

**SUMMER
2022**



Selkirk Montessori School E-Newsletter

Administration Reminders

- 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.
- New families and new siblings: have you provided Laura with your paperwork and other items yet?
- If your child requires medications at school in September, please ensure that you have an updated prescription. Ricky will email medical forms later in the summer.
- 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 in to your Transparent Classroom account on August 25th, you will be able to view your child(ren)'s class.
- Legion parking passes for the new school year will be available in the office when you come to meet with your teachers in September.
- Have you made a move since you filled in your registration forms for 2022-2023? Please email for an update: reception@selkirkmontessori.ca.

Hope you have a fun and sunny summer holiday!

See you back at Selkirk in September.

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*“It’s summer
and time for
wandering.”*

Kellie Elmore

Welcome to Selkirk Montessori School!



JULIE HUGHES

Hello! I am originally from the UK but have resided in Canada for the past 27 years. I am an Early Childhood Educator with 25+ years experience. For the past seven years, I have worked as a classroom assistant in Montessori schools with 3-6 year olds. I am excited to be joining Selkirk Montessori in the Eagle Class and eager to share my passion for Early Childhood/Montessori education. I love exploring what this beautiful Island

SUSAN KONYU

Hello, my name is Susan and I am super excited to be joining the Montessori family in the Kingfisher Class this September. For the past 15 years I have worked as an Educational Assistant in Surrey, Ontario and Saanich and love being in a learning and enriching environment to see young learners grow and develop. I keep busy with my family, my two golden retrievers, and enjoy biking every week on the galloping goose trail. I look forward to meeting everyone and starting the year together!



BECCA LEIER

I grew up in a small town in Saskatchewan and completed my Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. I have been passionately teaching for five years. I love making connections, exploring the outdoors and being creative with my students. In my spare time I practice yoga, craft, hike and spend time in nature. I've spent three years abroad teaching in Vietnam and exploring South East Asia which allowed me to expand my teaching skills. I soon after found myself on the island, and am excited to be teaching at Selkirk Montessori.

SANDRA PICHOTA

I am so excited to be joining the staff and students here at Selkirk Montessori this year! I have been working with children in educational and private settings for many years. I have worked with children of all ages with a wide range of abilities and needs. I look forward to being apart of this wonderful community and getting to know everyone. If you see me around the halls or on the playground, please don't hesitate to say hello!! Fun facts about me: I am a new mom to a baby girl. I love to cook. I love the outdoors and sunshine!!



BANKE FALOYE

My name is Adebanke Faloye. I hold a bachelor's degree in Microbiology from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

The desire to help children towards knowing themselves, what they are capable of, and finding their place in the world is what led me into the field of education. My Montessori journey began in 2007 when I did my 6-12 Elementary training at the Navadisha Montessori Institute, Chennai, India. I followed this up with a 3-6 Primary training and got my diploma shortly after in 2010. I have worked in both the Primary and Elementary environments since then.

I am enthusiastic about providing good, quality education in a welcoming environment that is both conducive for learning and inclusive for all children. This passion is the drive behind my current pursuit of a master's programme in Education at the University of Victoria. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, doing needlework or sight-seeing. I have an eclectic taste in music and so I enjoy listening to most genres of music.



Kingfisher Trip to Camp Thunderbird in September!



Each new school year, our Kingfisher 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!)

The following is a packing guideline from Camp T. 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
- 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.

Permission forms will be sent to you during the summer. Children cannot attend camp without signed forms, so please be sure to bring them with you when you meet with the teachers before school starts.



From the Pacific Montessori Society Board of Directors

The Pacific Montessori Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on November 9th at 7:00 pm. Depending on circumstances, this may take place online.

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

Directors will present reports for the last school year, the 2022-2023 approved budget will be available and our Treasurer, Francis Rowe, will review the financial statements for 2021-2022.

We also hope to have an update on our summer strategic sessions.

40th Anniversary Labyrinth Project

We are ready for the final phase of our labyrinth project! The benches and planters were installed just in time for the 40th Anniversary celebrations. It was such fun to see students — and grown ups — ‘walking the line’. Once the planting is done, our 40th anniversary project will be complete!

Many thanks to Sarah Scorey for popping some bedding plants into the boxes for the 40th celebrations. They looked beautiful!

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40th Anniversary Labyrinth Project (cont'd)



We couldn't have done it without the support of our incredible school family and our friends in the greater community.

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We have also received a number of anonymous donations. You know who you are.



Timing for Start of School In September



Selkirk is happy to welcome you back to school on Tuesday, September 6th, 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 29th. 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 6th—8:45-11:00 am
- Wed, September 7th — 8:45-11:30 am
- Thurs, September 8th—8:45 am-3:15 pm
- Fri, September 9th—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, Sep 6th - NEW STUDENTS & NEW TO FULL DAY

- Half-Day Group 1 of new morning children from 8:45-9:45 am; Group 2 of new morning children from 10-11:00 am
- Half-Day Group 1 of new afternoon children from 12:20-1:20 pm; Group 2 of new afternoon children from 1:30-2:30 pm
- Full-Day Group 1 (new to Selkirk) 8:50-9:50 am; Group 2 (new to full day) 10-11 am

Wednesday, Sep 7th—NEW & RETURNING

- Half-Day—8:45 – 10:15 a.m.; 12:20 – 1:50 pm
- Full-Day—Group 1 & 2—8:50-10:20 am; all other returning students—10:30-12:00 pm

Thursday, Sep 8th—ALL STUDENTS

- Half-Day AM—8:45 – 10:50 am; PM 12:20 – 1:30 p.m.
- Full Day—8:50– 12 noon (with their lunches)

Friday, Sep 9th—ALL STUDENTS

- Half-Day AM—8:45 – 11:30 am ; PM 12:20-3:05 pm
- Full-Day—8:50 am—3:00 pm (with lunches)

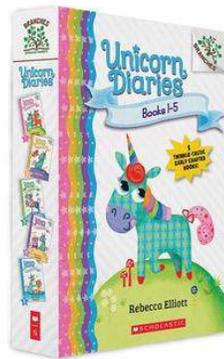
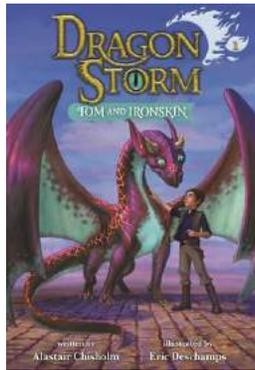
IMPORTANT NOTE: BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL DO NOT START UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH.



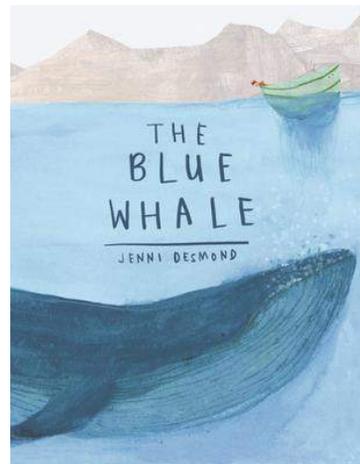
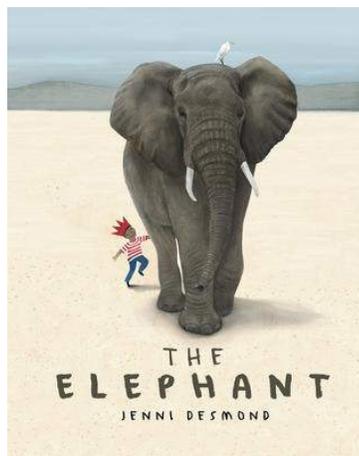
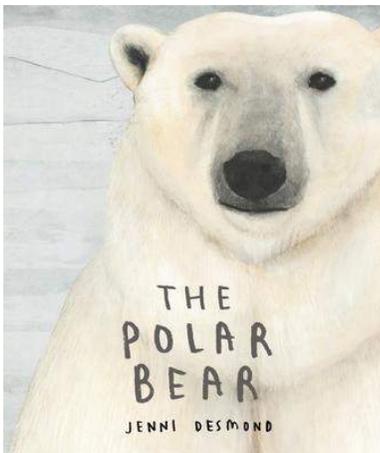
Selkirk Summer Reads—Bree

Hello Selkirk families! After a year of observing what your children like to read, here are some suggestions for the summer.

Grades 1-4: If your child LOVED the *Dragon Masters* Series, or the *Owl Diaries* (as many of them do!) here are two new series they might want to tuck into:



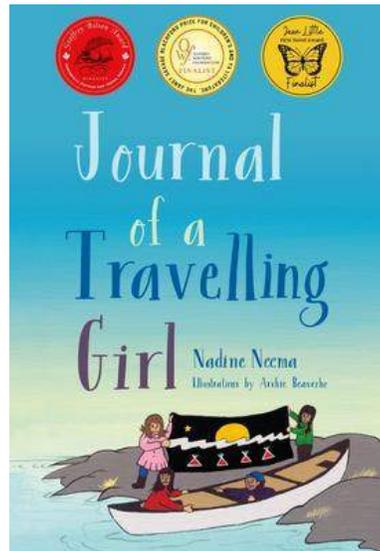
Beautiful books to read together as a family for any age but especially ages 5-10:



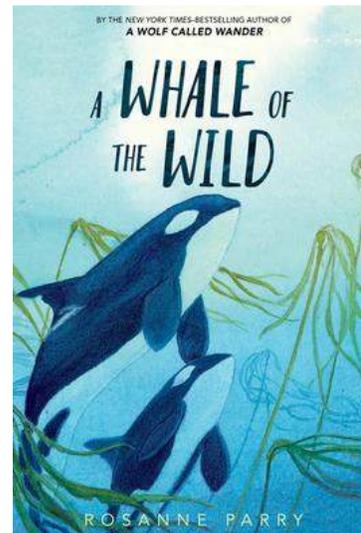
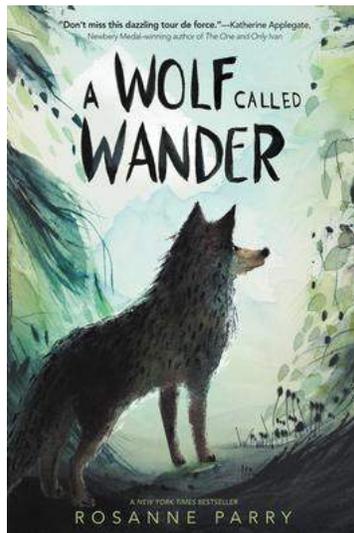
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Summer Reading (continued)

Grades 4-8: This is a story centered on Indigenous characters re-establishing their connection to their traditions and nature.



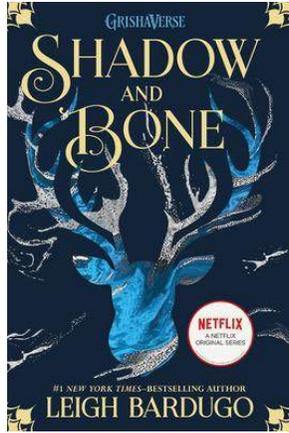
Great books for grades 4-8 to really target their incredible empathy for the natural world.



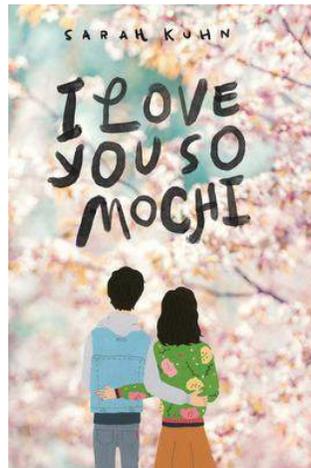
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Summer Reads (continued)

For the 12-14 year old who LOVES fantastical worlds. One of our staff discovered this series and it is being devoured as we speak!



For the 12-15 year old in your life. This book is part travel narrative, part gentle love story and best enjoyed with some delicious frozen mochi ice cream.



Wishing you a wonderful summer with your families!

Bree



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School supplies and books are starting to arrive!
The gym will be a hive of activity when it's time
to sort everything into individual classes.

Dates to Remember

- September 6—First day of school
- September 7—Welcome Back BBQ (courtesy of the SPG!)
- September 7-9—Kingfishers to Camp Thunderbird
- September 12—Cross Country Club Starts
- September 20—Parent Orientation
- September 23—Non-Instructional Day
- September 26-30—Truth & Reconciliation
- September 30—Non-Instructional Day (National Day of Truth and Reconciliation)

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.