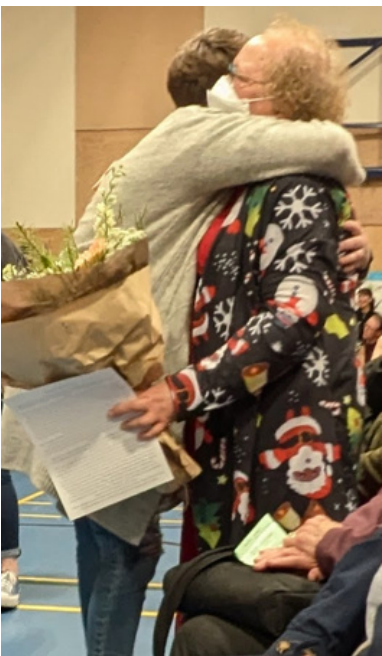
- January 14-Feb. 4: Our spring West Coast Seeds fundraiser is a great way to make your garden plans real. Containers, garden beds, leaking gumboots ... they've got a plant for that! Keep an eye on your email for full details.
- February 10-13: Selkirk Rocks the Heart 2025! Paint rocks, hide them, spread love! To help paint rocks or run a paint station, contact Penny at pennynightingale@gmail.com.
- May 10: Save the date for this year's spring Multicultural Night! This event is a fun and delicious way to connect with the school community. More details will come closer to the event. Already know you want to help? Contact Sarah at sarahdbolen@gmail.com.

Reminder

Key dates for January ...

- **Jan. 12: Orders and payments due for term 2 hot lunches**
- **Jan. 14-Feb. 4: West Coast Seeds fundraiser**
- **Jan. 23: Stop by our table at the open house**
- **Jan. 31: Pizza Day**

ASSEMBLIES & OBSERVANCES



Reflecting on a beautiful concert season. Thank you Kristen and Mr C!

Thank you Gigi for your many years of service to our school. We wish you a very happy retirement!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SELKIRK BIKE BUS DAYS



[Join the Selkirk GoByBike Team!](#)



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Silent Auction Fundraiser



March 1, 2025

Ticket Sales Start Soon!

1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

January 27 is National Literacy Day. As well as enjoying a new story with your child, please make an extra effort to drop off gently used picture books for babies and preschoolers in the pink drop box in the school entrance. All very young children benefit from being read to – help make that a reality for more. Thank you for being part of 350,000 books donated over the last 14 years.

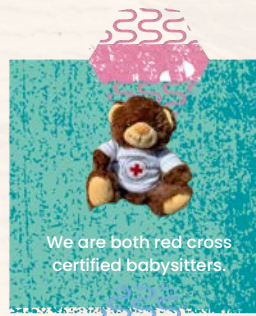


Need a Babysitter? call on us!

Our names are Olivia and Wave and we are grade 8 students from the Kingfisher class. This year our class is going on a trip to Montreal and we decided to babysit to raise money for it. We also both really like hanging out with little kids and would love to babysit your kids. We are also very kind and funny :)



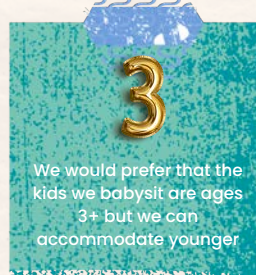
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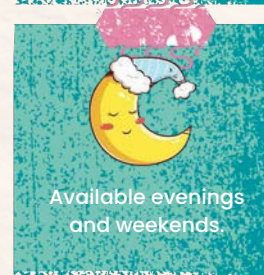
We are both red cross certified babysitters.



Both of us have younger siblings and get lots of experience with little kids at school.



We would prefer that the kids we babysit are ages 3+ but we can accommodate younger



Available evenings and weekends.

REMEMBER

January: 6th - Classes Back In Session
- Re-Registration Begins

13-17th - K/P Observations

20th - NID: No School For Students

23rd - Open House / Transition Night

30th - Junior Musical

- Re-Registration Deadline

February: 14th - NID

17th - Family Day

19-21st - Book Fair

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