



From the Head of School, Erin Hayes

How will you grow this year?

The beginning of school always feels like the true “happy New Year” for educators. Our dedicated educators have always worked tirelessly to create a safe, inclusive, and stimulating learning environment where each student can thrive and reach their full potential. You can see this reflected in joyful faces and growing confidence these past two weeks. As we gather as a community again at Selkirk Montessori School, I am filled with anticipation for the incredible growth that lies ahead. This year promises to be one filled with fresh opportunities, developing friendships, and exciting discoveries.

Growth often happens in small stages and with quiet “a-ha!” moments of discovery. Students call upon resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to learning. For growth, learning must be challenging. This is true both of academic and social growth, and there will be ups and downs. Our staff and students show remarkable commitment to navigating the challenges that come their way, focusing on the skills and characteristics they can call on to work towards a feeling of success. This is reflected in our start of year bulletin board. Big thank you to Carmelle for the beautiful flowers and Erin M for helping prepare the rest of the board.

I look forward to witnessing the amazing accomplishments of our students and the boundless possibilities that this year will bring. Here's to a successful, joyful, and fulfilling school year at Selkirk Montessori School.

Welcome back, dear students,
to a place where you belong,
a place where you can grow, and
a place where you can shine.

With warm regards,

Erin Hayes

Head of School



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“Education opens our
minds to so many things.
It literates us from
ignorance and allows us to
flourish.”

Victor Hugo

Safety Reminders

DO NOT do a U-turn on the site
DO NOT double park on Jutland Road or Jackladder Lane
DO NOT park next to the fire hydrant in front of the school
DO NOT back up in the crosswalk in front of the school
DO NOT idle while waiting for your child/ren
DO NOT use Kiss'n Go if your child is in Preschool/Kindergarten
DO follow the staff instructions during Kiss'n Go pickup after school
DO use your ROCKS and be respectful, communicative and kind when dropping off or picking up your child/ren



Reminders from Administration

FORMS

We will be using Transparent Classroom to send permission slips electronically throughout the school year. For example, we have already sent out forms for field trips and clubs. Parents will get emails throughout the year asking them to complete forms for their child(ren). Only one parent needs to complete the form.

COMFORT ITEMS

Erin Magnus is still missing comfort items from some of our new families! These items are important in case of emergency, as students are able to have something from home to help them feel safe. If you haven't brought yours in yet, please drop it off as soon as possible.

Masks

Please remember that wearing a mask is optional inside and outside the school. Always be respectful of others and their choices.

Transparent Classroom

Please check to see if you have any outstanding forms. We want to have your most up-to-date information in our systems.

Medical Alerts

Please be sure to provide Erin Magnus with all the information you need if you require us to provide medication to your child during school hours (i.e., inhalers, epi pens).



Pacific Montessori Society Board Update

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 pm at the school.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Penny. All members of the Pacific Montessori Society are welcome to attend.

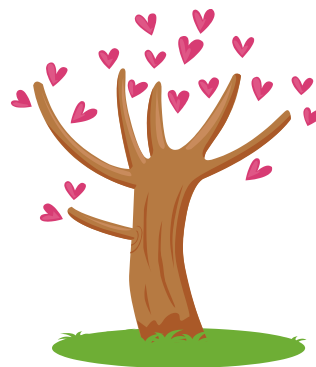


Provincial Government Employees' Community Services Fund

Thank you for including us in your donations through the provincial government Employees' Community Services Fund. The total donated last fiscal year was \$1,275!

For those who aren't in the know, the campaign runs between September and November and is a very easy way for parents who are provincial employees to contribute to the school.

If you have any questions, please contact me:
penny@selkirkmontessori.ca.



You have made a difference!

CAMP THUNDERBIRD



Another successful trip to Camp T.!

One of the leaders was a Selkirk Grad! Come see us soon, Ashley.

What a wonderful way to help the grade 7s and 8s come together as a community.



Special thanks to Judy, Jhoanna, Gigi and Devon as well as all the staff who supported them at Camp this year! Even these two below!



Transparent Classroom - What you should know

Have you logged into your Transparent Classroom?

You can log into your Transparent Classroom account anytime!

To log in, simply go to: www.transparentclassroom.com and sign in using your email and password.

- **Forgot your password? EASY!** Press the **Forgot Password** link on the website; or email the office and we can reset it.

Once logged in, you can do all the following by clicking on the tabs on the left side of the screen:

- **Child's name** allows you to view your child's profile, any pictures your class may have posted, conference reports (current and prior years) and your child's attendance
- **Classmates** – view class listing
- **Directory** – class directory

Copies of Conference Reports

Please save a PDF copy of your child's reports to your personal computer each term.

To be current and environmentally conscious the school is no longer printing report cards. Should you require a PDF or printed copy here is how you can do this at home yourself:

1. **Open your child's conference report**
2. **Press Ctrl-P (PC) or Command-P (Mac)**
3. **Select Print or save as PDF on your computer**

*****Note: As of July 2020 we do charge a fee of \$5 per report for emailing/printing copies.***

Please start saving copies for yourself now.

You will no longer have access once you are not enrolled in the school.

New to the School? Here's How it Works!

On the day that Conference Reports are Published you will receive an email as follows

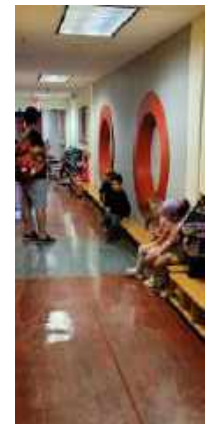
From: Erin Hayes

Subject: Conference Reports Published for (CHILD'S NAME)

This email will contain a [link](#) to your Transparent Classroom account where you can then log in and be taken directly to your child's conference report.

*****If you do not get this email please check your spam/junk folder. It should be there if you are already getting other emails from Transparent via your classroom teachers (photos and reminders, etc.).***

First Week Back at School



Afternoon activities. Some children just need to cuddle up with a good book! They journal, they play, they create art, they have silent reading, they work and they learn. It's been a very happy and successful two weeks at Selkirk Montessori



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On June 14th, the provincial government announced the launch of the BC Demographic Survey.

They are encouraging all people in B.C. to take the BC Demographic Survey to help identify systemic racism in government services. The survey is open until October 15 and is online available in 15 languages at: <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>

People without access to a computer or smartphone can take the survey by calling toll-free: 1-833 376-2452

The survey takes 15 minutes.

Dates to Remember

- October 2—National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- October 9—Thanksgiving
- October 17—Individual Photos
- October 20—Non-Instructional Day
- October 23-27—Child Hosted Visits

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

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