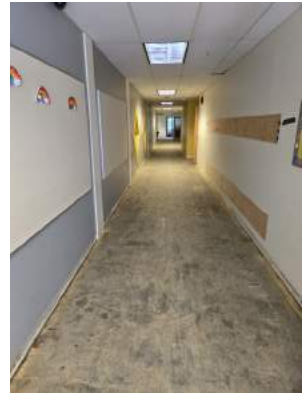


**SUMMER
2024**



Selkirk Montessori School E-Newsletter

Floors are being Refinished!



Lots of repairs and maintenance happening this month, but the most impressive by far is the repair of the flooring. Cant' wait to see the finished product.
Happy summer!!

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Go By Bike Update



DISTANCE 1,776 km	RIDES 251
CALORIES BURNED 53,292 kcal	GREENHOUSE GASES SAVED 385 kg

Way to go, Team Selkirk!

It was such a joy to have **50 riders (plus passengers!)** on our school Go By Bike team. Together, we logged **251 rides** and **1,776km!**

Prize Winners

Big congrats to our two prize winners, **Marcus Fedoruk** and **Gillian Angrove!** We hope you have picked up your Bishop's Family Cycles prize pack in the office.

Save the Date

Go By Bike Week comes around three times a year! The Fall edition is 2 weeks long: **Sept 23-Oct 6th, 2024.**

If you'd like to be involved in organizing future Go By Bike Week or related family/student cycling activities at Selkirk, please reach out to Eagle parent Maggie Knight at msdknight@gmail.com.

Family Cycling Resources

A few resources to help keep the good times rolling:

- [Pedalheads](#) (bike learning for kids)
- [Capital Bike](#) (workshops for many ages, fun community rides, Go By Bike Week, etc)
- [Family Cycling Victoria Facebook Group](#) (great advice, safe route planning suggestions, secondhand gear, etc)
- [Bike Valet](#) (free safe bike parking just behind Victoria City Hall for when you want to do stuff downtown)
- [Clover Point Picnic Club](#) (monthly brunch picnic bringing together biking families)

And **one more big thank you** to everyone who helped out this week - particularly teacher Danielle Andersen and Stephanie Castles in the office and Liz and Rob of Bishop's Family Cycles. You rock!

Happy biking - see you in the bike lanes and back for another Team Selkirk effort in September!

Kingfisher Class to Camp Thunderbird!



Packing List

All gear brought on this field study will need to be transported by students independently. Students are completely responsible for their own gear. Reminder that this is a time to be outside and enjoy nature, so no cell phones, Apple watches, i-Pads, etc. are not permitted.

- * Sleeping Bag
- * Fitted sheet for cabin mattress (if desired)
- * Pillow
- * Flashlight or headlamp
- * Small day pack/string bag
- * Raincoat
- * Waterproof shoes with good tread (if desired or own already)
- * Runners
- * Mid-layer (sweater, fleece, sweat-shirt)
- * Undergarments
- * Bathing suit/swim shorts

- * Towel and face cloth
- * 1-2 long sleeved shirts
- * 2 short sleeved shirts
- * Shorts
- * Pants
- * Socks
- * Pajamas
- * Hat/ball cap
- * Reusable water bottle
- * Toiletries (toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo/condition, deodorant, sunscreen, brush)
- * Prescription medicine, if needed (in original container/dispenser and placed in a Ziploc bag with name clearly written) to be given to designated teacher.
- * Garbage bag (for wet/dirty clothes)



Year End Concert Gallery 2024



Our Preschool/Kindergarten year-end concert kept us cool with an ocean theme! The decorations were totally on point! Many thanks to all our KP teachers: Glenys, Natalie, Tanya (Chickadee); Etsuko, Julie, Peter and Iryna (Eagle); Angie, Katie, Lia and Mitzie (Hummingbird) for another amazing year. Special thanks to Mr. C for the music and Brian for the sound.

Congratulations to our graduating kindergartners! We fell in love with your performance. All the best in grade 1.

Your kind words for my retirement and the beautiful bouquet were much appreciated. <3

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Year End Concert Gallery 2024 (cont'd)



The grades 1-4 groups ROCKed it with strings, recorders and choirs. Special thanks to the teachers and staff volunteers for putting on another great show. Kudos to music teachers Mr. C and Jess!! Thanks also to Brian for sound.



Grades 5-8 put on a wonderful show, from incredible strings performances to choir to bands to Triple Threat to orchestra! Teachers Mr. C and Jess took it up another notch this year. Special thanks to Doug for stepping in for Brian on sound. Thanks also to all the staff volunteers for running the show—with so many parts—as smoothly as possible. The MCs did a wonderful job...even the Dad Jokes went down pretty well. :) It was lovely to see some of our grads come to play with the groups.

These performances really illustrate how much the children have improved over the year. So many of our students continue in music, not just in high school, but in their lives. Karen Colussi would be thrilled to see how the music culture at her school has evolved over the years!

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Year End Concert Gallery & Graduation 2024



The graduation ceremony was everything! We laughed, we cheered, we cried. The decoration committee outdid themselves and Erin Hayes and the grad committee created another moving and meaningful ceremony. The grade 8 slide show was adorable as always — and we oldsters shed a few tears to see the changes from pre-school to grade 8. The students headed out after the ceremony for a well-deserved party bus experience and an after grad on the beach.

We love you. You will be sorely missed. Please come back and visit us in September!

From the Pacific Montessori Society Board of Directors

The Pacific Montessori Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on November 26th at 7:00 pm at Selkirk Montessori School.

RSVP pjbarner@shaw.ca if you plan to attend. That way, we will have enough chairs and paperwork for everyone.

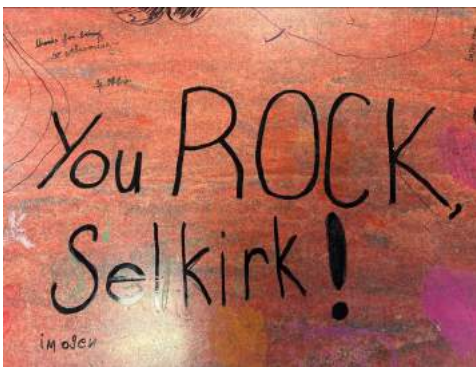
Directors will present reports for the last school year; the 2024-2025 approved budget will be available and our Treasurer, Francis Rowe, will review the financial statements for 2023-2024.

Board member Penny Barner will be running for election to the board after many years as the Administrative representative. We're also hoping to convince Francis to run for another term.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you back at Selkirk in September.



Last Day of School - Floor Art



With the floors being replaced this summer, we took the opportunity to send some messages on the last day. We had a blast

Administration Notes

Hello Selkirk Families:

Just a few things for you to take care of over the summer months:

1. Missing an instrument, binders or other things you should have taken home? Give us a call at 250-384-3414 and we can tell you if we have them in the office for pickup.
2. New families and new siblings: have you provided all admissions paperwork to Erin Magnus?
3. If your child requires medications at school in September, please ensure that you have an updated prescription. Erin Magnus will email medical forms later in the summer.
4. New class placements for students in grades 1, 3 and 5 will be available to you when the fall session begins in Transparent Classroom. When you sign into your Transparent Classroom account on August 24th, you will be able to view your child(ren)'s class.
5. Legion parking passes for the new school year will be available in the office when you come to meet with your teachers in September.
6. Have you made a move since you filled in your registration forms for 2023-2024? Time to update your main contact information on Transparent Classroom. Please login and confirm that your address, phone numbers and emergency contacts are all up to date for the coming school year

Hope you have a fun and sunny summer holiday!

See you back at Selkirk in September.



Timing for Start of School In September



Selkirk is happy to welcome you back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, the day after Labour Day. In past years, we have learned that a gradual intake of students over the first week makes for a very smooth transition for

children and staff alike.

Please read the following schedule closely to ensure your child/ren return to school on the appropriate day. All parents will be contacted by teachers close to the end of the summer and offered a chance to arrange a meeting during the week of August 26th. This is a time for your child to meet their classroom teachers, find out about class routines, check and return forms, get the class calendar and pick up Legion parking passes.

We recommend that both parents and child attend the meetings. Returning parents, every year is a “new” year for your child at Selkirk. Please make time to meet with the teachers.

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS BELOW:

Schedule for the first week of school (grades 1-8):

- Tues, September 3th—8:45-11:00 am
- Wed, September 4th — 8:45-11:30 am
- Thurs, September 5th—8:45 am-3:15 pm
- Fri, September 6th—8:45-3:15 pm

Schedule for the first week of school (Kindergarten/Preschool):

Tuesday-Wednesday serve as an orientation for **NEW** students which allows them, in small groups, to become familiar with the classroom and to receive some important presentations on how to use basic Montessori materials. This also gives the new children the opportunity to make friends and become comfortable with routines before the returning K/Ps join us.

- ♦ Tuesday, September 3rd (New children only)
Group 1
8:45-9:45 a.m.
Group 2
10:00-11:00 a.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, September 4th (New and returning children in separate groups)
8:45-10:20 a.m. (new children from group 1 and 2)
10:30-12:00 p.m. (returning children only)
- ♦ Thursday, September 5th (New and returning children)
8:45-12:00 p.m.
*Please pack snacks and a lunch
- ♦ Friday, September 6th (New and returning children)
8:45-3:00 p.m.
*Please pack snacks and a lunch

IMPORTANT NOTE: BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL DO NOT START UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.





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The Kingfisher class took their semi-annual trip to Squamish this year. They also enjoyed staying at the Cheakamus Centre and doing field studies. **Erin Hayes**, Head of School, Selkirk Montessori School

Dates to Remember

- Monday, September 2nd—Labour Day
- Tuesday, September 3rd—Gradual Entry Begins
- Wednesday, September 4th—Welcome Back BBQ at 11:30 am (Thanks, SPG!)
- Thursday, September 17th — Parent Orientation
- Friday, September 23rd — Non-Instructional Day (no school for children)

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

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