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## Elementary Play

On Friday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. students in grades 1-5 will present the play, *Proud to Be an American*.

Teachers Stephanie Carlson and Valerie Vandyke volunteer their time for this production. Students practice after school a few nights per week and can ride home on the activity bus which has limited stops in Metaline and Ione. Costumes are made by the teachers or borrowed from the Cutter Theatre. Students will perform their dress rehearsal in the afternoon for the rest of the elementary school and will present an evening performance for parents and other family members.

This is the third year for the elementary play.



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## A Digital Thank You from Selkirk High

During an assembly on November 8, Principal Larry Reed and cheerleading coach, Kathy Johnson, coordinated the Selkirk Middle/High School students in an iPad-illuminated "thank you" to Dave Rigglesman and Teck! Superintendent Nancy Lotze also presented Mr. Rigglesman with a commemorative plaque. Through Teck's Community Investment program, Dave Rigglesman was able to access funds to purchase 85 iPad Mini units for students in grades 9-12. The existing full-size iPads, from our AP English grant last year, were then reallocated to 8th grade students creating a 1:1 learning environment for all students in grades 8-12!

Teck's Community Investment program, under the education component, funds programs and initiatives designed to enhance access to educational resources and training opportunities, including early childhood education, primary and secondary schooling, with particular emphasis on programs of relevance to the mining, metals and energy industries.

The integration of technology will increase student engagement and application of skills important to all future student careers including communication, reading, math, science, and vocational areas! This program has the potential to change the way education looks at Selkirk and will allow the district to utilize digital learning resources that can be updated quickly and replaced at little or no cost. This amazing opportunity would not be possible without the efforts of Mr. Rigglesman and the gracious donation from Teck!

In preparation for the release of the iPads to students, teachers spent time learning how to use these amazing new tools in September and continue to attend workshops throughout the year. Three teachers, John Kinney, Katie McKee, and Pete Whittekind are also participating in an grant to review free instructional materials, many of



ABOVE: Selkirk Middle and High School students display their iPad screens in a thank you message coordinated by Kathy Johnson and Larry Reed.  
RIGHT: Superintendent Nancy Lotze and Teck Manager Dave Rigglesman watch as students prepare to present their thank you.



which can be used with the iPads.

John Kinney is piloting a digital biology text this year that students access on the iPads. Mr. Kinney is able to add and delete chapters, content, and other information to align with our needs while providing students with a digital text book that provides interactive sections and video animation by touching a link within the text!

In addition to reading books for biology, English and other classes on the iPads, students are also using the graphing calculating apps as well as apps for music, science, and history. Students are also able

to type papers, create Powerpoint-like presentations, videos, and other creative projects for classroom presentations. However, even though there are many great apps the real benefit comes from viewing iPads as tools that can be used as part of the learning process. iPads are most effective when used as a tool for student empowerment not just a textbook or wordprocessor replacement. Our goal is to create an environment where the iPad is a student's canvas. We need to give them the freedom to paint their own masterpieces and we are indebted to Teck for providing these digital canvases!

### OUR TOWN

a play by Thorton Wilder  
Presented by  
Selkirk High School Theatre Arts  
March 17-18  
7:30 pm Cutter Theatre

### A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME

27th Annual Puttin' On the Ritz  
May 17, 2014  
7:00 pm High School Gym  
Paid Reservations Required

### New State Assessments

The spring, Selkirk students will participate in a field test of the new State assessment which takes effect in Spring 2015. Therefore, students will not receive individual MSP scores in grades 3-8 as we have in the past because we will be taking the new Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) instead. No scores will be received but teachers will be able to see the assessment and students will have experience on the new format one year before the state-wide adoption takes place.

### Inside Information

#### M&O Levy

Please Read if you haven't voted yet. Ballots must be postmarked by February 11 or deposited in the ballot box located in Ione near the public library no later than 8:00 p.m. on Feb. 11th. To review information included in the levy brochure mailed to boxholders, see page 11. Please note that if your assessed valuation has gone up, the amount of M&O tax you pay may not increase.

#### Let's Compare Selkirk vs.?

To see how Selkirk students compare to those in other Panorama B schools and State averages on the Spring 2013 MSP/HSPE, see page 3.



Nancy J. Lotze  
Superintendent

The longest serving board members in Selkirk's history retired in November.

Katie Parker was appointed to the Selkirk School District Board of Directors, District Director #1 in December 1993 and Jane Emrick's appointment, to an At-Large Director District, followed a year later in November 1994. Both women were subsequently re-elected numerous times and this spring, after 20 years (Parker) and 19 years (Emrick), they did not register for re-election.

During their tenure on the board, both women took leadership roles helping to shape our district and move it along the positive and productive path we are traveling on that includes integration of technology, innovative vocational programs, and opportunities for college credit while students are in high school.

The were members of boards over the years that hired four superintendents, consolidated the two elementary schools saving the district thousands of dollars each year and strengthening our educational program, created a

## The School Board Shuffle

middle school concept, and kept the focus on student achievement in discussions of budget and facilities.

Selkirk is a becoming a model school district that other communities wish to emulate and the leadership provided by the school board insured that the right people were in the rights seats on the bus as the district traveled its journey.

Of course, like any growing and learning institution, we still have much work to do and I am sorry that Katie and Jane will not be on the board as we continue to address student achievement and facilities issues, but I am grateful for the foundation they have built.

Filing for their vacated positions and running unopposed were two Selkirk graduates, Larry Holter, known around the community as "Bear", and Karyn Lovell, who retired from the school district in 2010 ago after spending 30 years in the district office, first as a secretary and later as business manager.

With the addition of Bear and Karyn, four out of five of our board members are Selkirk graduates and all have gone on to be successful in their chosen career paths.

Karyn is now retired but works part-time as a bookkeeper for the Chippewah Water District,

in Ione and Larry Holter works as a machinist for Seattle City Light.

Our other Selkirk graduate board members are Clint Petrich who is a self-employed logger and Scott Jungblom who works as a biologist for Pend Oreille PUD.

The fifth board member is Joe Huttie who was selected as board chairman during the December meeting. Joe and his family have lived in Ione since 2006 and have extended family ties to the community as his wife is the daughter of Marvin Lindemann. Joe's wife, Trina, was also bus driver for the school district before heading back to school herself and they have three children attending Selkirk. Joe works out of his home providing online technology support for Car-Part.com.

A school board's job is set policy, develop long-term goals for facilities, monitor the fiscal health of the district and keep student achievement at the forefront of the discussion. They hold the administration accountable for making decisions that align with those goals.

As this new board grows to become a unified voice for Selkirk students, they will build on the solid foundation that was laid by those that came before them.

## Alumni Update

*The Alumni Update is the place to read about important events in the lives of Selkirk Graduates. If you have news that you would like to share, please email:*

**nlotze@selkirk.k12.wa.us**

**Brianne Reed**, Class of 2008, graduated from Whitworth University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science in May 2013. She is working for Molina Health Care in Spokane.

**Casey Holter**, Class of 2009, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Washington State University on December 7, 2013, with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Minor in Mathematics.

**Randi Shaw Lithgow**, Class of 2002, was hired as a full-time music teacher at Longfellow Elementary in Spokane.

### IN MEMORIUM

John Dorscher Class of 2010 1992-2013	Matthew Porter Class of 2000 1981-2013	Laurence Roebke Class of 2010 1991-2013
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**Erik Whysong**, Class of 2007, is employed as a correction officer for the WA Dept of Corrections in Monroe where he lives with his wife, Lesslie.

**Karyn Lovell**, Class of 1978, and **Larry Holter**, Class of 1979, have been elected to the Selkirk School Board.

**David Fairbairn**, Class of 2004, went back to school and received an AA degree from SCC in the electrical program after spending a couple of years in the workforce in Spokane. He joined the apprenticeship program at Seattle City Light and is now working as a Journeyman Electrician at Boundary Dam. Please see the article on page 6 about David teaching basic electricity to the career exploration class.

**Janae Coon**, Class of 2007, graduated in June 2013 from Eastern Washington University and is employed as a long term substitute Heath and Fitness teacher at Medical Lake Junior High.

Ashley Henninger and **Ted VanDyke**, Class of 2004, are proud parents of a baby boy, Lucas Jensen Van Dyke, born November 16, 2013, 7lb 12 oz, 19 1/2 in. They are living in Ione where Ted is working in the family business. Grandparents are Jim and Valerie (Class of 1971) VanDyke. Great-grandmother is Emma MacArthur, Ione High School Class of 1952.

**David Fairbairn**, Class of 2004, **Brandt March**, Class of 2004, and **Franco Beatty**, Class of 2003, have completed Seattle City Light's apprenticeship program and are now journey workers.

**Abraham Kinney**, Class of 1995, works for Alarm.com and lives with his wife and daughter in Vienna, VA. **Zach Kinney**, Class of 1997, works for Seino Coyne, in Times Square, and lives on Long Island with his wife, an OB-GYN physician. **Anna Kinney**, Class of 1999, is a librarian and lives with her husband in Brisbane, Australia. **Joseph Kinney**, Class of 2003, is working on his PhD in Physics at the University of Minnesota.

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## State Assessment Dates for Spring 2014

Below is the mandatory schedule for the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) for 10th graders and any 11th or 12th graders "re-testing". End of Course Assessments are required for ALL students enrolled in the courses associated with an EOC (schedule below). Once an EOC date is selected by the district, no make-ups are allowed. The HSPE is a State-designated schedule.

### State Selected Mandatory 10th Gr Schedule No Make-Up Testing Allowed for Absences

#### HSPE March 18-20

Tuesday, March 18- Writing Session  
Wednesday, March 19- Writing Session  
Thursday, March 20- Reading Session

#### May 21-June 11

#### End-of-Course Exams (For ALL students enrolled in Algebra, Geometry, & Biology)

HSPE & EOC tests are approximately 120 minutes.

All tests are not timed and students will be able to continue to work if needed.

### Measure of Student Progress (MSP) ~ SCIENCE ONLY ~ for Grades 5 & 8: April 23-May 15

Limited make-up testing allowed.

Students in grades 5 and 8 will take the MSP Science test during the testing window. Dates will be provided by teachers.



New 2013-14 Staff



Debby Krabbenhoft

With Michelle Grant’s leave of absence as Middle/High School secretary Debby Krabbenhoft was hired as her replacement. Debby is married to Selkirk alumni, Scott Krabbenhoft. She and her husband recently moved to Metaline Falls with their four school age sons. Scott is the new pastor at the Assembly of God church.

Debby was high school secretary in Laramie, Wyoming for the past two years and has a varied employment background including time as a police officer.



Beth Dunbar

With Dianne Allert’s retirement this spring, the administration went on the search for someone to fill those very big shoes. While considering many different candidates with a variety of backgrounds including counseling and administration, they were very pleased to chose Beth Dunbar as the new College & Career Readiness (CCR) teacher.

Beth comes from Georgia (recently married to Warren Dunbar) with 23 years teaching experience in the area of social studies, government, and history including AP classes. Beth also has an administrative degree. In Beth’s previous district, classroom teachers took on many of the guidance responsibilities normally done by the school counselor in our district including developing a four-year plan with students, tracking grades, registration, and college guidance work. She also has experience coordinating student volunteer hours and programs. So while this is a new role for her, and a new position title for Selkirk, her skill sets align well with the needs of our district.

Debbie Johnson was hired to fill Claudia Anderson’s position in the district office when she moved to a job at Boundary Dam. Debbie is a past Selkirk employee working in many different roles including technology teacher, library assistant, etc. She left Selkirk to work full time in the payroll department at the mine but nine months later Teck announced their shut-down. She went back to college and earned her AA degree in Administrative Secretarial. She spent a year as the Ione librarian and a year as the Metaline Falls town clerk before coming full circle back to Selkirk.



Debbie Johnson

Stacie Grass is the school’s new assistant cook taking Ruth Brown’s place when she took the head cook position at Cusick. Stacie substituted in the custodial program this summer and is now working in the kitchen at the high school, plus she also serves lunch each day at the elementary school. She and Cheryl Lewis make a great team. Stacie and her husband, Chad, a Selkirk alumni, have a daughter, Ellie, attending Selkirk High School.



Stacie Grass

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

In case of extreme weather conditions necessitating the closure of Selkirk Schools, the following Radio and TV Stations will broadcast the information:

AM Stations	FM Stations
KGA (15.10)	KDRK (94)
KJRB (7.90)	KAEP (105.7)
KDRK (10.50)	KEYF (101.1)
KXLY (9.20)	KYWL (103.9)
KQNT (5.90)	KXLY (99.9)
KKZX (12.80)	KZZU (93)
MBI (13.30)	KEZE (96.9)
KSBN (12.30)	KKZX (98.9)
	KCDA (98.1)
	KIXZ (96.1)
TV Stations	KMBI (107.9)
KHQ Q6 News	KPBX (91.1)
KREM 2 News	KSFC (91.9)
KXLY News 4	KTSL (101.9)
KAYU Fox 28	KEEH (104.7)
	KEWU (89.5)
	KAZZ (107)
	KCRK (92.1)

2013 MSP/HSPE Comparisons with other Panorama B Districts

Indicates ABOVE State Average      Indicates No Score  
PREP Average is calculated using only schools that recorded a score in that subtest and grade level.

READING

	WA	Selkirk	Columbia	Curlew	Cusick	Inchelium	Mary W.	Northport	Republic	Wellpint
3rd	73.1%	80.0%		58.3%	63.6%	21.4%	55.6%	82.4%	74.1%	16.7%
4th	72.5%	81.8%		73.7%	54.5%	52.9%	67.6%	85.0%	64.3%	64.0%
5th	72.7%	88.2%		78.6%	50.0%	37.5%	54.1%	86.7%	63.6%	19.2%
6th	71.5%	78.3%	20.0%	62.5%	58.8%	33.3%	34.1%	52.9%	72.0%	31.6%
7th	68.8%	85.7%	57.9%	61.5%	84.6%	14.3%	50.0%	42.9%	59.1%	42.9%
8th	66.4%	57.9%	38.5%	70.6%	52.4%	0.0%	45.9%	70.6%	51.9%	42.1%
10th	83.6%	100.0%	78.9%	82.6%	85.2%		72.7%	88.5%	81.5%	52.9%

MATH

	WA	Selkirk	Columbia	Curlew	Cusick	Inchelium	Mary W.	Northport	Republic	Wellpint
3rd	65.3%	70.0%		25.0%	50.0%	28.6%	50.0%	88.2%	63.0%	5.6%
4th	62.5%	100.0%		31.6%	31.8%	47.1%	43.2%	65.0%	35.7%	52.0%
5th	62.7%	94.1%		28.6%	60.0%	43.8%	43.2%	73.3%	68.2%	11.5%
6th	59.4%	52.2%	46.7%	43.8%	58.8%	22.2%	22.0%	41.2%	32.0%	21.1%
7th	63.8%	57.1%	68.4%	58.3%	61.5%	0.0%	50.0%	28.6%	63.6%	52.4%
8th	53.3%	68.4%	28.6%	29.4%	25.0%	12.5%	18.9%	41.2%	29.6%	5.3%
EOC 1	53.1%	62.5%	30.8%	37.3%	29.7%	15.0%	31.3%	24.1%	44.0%	17.2%
EOC 2	76.5%	86.7%	77.8%	76.9%	69.2%	33.3%	87.5%	38.5%	76.5%	45.8%

WRITING

	WA	Selkirk	Columbia	Curlew	Cusick	Inchelium	Mary W.	Northport	Republic	Wellpint
4th	62.1%	81.8%		68.4%	54.5%	29.4%	54.1%	65.0%	42.9%	60.0%
7th	71.0%	76.2%	47.4%	58.3%	80.8%	21.4%	62.1%	23.8%	72.7%	18.2%
10th	85.0%	92.9%	89.5%	77.3%	86.4%		72.1%	96.2%	100.0%	52.9%

SCIENCE

	WA	Selkirk	Columbia	Curlew	Cusick	Inchelium	Mary W.	Northport	Republic	Wellpint
5th	66.5%	88.2%		57.1%	60.0%	31.3%	56.8%	86.7%	77.3%	7.7%
8th	64.9%	94.7%	28.6%	70.6%	40.0%	0.0%	32.4%	64.7%	51.9%	26.3%
10th	68.6%	100.0%	73.7%	80.0%	48.3%		65.9%	17.6%	72.7%	36.8%

Let’s Compare

While our sports teams may not always rank #1 in the Panorama league, our test scores often put up in the top spot. Using the 2013 Spring MSP/HSPE scores, Selkirk students scored number one in twelve of the 21 tested areas. The next highest school district was Northport with three number one ranks.

Additionally, Selkirk students scored above state average in all but three areas! Clearly Selkirk students are well-prepared for the state test. As we move to a new assessment in 2015, the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), we hope to have similar success.

In preparation, we are participating in the SBA Field Test this spring which means that our students in grades 3-8 will NOT be taking the MSP this year in reading, math, or writing areas. They only areas we will test on the MSP will be 5th and 8th grade science for

which we will receive student scores next summer. Students in high school will still take the HSPE in reading and writing and the EOC tests in math as graduation requirements.

The SBA field test will be used for grades 5-8 Math and ELA (English Language Arts) areas. No student, school, or district scores will be received for the SBA this year.

Why would we bother participating in a test that has just been developed with little preparation material available and no student feedback?

The answer is simple. This test goes into effect next school year (2014-15) and our teachers and students need to have some familiarity with both the types of questions and the testing format before we the scores actually count. Participating in the field test is the best way for that to happen. For more information, visit: [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org)



## Robot Turtles

Parent volunteer, John Rumelhart, is playing a new game on Friday afternoons with our students. Robot Turtles is a board game that exposes students to logic and computer programming language. Ultimately, we would like to develop an afterschool computer programming experience.

## Silverwood Reading Program

A new Silverwood ticket reading program was launched in January. Para educator, Becky Larson, and parent, Tana Larson, are coordinating this opportunity for students in grades K-8. Students completing 600 minutes of reading outside of the school day will be able to earn a free ticket to Silverwood **that can be used in the summer.**

## First Grade Essay

Mrs.Chantry gave her first grade class an assignment to write a paragraph about what each student thinks is the best part of him/herself. Below is one of them.

### *The Best Part of Me*

*I like my mouth because I can cheer and talk.  
If I didn't have a mouth I would not be able to talk.  
I would explode!*

Stevie Inwood 1st Grade

## IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 17	President's Day No School
Mar 7	State Winter Sports No School
Mar 21	Staff In-Service No School
April 3-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal
April 7-11	Spring Break No School
May 26	Memorial Day No School
May 30	State Spring Sports No School
June 12	Last Day of School Early Dismissal

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## Penny Drive for the Food Bank



Fifth grader, Bree Dawson, helping the kindergarten class count the pennies they collected. L-R: Haylie Snow, Raelyn Muto, Bree Dawson, Adreanah Constantino, Marisa Lyons, Hadley Plaster.

The elementary students held a penny drive in December to benefit the local food bank. Several jars were placed throughout the building and the pennies built up each day. A total of \$55.32 was collected, one penny at a time.

## Safety Drills

Throughout the year, students and staff practice safety drills including fire drills and lock-down. In the elementary school, the practice activities are conducted in a manner that children know they are practicing for a situation, but details are kept to a minimum. While practice is important for any potential disaster, we do so in a manner that does not stress the children. For example, in a lockdown practice scenario in kindergarten, children play the "squishy game", where they all "squish" into a small space and sit quietly. In older grades, students practice with a little more understanding but still in a manner that is not stressful. In fourth grade, they practiced "hiding" from an intruder in both hallway and exterior situations. At least one drill is practiced one time per month and varies between fire and lockdown, earthquake, or shelter-in-place scenarios.



The whole school sporting their new t-shirts at the Christmas assembly

## Frogs Frogs Frogs....

As part of their amphibian and reptile unit studies, Mrs. Milliren took her 3rd grade class to Box Canyon for their annual frog catch, study and release day. The students also found and studied many insects. After they had caught, studied and counted the frogs the students release them back to the water via a frog race. Thanks to PUD Biologist, Scott Jungblom, for facilitating the learning experience and providing the buckets and nets. Thanks also go to the many parent volunteers.



Stephen Muto, Aidan Honshiko and Gavin Stark showing the frogs they caught.



Above: Students counting and studying their catch.  
Right: Arieanna Westhusing showing her frogs.



## Holiday Fun



Cookie Monster passing out cookies to the Kindergarten students on Halloween.





Kindergartners sporting their *Selkirk Way Respect* bracelets

## Selkirk Way & Spotlight

This year the *Selkirk Way* word-of-the-month program was modified. In the past, students demonstrating traits associated with the word were selected by their teacher for a Selkirk Way award and gift certificate. However, only two students per class were recognized during the monthly assembly. This year, in an effort to encourage all students to learn the character trait, a bracelet with the word etched in it will be awarded to every student who demonstrates the desired behaviors. The bracelets will be awarded at the monthly assembly. If you see an elementary student sporting a Selkirk Way bracelet, ask them how they earned it!

We are now using the gift certificates for a free item at *Cathy's Cafe*, *Western Star*, *NuVu Theatre*, or the *Ione Food Court* to recognize students under our new SPOTLIGHT program where students are randomly drawn (only one ticket per student). The teacher of the student then shares information about the student and the student shares what they like best about school. This is an opportunity for everyone to get to know who is in our Selkirk Elementary family and to celebrate the uniqueness of each child. A big thank you to our community sponsors who help make this STUDENT SPOTLIGHT program possible!



September -*Respect*  
Treating others as you wish to be treated and following school rules.



October - *Teamwork*.  
Working together and doing something to benefit everyone, not just yourself.



November- *Effort*  
Working hard to improve! Practice! Practice! Making the connection between effort and achievement.



December- *Imagination*  
Thinking about the world as it could be. Finding creative solutions for problems. Using tools in creative way.



January- *Integrity* Doing the right thing even when it is hard or no one is looking.

### September Spotlight



Back L-R: Nathan Johns 5, Aralee Robertson 5, Kory Enyeart 2, Joel Krabbenhoft 3, Ryan Seaney 4  
Front L-R: Kalynn Muto 1, Aidan Honshiko 3, Jameson Davis K, Jaxen Martin 1, Jessa Culianan K, Raelynn Sullivan 2, Emma Dickinson 4

### December Spotlight

Back L-R: Alex Roberts 4, Antony Scaufflaire 2, Leif Jungblom 5, Stephen Muto 3, Jena Arman 3, Keola Bloxson 1  
Front L-R: McKenzie Zaren 1, Adreianah Constantino K, Madison Chantry 3, Raelynn Muto K, Madelynn Carman K, Hadley Plaster K



### November Spotlight

(below)

Back L-R: Seth Cook 1, Zac Strom 4, Joey Arman 4, Nicol Lyons 5, Bree Dawson 5, Sophia Huffman 2  
Front L-R: Haylie Snow K, Bethany McKee K, Parker Petrich, Nick Bush K, Malissa Guevara K, Marisa Lyons K



In their Halloween costumes Back L-R: Dylan Davies 3, Leilani Jungblom 1, Mailei Jungblom 3, Porter Larson 1, Rennie Pelkie 4, Jaden Hanson 2, Madison Petrich 2  
Front L-R: Breylee Mock 1, Alyssa Percival 1, Landon Eubank K, Jaden McNaughton K, Brady McNaughton 2

### January Spotlight

Back L-R: Bo Petrich 4, Gavin White 4, Jaren Martin 3, Layton Timmreck 3, Novalee Haney 1, Coby Percival 5  
Front L-R: Kiana Davis, Austin Pemberton K, Evan Mendenhall K, Makayla Anderson K, Lisa Dodd 1, Amber Davis 2





## Technology Scholarship

Congratulations to Angela Cain and her students who have done it once again. For the second year in a row, Selkirk received a \$1,000 scholarship that is presented to only a few schools. It is earned by having one of the highest percentages of students taking and passing Microsoft certification exams.

## College in the High School

Selkirk students may earn college credits this year while simultaneously earning high school credits through a partnership with Central Washington University. Pete Whittekiend (Calculus and Pre-Calculus) and Katie McKee (Advanced Placement English) serve as adjunct instructors for CWU. Students enrolled in these classes may receive college credit for successfully completing course requirements. This is a wonderful way to secure low-cost credits while fulfilling graduation criteria.

In addition to the CWU options, Spokane Community Colleges of Spokane offer Running Start classes at the Ione campus. Depending on their regular high school enrollment schedule, students may take classes at the Ione Center at little or no cost.

Advanced Placement classes also offer college credit if a student passes the AP Exam at the end of the course. We currently offer two AP classes, both in English, in alternating years.

## After-School Tutoring

After school tutoring and assistance with assignment completion is available to student in grades 6-12 on Wednesdays in the high school library. Students opting to stay receive a small snack and a quiet study environment in the school library with computers and a teacher available. Transportation home will be provided by the district activity bus. This is a great chance to catch up missing work, study for a test or work on an upcoming assignment.

## Emergency Drills

Students in grades 6-12 participated in lock-down, shelter-in-place, earthquake, and evacuation practice drills this fall. The Pend Oreille Sheriff's Department and the Border Patrol were on site during one drill to observe and support.

## Career Exploration Class



Bailey Taylor and Jared Taft *photos courtesy ~ Angela Cain*

When the students are in between their industrial skills units in the Career Exploration Class Mrs. Cain does short lessons with the class on soft skills - reading, following directions and working with a team to complete a project in a timely manner. She has found that one of the best way to teach these skills is with short cooking labs. The students enjoy them and learn valuable skills at the same time.



David Fairbairn, Class of 2004, teaching Basic Electricity to the students in Career Exploration.

## Sr. Career & Ind. Living Class



Zach and Abraham Kinney, Selkirk alumni, talked with the seniors about their jobs while visiting their parents, Erin & John Kinney, shortly before Christmas. Please see the alumni update, page 2, for more information.

## Little Kid Cheer Camp



The Selkirk Cheerleaders and their coach, Kathy Johnson, held a Little Kid Cheer Camp the week of Sept 30-Oct. 4 for children K-8 culminating with a performance of the routines they learned at halftime of the Patros game on Oct 5th. A special thanks go to the sponsors of the event listed below.

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*(Web site includes email addresses for all 6-12 staff)*

Contact Pam Zimmerman to request that the Selkirk Mid/Sr High School Daily Bulletin be sent to your email address.

## Open Educational Resources (OER)

Selkirk High School is one of five districts in the state receiving grant funding to pursue OER materials. OER is a worldwide learning network of shared teaching and learning materials made freely available online. This provides free curriculum that is current, aligned with new standards and is extremely compatible with our 1:1 iPad initiative. Grouped by subject area and grade level, these materials may be modified by Selkirk teachers as needed. The grant is to review and select materials for algebra, biology, and english.



Larry Reed  
6-12 Principal

## Flocktober



Menessa Merkley, Alex Yarnell, Terra Baer, Erika Carden

If you saw flocks of pink flamingos in yards around the community it was the cheerleaders' annual Flocktober fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The girls earned \$865 that goes to the American Cancer Society.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 5 SIP In-Service - Early Dismissal  
Feb 17 President's Day - No School  
Mar 7 State Winter Sports - No School  
Mar 17-18 Spring Play  
Mar 18-20 Mandatory 10th Grade HSPE Testing  
Mar 21 Staff In-Service - No School  
April 3-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal  
April 7-11 Spring Break - No School  
May 26 Memorial Day - No School  
May 30 State Spring Sports - No School  
June 7 High School Graduation  
June 11 8th Grade Promotion  
June 12 Last Day of School - Early Dismissal



## Homecoming 2013

Selkirk students, families, staff and community enjoyed Homecoming activities October 7-12, coordinated by Kathy Johnson and the cheerleaders along with assistance from Andy Anderson, Seattle City Light, PUD, class advisors, Kathy Mondich and the Selkirk Booster Club. Hall decorating, dress-up days, student assemblies and other action led up to tailgate meals, sponsored by Seattle City Light, floats, royalty and football and volleyball games followed by the Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 12th. A fun week with school and community spirit on full display.



Homecoming Candidates

L-R: Warren Batiste, Katie Couch, Shawn Mailly, Bryanna Sargent, Brandyn Ross, Abby Carrasco, Trevor Grant, Terra Baer



Homecoming King & Queen  
Warren Batiste and Abby Carrasco



Senor Float

Back L-R: Charlie Lavigueur, Katie Couch, Warren Batiste Front: Chelby Cokeley (7th), Megan Bloomer, Nikki Mazzi-Heim, Alex Owens, Sean Huntsman

## Kalispell Career Training Center

The Kalispell Career Training Center (KCTC) hosted a Career Fair November 21st. Selkirk sent all the 7th and 8th grade students to the event. Activities like this present a wonderful chance for our students to gain exposure to a wide range of careers including many available here in Pend Oreille County. This is part of a larger effort to help all students consider a variety of college and career possibilities to help guide their educational choices and future plans

## Selkirk Theatre Arts

The Selkirk High School Theatre Arts presented “Sigh No More: The Ladies of William Shakespeare” at the Cutter Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, November 18th and 19th.

“Sigh No More” is a collection of scenes, music, and sonnets from the work of William Shakespeare. Selkirk High School has a proud history of performing the works of Shakespeare, and the student-actors have reveled in the challenges. It has been several years since Shakespeare was performed by Selkirk students, after a seventeen year tradition, and none of the actors in this production had yet experienced the challenges and rewards. “It is so cool,” said Georgianna Shafer. “You think it’s tough to understand, but it’s not.” Director/Advisor Tara Leininger was excited to bring the tradition back. “We really enjoyed doing ancient Greek theatre, but there is nothing like Shakespeare to teach a young thespian their acting skills.”

“Sigh No More” features an all-female cast, and the scenes and music chosen reflect that necessity. The student actors are: Megan Bloomer, Abiona Carrasco, Melanie Gagliardo, Menessa Merkley, Georgianna Shafer, and Alex Yarnell. This cast features four seniors, a sophomore, and one sixth-grader, all with a variety of experience. Melanie and Alex both have stage work with the Missoula Children’s Theatre, and all but Melanie have been acting for the Selkirk program for many years. The one young man involved in the production is Jordan Storey, who is learning about stage lighting and was the light tech for the production.

### Coming Attraction

### OUR TOWN

a play by Thorton Wilder  
March 17-18

Far left: Alex Yarnell and Megan Bloomer preparing for the stage. Below L-R: Alex Yarnell, Abby Carrasco, Melanie Gagliardo, Menessa Merkley, Megan Bloomer and Georgianna Shafer





**Seniors**

Daniel Cervantes  
Kevin Vandinter  
Shawn Mailly

**Juniors**

Dominic Cain  
David Cronoble

**Sophomores**

Stephen Avey  
Noah Bailey  
Chance Chantry  
Cole Dawson  
Chris Descloux  
Joey Dickinson  
Brady Filler

Jaden Krabbenhoft  
Elijah Shafer  
Damon Volquardsen

**Freshmen**

Jacob Couch  
Billy Edwards  
Jared Taft

Brayden Taylor

**Head Coach**

Kelly Cain

**Assistant Coaches**

Kirk Johnson  
Matt Emerson

**Managers**

Merik Merkley  
Tristan Carmen  
Ty Taylor

## High School Football

This year's team concluded a successful season with a loss to Wilbur-Creston in the regional round of the playoffs. This marked the first time since 2000 that Selkirk Football had been to the post-season. According to Coach Cain, "The team came a long ways this season. The boys worked hard and were a lot of fun to be around. It really was a good team atmosphere." With only three seniors on the squad of twenty things look promising for next season as well. Seniors who played their last game for the Rangers include Daniel Cervantes, Shawn Mailly, and Kevin Vandinter.



The Rangers playing against Clark Fork

**8th Grade**

Colton Carden  
Ryan Issakiades  
Harley Lefors  
Peter McAnerin  
Colebe Merkley  
Calvin Petrich  
Calvin Rood  
Bradley Sargent

**7th Grade**

Benny Fristad  
Ethan Hardie  
Thomas Huttie  
Zack Zoodsma

**Head Coach**

Kelly Cain  
**Assistant Coach**  
Matt Emerson

## MS Football



Ethan Hardee #23 carrying the ball with Bradley Sargent #22 guarding him.



Pictured Left:  
The cheerleaders,  
Manessa Merkley,  
Alex Yarnell,  
Erika Carden and  
Terra Baer, with  
the football team  
at a pep rally the  
day of their first  
post season game

## High School Volleyball

Selkirk Volleyball ended their season at District playoffs. We had a great but tough year. The girls made many improvements and worked very hard. Abby Carrasco, Bryanna Sargent, Josie Miller and Crystal Cronoble showed great leadership and helped carry the team through tough times. The sophomores worked hard and improved greatly showing tons of heart. Freshman Lexy Ellsworth started her career off with a bang and showed great coachability. I am so proud of my girls and am so happy to have had a chance to coach this squad. Coach Kristen (Taylor) Delp.

**MVP** - Josie Miller

**Miss Front Line** - Lexy Ellsworth

**Most Inspirational** - Abby Carrasco

**Miss Defense** - Crystal Cronoble & Hannah Jensen

**Most Improved** - Lauren McGeorge

**Top Server** - Amanda Heim

**Coach's Award** - Dana Riggleman

**Captains Award** - Josie Miller,  
Bryanna Sargent and Abby Carrasco

## Volleyball Team Rosters

**Seniors:** Abby Carrasco, Josie Miller,  
Bryanna Sargent

**Juniors:** Crystal Cronoble

**Sophomores:** Heather Brown,  
Amanda Heim, Hannah Jensen,  
Lauren McGeorge, Dana Riggleman

**Freshmen:** Lexy Ellsworth

**Coach:** Kristin Delp

**8th Grade:** Emma Avey, Sierra  
Chantry Mykenzie Maupin

Jewell Scherf, Syvana Warren

**7th Grade:** Courtney Brown, Jenna  
Couch Whitney Dawson, Elinor Ed-  
wards Abby Ellsworth, Emma Hardie

Mary Huttie, Brooklyn McAnerin  
Ashley Percival, Quinn Zimmerman

**6th Grade:** Kaitlyn Chantry, McKenzie  
Miller Allison Petrich, Shelby Rood,

Tabitha Taylor, Casey Warren

**Head Coach** Cathy Enyeart

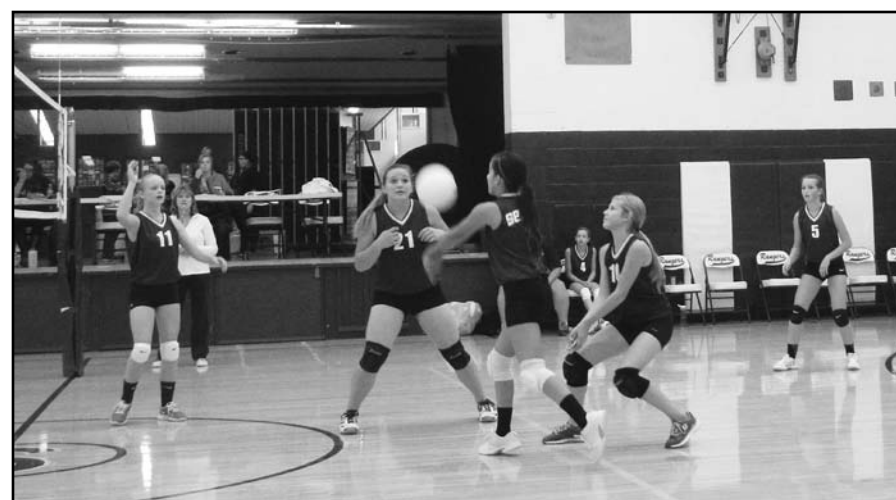
**Assistant Coach** Sherice McAnerin



Left to right: Seniors Josie Miller, Abiona Carrasco and Bryanna Sargent in the game against Kettle Falls.

## Middle School Volleyball

Coach Cathy Enyeart was very proud of how the girls played this season and stated that this team was a joy to work with. She said that they knew the meaning of teamwork and played as a team. The A team ended the season 8-2.



Above: Emma Avey setting up for the return. L-R: Jenna Couch 7th, Syvana Warren 8th, Emma Avey 8th, Jewell Scherf 8th, Sierra Chantry 8th.



**Boys Varsity****Seniors**

Shawn Maily  
Brandyn Ross

**Juniors**

Dominic Cain

**Sophomores**

Stephen Avey  
Cole Dawson  
Logan Miller

**Freshmen**

Jacob Couch

**Junior Varsity****Seniors**

Kevin Vandinter

**Juniors**

Matthew Hastings  
Jordan Storey  
Devin Washington

**Sophomores**

Noah Bailey  
Dexter King

**Freshmen**

Brayden Taylor

Austin Robertson

**Head Coach**

Kelly Cain

**Assistant Coaches**

Matt Emerson

**Volunteer Coaches**

Dan Dawson

Randy Holter

Jeff Miller

**HS Boys Basketball**

Coach Kelly Cain said that the boys have worked very hard this season. At the beginning of the year their record was 1-7 but at press time it is 10-9. They have had a nine win streak.



Top: Dominic Cain, left, and Shawn Maily, middle, ready to go in for a layup.

Left: Senior Shawn Maily bringing the ball downcourt.

Below: Senior Brandyn Ross being introduced at the beginning of the game.

**Middle School Boys**

(no picture available)

**8th Grade**

Peter McAnerin  
Calvin Petrich  
Bradley Sargent

**7th Grade**

Ben Fristad  
Wyatt George  
Ethan Hardie  
Thomas Huttie  
Chris Noble  
Connor Stark

Caleb Whittekiend

Zack Zoodsma

**6th Grade**

Jacob Arman  
Steven Issakides  
Justin Krabbenhoft  
Ty Taylor

Ryan Zimmerman

**Head Coach**

Pete Whittekiend

**Assistant Coaches**

Daneen Green

**2014 HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat 3/22	@ NWC (Baseball only)	10:00
Sat 3/22	Home vs Columbia (Softball only)	12:00
Fri 3/28	Home vs Wilbur	1:00
Tues 4/1	vs Chewelah (Baseball only) Site TBD	
Sat 4/5	@ Cusick	12:00
Sat 4/12	Home vs ACH	12:00
Tue 4/15	Home vs Nelson (Baseball only)	2:00
Tues 4/15	@ Wellpinit (Softball only)	2:00
Tues 4/22	Home vs Curlew	2:00
Sat 4/26	Home vs Republic	12:00
Tues 4/29	@ Northport	2:00
Sat 5/3	@ Odessa (Baseball only)	12:00
Sat 5/3	Home vs NWC (Softball only)	10:00

Baseball Head Coach: Pete Whittekiend

Softball Head Coach : TBD

Get sports schedule updates by email!

Would you like to be emailed the latest changes to the sports schedule? Just email Mark Coon, Athletic Director, at mcoon@selkirk.k12.wa.us to be added to the Selkirk FYI list in order to receive weekly updates regarding sports activities.

**2014 MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mon 4/21	@ Wellpinit	3:45
Mon 4/28	Home vs Springdale	3:45
Mon 5/5	Home vs Cusick	3:45
Thurs 5/8	@ Valley vs Sprindale (Baseball only)	3:45
	@ Valley vs Valley (Baseball only)	5:15
Mon 5/12	@ Inchelium (Softball only)	3:45
Mon 5/19	Home vs Valley	3:45

All dates are double headers and will be no more that 5 innings with a general 90 minute time limit. No new inning will begin after 90 minutes of playing time.

Baseball Head Coach: Jack Couch

Softball Head Coach : Kathy Johnson

**2014 HIGH SCHOOL TRACK**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
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Track schedule not available as of 2/3/2014

**HS Girls Basketball**

Coach Jack Couch states that this young team has had tremendous growth this year due to their focus on team defense which has elevated their play and leads to success in all areas of the game. At press time are playing for second seed in the district.



Senior Samantha Enyeart catching the rebound (above) and senior Katie Couch, left, at the free throw line

**Girls Varsity****Seniors**

Katie Couch  
Samantha Enyeart

**Juniors**

Anna Kotzian

**Sophomores**

Annie Byrd  
Nicole Espe  
Ellie Grass

Hannah Jensen

Mackenzie McAnerin

Hannah Rick

**Freshmen**

Kaite Dewey  
Lexy Ellsworth

**Junior Varsity****Seniors**

Jasmine Byrd

**Sophomores**

Annie Byrd

**Freshmen**

Katie Dewey

**8th Grade**

Emma Avey  
Sierra Chantry  
Ellen Huttie  
MyKenzie Maupin

Gabi Rick

Syvana Warren

**Head Coach**

Jack Couch

**Assistant Coach**

Wendy Chantry

**Volunteer Coach**

Dennis Flanagan

**SELKIRK CHEERLEADERS**

Terra Baer  
Abiona Carrasco  
Crystal Cronoble  
Lauren McGeorge  
Menessa Merkley  
Alex Yarnell  
**Coach**  
Kathy Johnson

L-R: Crystal Cronoble, Abiona Carrasco, Menessa Merkley (in air), Alex Yarnell, Lauren McGeorge and Terra Baer in back.

**MS Girls Basketball**

L-R: MyKenzie Maupin, Abby Ellsworth, Emma Avey, Jacklyn Byrd, Sierra Chantry, Jenna Couch, Emma Hardie, Ellen Huttie, Whitney Dawson, Gabi Rick. Not pictured: Kaitlyn Chantry, Brooklyn McAnerin, Mackenzie Miller, Allison Petrich, Shelby Rood and Cassidy Whitteliend



Information for Students & Parents



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K-12 School Psychologist  
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Second Step

The third graders are off and running with their Second Step lessons with Mrs. Reed! We are discovering important friendship skills as we answer these questions:

- How can I tell how my friend is feeling?
- What are some ways to show my friend I am listening?

-What should I do when my friends are arguing?  
-How do I show my friends I care?  
Ask your third grader to share what he or she learned in Second Step!

The fourth and fifth grades will start Second Step soon with Mrs. Reed.  
Kindergarten, first and second grades are working on their Second Step lessons with Mrs. Kinney .



Beth Dunbar  
College & Career  
Readiness teacher  
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High School Juniors

The entire class of 2015 took the PSAT on October 16. For all students planning to attend a four year college after graduation, it is time to start making plans to take a college admission test (ACT or SAT). If you test this spring, you will receive your scores prior to the start of your senior year. If you want to retest and try to raise your scores, you will have time to retest during the fall of 2014 (your senior year). Colleges start accepting early admittance applications in October so it is important to plan ahead. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register for the SAT and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register for the ACT. If you are receiving free or reduced lunch, you can pick up a test fee waiver from Mrs. Dunbar.

**The SAT will be given at Selkirk on Saturday, June 7, 2014!!**

Please see Mrs. Dunbar if you need assistance registering.

Traveling College Fair

On October 10, 73 Mrs. Dunbar and Selkirk High School students in grades 9-12 attended the first annual Traveling College Fair at Cusick High School. This event allowed students to here from more than more than a dozen Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Wyoming colleges and universities, the Job Corps, and the military. After short presentations given by college representatives, students were given a chance to talk personally with the reps and gather information about each school. This looks to be an annual event and Mrs. Dunbar has volunteered to host a session next fall at Selkirk which will give more students the opportunity to participate!

Changes Coming to All Washington Schools

Common Core Standards are standards that were adopted by Washington State. Some people mistakenly assume that this means Selkirk will be using the same text books and curriculum as other school districts around the nation. They think it means that we will no longer be able to personalize education for our students and district.

However, the Commone Core Standards are STANDARDS, not a prescribed curriculum. These replace the previous Washington State-developed standards for reading, math, and language arts that our current MSP/ HSPE assessments were built on. The Common Core Standards were developed by teachers across the nation and adopted by 42 governors.

For more information and to explore the standards for your child’s particular grade level, visit the site: [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org) and click on THE STANDARDS. The standards are not a particular curriculum. In Washington, curriculum decisions are still made locally by the 295 individual school districts. Please talk to your child’s teacher or call Larry Reed or Nancy Lotze if you have questions.

Selkirk Humanities Foundation

*This is a special fund established by a private foundation whose purpose is to broaden the horizons of Selkirk students by making possible field trips to special events inside and outside of Pend Oreille County.*

DEAR FRIENDS OF SELKIRK

With this letter, the Selkirk Humanities Foundation is opening its annual fund drive. Founded in April of 1985, the Foundation is a private, non-profit corporation which solely exists to help Selkirk students. While it is endorsed by and in cooperation with the Selkirk School District teachers, administrators and board members, all funding decisions are determined by the SHF Board of Trustees: Jane Reed, Cecy Holter, Kari Dawson, Kim Larson and John Kinney.

The Selkirk Humanities Foundation helps Selkirk students grades K-12 expand their cultural and historical education with the generous support of its members. Selkirk Humanities Foundation funding enables students to attend a variety of humanities-related activities including: visits to the Museum of Arts and Culture in Spokane, performances at the Cutter Theater, Spokane INB Performing Arts Center and Lake City Playhouse in Coeur d’Alene. Donor contributions also funded scholarships for Missoula Children’s Theater participants. Funding provided for 2012-13 activities was \$2300.

If you have a son or daughter taking part in any of our activities or will in the future, please consider donating to SHF. It is our only way to keep this quality program available for our children. The membership period begins in September for a one year period. We hope supporters of our previous campaigns will renew their memberships and that new members will join us.

Sincerely,  
SELKIRK HUMANITIES FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

2012-13 Contributors to the Selkirk Humanities Foundation

Tom & Lynn Barnes	Jim & Deb Barrett	Rebecca Caldwell	North Pend Oreille Chamber
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Please Clip and Mail to: Selkirk Humanities Foundation, P.O. Box 370, Metaline Falls, WA 99153

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my name will be published annually unless I specify otherwise.

SAT & ACT Test Schedules

Students planning to enter a 4 year college directly out of high school students will need to take the:

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test - A four-year college admissions test covering writing, critical reading and mathematics. Registration is available online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or by picking up a registration packet from the high school). Student’s receiving free or reduced lunch can pick up a fee waiver at from the high school counselor.

Test Dates	Reg. Deadline	Late Reg (late fees apply)
March 8, 2014	Feb 7, 2014	Feb 21, 2014
May 3, 2014	April 4, 2014	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

(The test on June 7th will be given at Selkirk Middle/High School)

The ACT (American College Test - A four-year college admissions test covering English, science reasoning, reading and mathematics. Registration is available online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or by picking up a packet from the high school counselor.)

Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late Reg (late fees apply)
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8-21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10-23, 2014



Three-Year Replacement  
Maintenance & Operations Levy

Ballots Must Be Postmarked or Dropped off in Ione By: February 11, 2014

Dear Community Members,

We are grateful for your continued support to the students in our three communities of Ione, Metaline, and Metaline Falls. Building strong schools only happens with commitment by the community and our community should be proud of what we have accomplished together!

The current M&O Levy expires at the end of 2014. Every two years we run a replacement levy. We greatly appreciate that over the past 30 years, voters have approved each M&O levy request.

This year, we are asking voters to approve a three-year levy so Selkirk's ballot aligns with both Cusick and Newport School District ballots saving us an estimated \$13,000 over a six year period. The replacement levy will be collected in 2015, 2016, and 2017. We are very conscious about keeping taxes as low as possible while providing quality educational programs for our students.

M&O levy funds are vital to the Selkirk School District's operation of basic programs and services. Please read the information on this page for more details. Ballots must be postmarked by February 11, 2014 or dropped off in the Ione Ballot Box near the Community Center by 8:00 p.m. on the 11th.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT NOTE

People often ask, if their assessed valuation goes up, will their school levy cost also go up? The answer is complicated. The short answer is "probably not". The long answer is that figuring out an exact cost per thousand two years in the future (2015) is complex, but the bottom line is that Selkirk will only receive the levy amount (\$550,000) in 2015, not the rate per thousand. The levy amount is divided by the overall valuation in the county in 2014. The school district does NOT receive more if your valuation increases. We estimated the \$2.05 per thousand based on 2013 information. In 2015, if the overall value of the county increases (which is likely), then the rate per thousand to raise \$550,000 drops. Does that mean you will pay less? Again, probably not. In the end, you will likely pay about what was paid in 2013 for school M&O taxes. It is listed clearly on your tax statement, so take a look. The M&O is not a new tax, but a continuation of the existing levy. Please call if you have questions!

Your levy dollars help ALL students in so many ways!

How much more than the current levy?		
Assessed Property Values	Estimated MONTHLY Increase	Estimated YEARLY Increase
\$50,000	21¢	\$2.50
\$100,000	41¢	\$5.00
\$150,000	63¢	\$7.50
\$200,000	83¢	\$10.00

Transportation

**\$25,000** per year for fuel, supplies, and bus maintenance. Previously, the State provided 100% of the funding required to operate the transportation program, but beginning in 2014-15 Selkirk's allocation will be reduced by 13%.



If my property values go up in 2015, will the district get more money? NO. The district collects only the amount of the levy. The rate per thousand is an estimate. If valuations increase, the rate to generate the \$550,000 decreases.

Selkirk Levy  
Fact Sheet

How much is the 2015-2017 replacement levy?

The current 2014 levy will be collected at \$2.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The replacement levy for 2015-2017 is estimated to be \$2.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation which means that we are requesting only 5 cents more per thousand. On an average \$100,000 home, that increase would be \$5 per year to help maintain existing programs and to accommodate increased expenses for maintenance, utilities, food, fuel, and employee costs.

Do we really need an M&O Levy?

Yes. The state does not fully fund public education. The information in this brochure gives examples of areas that require local levy support. Our district's commitment to maintain class sizes, student support systems, staff training, coordinated curriculum efforts, and a strong technology system is working. For the seventh year in a row, Selkirk High School was named in U.S. News & World Report's *America's Best High Schools*. Additionally, Selkirk elementary and secondary students consistently outperform every other district in our county and region on state assessments. **The bottom line is that a loss of levy and matching funds would require a significant reduction in programs, services, and staffing.**

**Does this levy allow the district to add additional staff?** No. The funding simply allows us to maintain existing programs and staffing levels. For the past seven years, we have made reductions in staff and increased efficiency in an effort to keep costs down.

How does Selkirk's levy compare?

On average, State-wide levies make up approximately 20% of a school district's budget. Selkirk's **\$2.05** proposed replacement M&O levy is approximately 12%. Levy rates are based on property values and vary by the levy amount requested. According to OSPI, collection rates for area schools in 2013 were:

Colville	\$2.54	Kettle Falls	\$2.40
Chewelah	\$2.24	Springdale	\$2.68
Northport	\$2.16	Newport	\$2.51

Which items are funded from the levy?

Services, activities, and programs funded by the levy do not have other funding sources or have insufficient funds to support the program. For example, food service programs are funded through sales of lunches and reimbursement for free or reduced meals, but the program requires a local contribution. This is true for all districts, not just Selkirk. See the boxes to the left for more examples.

Curriculum &  
Instruction

**\$107,500** per year for small class sizes in the elementary school, field trips, textbooks, technology support, substitutes, and Traffic Safety Education (TSE). Funds are used to support programs not funded by the State (like field trips, TSE, technology staff, and paying for a teacher per grade level in K-5. Additional curriculum and instruction expenses beyond the \$107,500 in this category are supported through basic education funds, Title I, Title II, and other categorical funds.



Food Service

**\$70,000** per year for food, supplies, and staffing to support the breakfast and lunch programs. In addition, we offer a free healthy snack (fruits or veggies) to elementary students three days per week. Over 51% of our students qualify for Free & Reduced meals but only 50% of our food service program expenses are supported through meal fees and federal reimbursement. Levy funds make up the difference to provide healthy choices for all students!



Maintenance, Custodial, &  
Utilities

**\$135,500** per year for general annual maintenance, custodial, gym floors, grounds, and 30% of electricity, water, and sewer bills. 2012-13 utility expenses alone were \$110,000 for the two buildings. As buildings are deemed by the State as local responsibilities, levy funds must be used for annual upkeep and operations.

Extra-Curricular  
Activities

**\$140,000** per year for athletics (*spring, fall, and winter*) and activities (*drama and music*) including coaches, transportation, and 50% of officials' fees. These areas have no other funding source. Uniforms, equipment, and the other 50% of official fees are funded by ASB activities and gate receipts.



Other Support

**\$72,000** per year for insurance, audit fees, ballot expenses, and copiers. There is no specific State support for these areas.

**This is a three-year replacement Maintenance & Operations levy estimated to be \$2.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation to raise \$550,000 (2015), \$556,000 (2016), and \$563,000 (2017). This is not a new levy. For more information about our schools or the replacement levy visit our website, talk to a board member, or contact us at:**

District Office: 446-2951    High School/Middle School: 446-3505    Elementary: 446-4225



...Community & Schools

Lions Hearing and Vision Screening Unit

Thank you to Gayle Pollack of the North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club for bringing the Northwest Lions Foundation Hearing and Vision Screening Unit, a retrofitted semi-truck, to Selkirk Elementary September 11th. She also coordinated with School Nurse Nancy Kiss to have the screening unit go to Cusick as well. The cost of this service is covered by the Foundation and the NPOV Lions Club.



Kindergartners being tested inside the unit.



The truck driver entertaining the children waiting to be screened with the lions club mascot head.

Fire Safety Day at Selkirk Elementary

Fire District 2 and the Forest Service sponsored Fire Safety Day at the Selkirk Elementary on October 1st. The students learned about safety in the home and experience how to escape a smoke filled bedroom through the window in the Fire Safety House. They sat inside an ambulance and a fire engine and learned about both vehicle and practiced their stop, drop and roll. New this year was the man rescue pictured to the right. Thank you to all the volunteers the donated a day of their time to keep our children safe and to Brad Larson for coordinating the event.



Roger Curran showing a heat detector to the first graders.



Preschoolers lifting a rescued man (dummy).



Dave King explaining the fireman's uniform and equipment to the Kindergarten class.



L-R:Liz Larson, Brad Larson, Dave King, Jared Campbell, Chris DiRienz, Kim DiRienz, Tynna Curran, Kiara Curran, Fred Mitchell, Donna Mitchell, Jaylan King, Blake McAnerin, Roger Curran. Seated in front: Patrick Phillips and Brandyn Ross.