

SUMMER
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Selkirk Montessori School E-Newsletter

Summer at Selkirk Montessori!

Ah, summer- time to rest, relax, and recuperate. At least, it is if you are a kid. But even we adults find opportunities to spend a little extra time with our families making memories and daydreaming about our futures. We look forward to hearing about the adventures, camps, and excitement had by all when you return in September.

During the busy school year it can be hard to get together with your Selkirk family outside of school hours. It is one of the biggest challenges of being a destination school: building the strong family bonds in a spread out community. This summer, we challenge you make an effort to strengthen those bonds. Encourage your children to reach out to someone in another class or that they have mentioned, but never spent time with outside of school. Every child goes through times when they feel very connected and others where they feel a little lonely. Perhaps he or she is moving into a new class without their

“best bud” or when an old friend has a new friend. Encourage your child to consider who might benefit from being surrounded by his or her Selkirk family and help them reach out. Maybe your child is that child, help him or her identify someone who has shared an interest in the past and have them plan to explore that interest together (or something totally new).

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for fun Selkirk playdates. Imagine your child’s delight to show up at a park or beach to discover a dozen of their Selkirk family members. Please feel free to use the Facebook page simply to keep in touch over the summer. We love hearing about adventures and miss seeing the students’ smiling faces.



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"In the summer, the days were long, stretching into each other. Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, this collection of weeks when anything was possible." Sarah Dessen

From the Pacific Montessori Society Board of Directors

The Pacific Montessori Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on November 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Selkirk Montessori School.

Please RSVP to Penny at penny@selkirkmontessori.ca if you plan to attend. That way, we will have enough chairs and paperwork for everyone.

Directors will be presenting reports for the last school year, the 2018-2019 budget will be presented and our accountants, Wiseman and Mills, will review the financial statements for 2017-2018.

We will also have an update on our Strategic Planning process, updated/new policies.

As always, our hospitality committee will be providing treats for us to enjoy!

Election of Directors

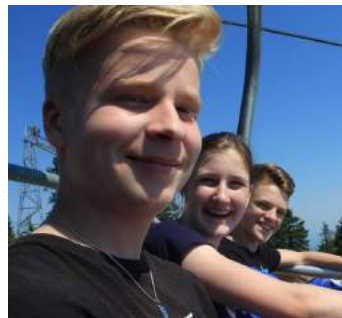
We have had an expression of interest from one of our former students, Francis Rowe! I will have more information for you about his expertise and interests in the September newsletter



Reception Reminders

- School Supply Ordering for Grades 3-8: online deadline is July 27th (email Karma for info)
- New Families & New Siblings: Have you given Karma your paperwork and other items yet?
- Please check your family files when you get back from the summer break!
- Legion parking passes for the new school year will be available the week of August 27th in the office.

Kingfisher Class—Vancouver Trip



The final trip for our Kingfisher students was to the Mainland this year. They stayed at the Y in Downtown Vancouver, toured the Museum of Anthropology at UBC, took the ski lift up Grouse Mountain, enjoyed a meaningful session with Kwel-a-a-nexw (a Squamish elder), watched a Lumberjack show (and got a photo with the lumberjacks!), managed to find a few Starbucks, took a few selfies, watched a scary movie about sharks at the Aquarium, went for a swim in the pool at 2nd Beach, participated in the Alpine Wilderness Survival program on Grouse, ate crickets (well, someone did), and just generally had fun with their friends.

Kingfisher Class– Vancouver Trip (cont'd)



Special thanks to teachers/leaders Gigi Cook, Judy Rockwell, Kim Cobb, Elizabeth Champagne and Eli Bender for taking the group on their last trip together. So many special memories!



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Timing for Start of School In September



Selkirk is excited to welcome you back to school on Tuesday, September 4th, the day after Labour Day. In past years, however, 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 27th. 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 — for Kindergarten/ Preschool — sign the snack chart.

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.

Schedule for the first week of school (grades 1-4):

- Tues, September 4th—8:45-11:00 am
- Wed, September 5th — 8:45-11:30 am
- Thurs, September 6th—8:45 am-12:30 pm (bring lunch)
- Fri, September 7th—8:45-3:15 pm (bring lunch)

Schedule for the first week of school (grades 5-8):

- the same as above for Tuesday and Wednesday. From Thursday, classes for this age group will extend to 3:15 pm.

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

Tuesday/Wednesday serves as an orientation for **new** students which allows them, in small groups of approximately six, 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 on Thursday.

Tuesday, Sep 4th - NEW STUDENTS ONLY

- Group 1 of new morning children from 8:50-9:50 am (1 hr); Group 2 of new morning children from 10-11:00 am (1 hr)
- Group 1 of new afternoon children from 12:20-1:20 pm (1 hr); Group 2 of new afternoon children from 1:30-2:30 pm (1 hr)

Wednesday, Sep 5th—NEW STUDENTS ONLY

- 8:50 – 10:20 a.m. (1 ½ hrs.) for morning;
- 12:20 – 1:50 p.m. (1 ½ hrs.) for afternoon

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME AT THE SPG PICNIC ON THE GREEN

Thursday, Sep 6th—ALL STUDENTS

- 8:50 – 10:50 am (2 hrs) for morning children;
- 12:20 – 2:20 p.m. (2 hrs) for afternoon children

Friday, Sep 7th—ALL STUDENTS

- 8:50 – 11:30 am (2 hrs and 40 minutes)
- 12:20-3:00 pm (2 hrs and 40 minutes)

IMPORTANT NOTE: CASA AND BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL DO NOT START UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH.

Kingfisher Trip to Camp Thunderbird in September!



Each new school year, our senior students embark on a “camping” trip designed to renew old friendships and make new ones. (This trip is funded in part by the SPG Hot Lunch program – thanks, parents!)

This year’s trip is planned for **September 5-7** at the YM-YWCA’s Thunderbird Outdoor Centre. Medical and consent forms were sent in June; however, we traditionally provide information for parents of students in grades 7-8 to give you a head start in collecting the gear your child will need.

The following is a packing guideline from the Centre. They ask that you use your judgment and pack what the children will need, but try to keep baggage to a minimum.

- Rain gear – a cheap poncho works great. A hood helps a great deal.
- Daypack – this is to carry a towel, bathing suit, water bottle, etc.
- Sturdy shoes – lace up sneakers or light hikers are best. Don’t buy new hiking boots just for camp.
- Bathing suit and towel.
- Water bottle – one litre pop bottles are great.
- School items – exercise book, pens, pencils, etc.
- Sun hat and sunscreen.
- Sleeping bags – this should be a three-season bag, rated to 5 degrees C. Extra blankets work in a pinch.
- Pillow
- Flashlight

- Complete change of clothes (dependent on length of stay) – underwear, socks, shorts, pants, t-shirts, sweater, and warm jacket.
- Pyjamas and hat.
- Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, face cloth, soap, deodorant and shampoo.
- Toque – for chilly evenings. Extra shoes or rubber boots.
- Slippers or sandals – for inside the dining hall.
- Garbage bags – for dirty laundry.
- Optional – camera, insect repellent.

Please label everything with the student’s name and school. Lost and found items will be shipped to the Victoria YM/YWCA and held for 30 days, after which they will be given to charity.

Please do not bring knives, money, food (or junk food), valuables, electronics, etc. Please note that Camp Thunderbird does not have any vending machines or a tuck shop.

Please don’t forget to complete and hand in your forms when you come for your visit with the teachers in late August. Campers cannot go without them!!





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Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, September 4th—first day back at school (see schedule for gradual entry on page 7)
- Wednesday, September 5th—SPG Welcome Back BBQ
- Wed-Fri, September 5-7th—Kingfisher Class to Camp Thunderbird
- Thursday, September 6th—Grade 5-6 Team Building
- Thursday, September 13th—First SPG meeting of the new school year; 7:00 pm
- Monday, September 17th—Non-Instructional Day
- Tuesday, September 18th—Parent Orientation; 6-8 pm
- Monday, September 24th—Pacific Montessori Society Board Meeting; 6:00 pm
- Monday, September 24th—X Country Running Begins
- Thursday, September 27—Terry Fox Run
- Friday, September 28th—Grade 4-5 Soccer Jamboree
- Friday, September 28th—SPG Spaghetti Social

