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SELKIRK TEAMS TO STATE

Girls' Basketball

Congratulation to the Lady Rangers basketball team for an outstanding season culminating in capturing sixth place at the State Tournament in Spokane on March 5th. This was the highest finish a Selkirk basketball team has had in State competition since the district consolidated in 1963. Previously the Lady Rangers placed eighth in 2000 when the B-size schools were in one category. Based on enrollment, the Rangers now compete in the 1B category. This year's tournament saw sixteen teams qualifying for State play with the first eight eliminated during the February 24-25 games held at various venues throughout the state. Selkirk journeyed to Mount Lake Terrace High School in Edmonds to defeat Mount Rainier Lutheran and Columbia Adventist which qualified the Rangers for the final rounds of the tournament in the Spokane Arena on March 3-5. The Rangers lost to ACH but quickly defeated the Lopez Lobos in the second game of Arena play positioning the Rangers to play for either fourth or sixth place. The Lady Rangers played a hard final game on Saturday losing by only two points. We are extremely proud of our athletes and other state participants including the Selkirk cheerleaders who also supported the team throughout the season and performed at half-time during the state tournament as well as Pep Band members who woke early for the long bus ride to spur our girls on! The team would like to thank all of their supporters throughout the season that made this possible. Congratulations!



photo courtesy of ~ Dennis Flanagan

Above: At State in Spokane. Front L-R: Haley Adams, Annie Couch, Courtney Holter, Jessica Reiber, Annemarie Cain. Back L-R: RaeAnn McCollim, Katie Couch, Abby Carrasco, Coach Kelly Cain, Josie Miller, Georgie Shafer, Jaimi Adams, Assistant Coach Randy Holter, Manager Steve McKenzie

WIAA State Sportsmanship Awards

The WIAA recognized the following four Selkirk girls with medals for sportsmanship during the state tournament games: Hailey Adams, Annemarie Cain, Annie Couch, and Courtney Holter.



photo courtesy of ~ Dennis Flanagan
Courtney Holter sending the ball
in against Lopez Island

Wrestling

Five of our Selkirk Ranger wrestlers qualified for the Mat Classic State Tournament in Tacoma



Kelan Sax at the 2011 Mat Classic State Wrestling Tournament

on February 17-19. That is highest number of Selkirk wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament since Coach Keith Saxe revived the program in 2005. Despite the team

suffering from the flu during the tournament, they still walked away with two medals and a solid team finish.

Kelan Sax took third place in the 171 bracket and Mikey Weiss placed fourth at 130 pounds. This was Kelan's second state title. Congratulations, Kelan and Mikey! Also at State, Cody Gagliardo competed at 103, Michael Haskins at 160 and Emery Maupin at 112. The team placed eleventh in team points. We are very proud that these athletes qualified for state competition and also of their accomplishments while in Tacoma.

The team would like to thank everyone who donated and supported them this year.



Medal winners, Kelan Sax & Mikey Weiss, at the 2011 state wrestling tournament.

News Briefs ...

Selkirk Honored

Selkirk Jr/Sr High School was one of 186 schools in Washington recognized for overall excellence While there are only 295 school districts in the state, there are over 2000 schools. The State's highest honor is based on test scores, graduation rates, and closing achievement gaps. This highly selective and prestigious award for Overall Excellence as given to Selkirk Jr/Sr High School based on

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Important Facility News

On Thursday, March 24, in the music room of the Selkirk High School the district will hold the next facilities meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. The architect from Design West will be here to

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Nancy J. Lotze
Superintendent

The Selkirk School District is governed by five board members, three of which are elected from defined districts with the other two considered "At Large". Between

the current five members, there are three Selkirk High School graduates and over 50 years of experience serving on the Selkirk School Board. These volunteers participate in at least two meetings per month plus attend regional trainings and serve on committees for scholarships, facilities, and other areas affecting the educational program. All five board members focus on ensuring the district makes sound fiscal decisions while maximizing educational opportunities for students.



Katie Parker with granddaughter, Phaedra, on a hike last summer.

Katie Parker (17 years)
Represents Director District #1 and currently serves as chairman of the board. Katie has been a board member since December 1993. Katie and her husband, Drew, moved to the community in 1979. They operated Katie's Oven for 16 years. Their two children, Zack and Tessin, enrolled as kindergarteners and graduated from Selkirk. They have four grandchildren living in the Selkirk community, one of which is currently enrolled in kindergarten. Her focus has always been to insure all students in our three communities have access to a quality educational program. Under Katie's leadership the Selkirk School District has moved from a district with lower than state and national average assessment scores to one that is now recognized nationally for its excellence.

She firmly believes the critical difference is made in the daily contact with the student, and thanks those on the front lines for the continued improvement.

Katie has worked tirelessly on every levy (nine) and bond (four) campaign since 1993. She has attended numerous Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) trainings and conferences over the past seventeen years and leads the board in development of goals. Katie has worked

with the past three superintendents and was chairman of the board when the last two were hired. Katie has been an Artscape instructor and a Pend Oreille Arts Consortium visiting artist in the schools. Katie, and husband Drew, who reside north of Metaline Falls, own and operate *Katie's Oven Catering*, *Parker Sign*, and *Mycotrope*, a mycological consulting service.

Jane Emrick (16 years)

Represents an At-Large position and has served as a board member since November 1994. Jane is a graduate of Selkirk High School (Class of 1976) as



was her late-husband, Allan and her two children, Keely and Paul. Jane's commitment to the education of the youth in our communities did not start with the school board. Jane has been a cornerstone of the Selkirk 4-H organization, the County Fair, and the Biddy

Ball Basketball program. She has also been a classroom volunteer and worked on a number of school fundraising efforts. Jane's extended family includes a number of teachers and quality education has always been her focus whether as a board member, parent, or volunteer.

In the past sixteen years Jane has served as legislative and WIAA representatives and currently serves at the vice-chairman of the board. As vice-chair she has lent her experience and expertise to a number of important issues including athletics, levies (eight), bond campaigns (four), and budget. Like Katie, Jane has worked with the past three superintendents and, as a board member, hired the last two. Jane resides in Ione and currently works for the *Pend Oreille County Public Utility District* at Box Canyon Dam.

Judy Ashton (9 years)

Represents Direct District #2 and has been a board member since February 2002.

In the past nine years, Judy has been a WIAA and Alternate Legislative representative.

Currently, Judy serves as the Legislative Representative. Judy comes from a family of educators. Her mother was a school superintendent, principal, and teacher in California. Judy and her husband, Dick, moved to Ione in 1995. As the previous Executive Director for the Cutter Theatre, Judy focused on bringing arts programs to Selkirk students. During her tenure, the ArtScape program was developed which still runs today offering after school arts opportunities for students. In addition, she tirelessly sought out artistic and cultural experiences for our students including two traveling Smithsonian exhibits and countless performances from groups like the Spokane Orchestra Brass Quartet, Rainbow Dancers, Glenn Yarborough, as well as magic shows and puppet theaters.

During the past nine years, Judy has worked diligently to provide information about our levy and bond campaigns to community members who do not have a connection to our school system. She is a member of the North Pend Oreille Lions' Club and is currently the chair of the Pend Oreille County Planning Commission. Judy is a retired real estate agent and past Cutter Theatre Executive Director. Judy and her husband reside south of Ione. They currently own and operate *Ashton Construction* and *The Coop B&B*.



Brenda Miller (6 years)
Represents Director District #3 and has

served on the board since March 2005.

Brenda is a Selkirk High School graduate (Class of 1992) as is her husband Willie (Class of 1990). Her two children, Avery and LaRae, are Selkirk students. Brenda has been the Alternate Legislative Representative but currently serves as the board's WIAA Representative. Brenda is a member of the Selkirk Booster Club. She has also been involved in other volunteer activities such as the Selkirk 4-H program and numerous Selkirk Youth sports programs. Brenda's focus has always been to provide quality educational opportunities for students.

Brenda joined the board in the middle of the 2005 bond effort and worked to get information to community members on the importance and value of consolidation. Since then, she has participated in three successful levy campaigns. Brenda resides in Ione and is the Administrative Supervisor for Production for the *Pend Oreille County Public Utility District* at Box Canyon Dam.

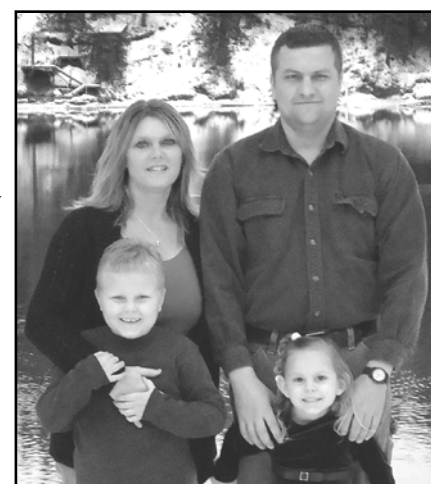


Clint Petrich (3 years)

Clint is the newest member of the board and represents the second "At-Large" position. He has been a board member since November 2007 and is a Selkirk graduate (Class of 1996) as is his wife, Cassie (Class of 1992). He has two children, Bo who is currently in first grade and Madison who will be entering kindergarten next fall. Clint's focus is on ensuring students have good vocational opportunities. He has participated on the Selkirk High School Vocational Advisory Committee and has been a guest instructor in Angela Cain's Career Exploration class.

Clint has been the WIAA representative and currently serves as the

Alternate Legislative Representative. He resides in Ione with his family and has been employed by *Vandyke Logging* for the past 14 years.



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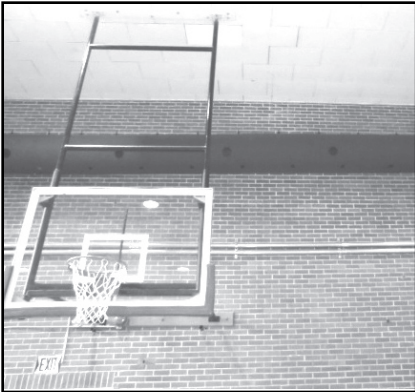
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Elementary Gym is Heating Up with a Whoosh!

After months of research, planning, and work, the elementary heat went online in January. The new system includes a commercial-grade



electric furnace located in the old "stage" attic space. The unit was moved in using lifts and placed through a hole cut in the gym side of the wall. The hole has since been patched and is awaiting paint.

Also as part of the new system two "ductsox" were installed. While the furnace could have worked with just two vents blowing air from the scoreboard side of the gym, the ductsox distribute the heat more equitably throughout the space and over to the bleacher area. The ductsox are deflated

when the fur-

nace is off and inflate with a loud whooshing sound when air flows through. The ductsox can be removed for washing and are impervious to damage from flying balls.

Ironically, while we were learning to program the new thermostat, one of the only home basketball games played in the gym this year found the fans shivering in the bleachers as the gym hovered at 60 degrees. However, the fault was the programming not the heating unit.

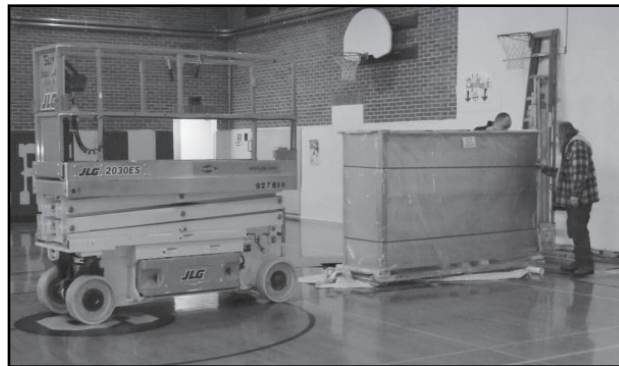
The thermostat has a "smart" feature which ensures that the temperature is at the desired set-point at the time

programmed unlike an older thermostat which simply shuts off and turns on at set times. Therefore, by setting the thermostat to 60 degrees at 7:00 p.m. meant that by 6:00 p.m., the gym would be 60 degrees not that the heat would turn off at 6:00 p.m.!

We have since perfected our programming skills and have been very pleased with the heating unit. Still to come are lighting upgrades which are part of the Energy Efficiency grant.

To help offset the expense of the electrical upgrades to the gym, the school district applied for and received a \$20,000 grant from the Pend Oreille County Economic Revolving Fund Board. The district is very appreciative of this support as the project would not have been possible without it.

So, the next time you are in the elementary gym for a ball game, hopefully, you will hear the whoosh and feel warm air on your side of the bleachers!



HSPE Test Dates for Spring 2011

Mandatory schedule for the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) testing (10th graders and any 11th or 12th graders "re-testing"). This schedule is required for 10th graders and optional on a test-by-test basis for 11th and 12th graders.

Mandatory 10th Grade Schedule

Week 1: March 15-17

Tuesday, March 15- Writing Session
Wednesday, March 16- Writing Session
Thursday, March 17- Reading Session

Week 2: April 12

Tuesday, April 12- Science

Mathematics End-of-Course Exams

Must be administered within three weeks before end of course

Subject area 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) testing window for grades 3-8: May 3 - June 4

Limited make-up testing allowed.

Paper/Pencil Testing Window: May 2-May 19

Online Testing Window: May 2-June 3

Each 3-5 grade classroom teacher will choose a testing calendar specific to that grade. It will be provided to parents through the weekly classroom newsletter in April. Tests are approx. 75 minutes for elementary students and 90 minutes for middle students.

Breakfast Gets a New Look

Thanks to the Washington State Dairy Council who awarded Selkirk a \$5,000 grant in November, breakfast for our students took on a new look for this year. Beginning in January, in addition to fresh fruit and other menu items a yogurt bar, similar to the fruit and veggie bar at lunch, with a variety of toppings for yogurt became available for students in grades 6-12. Additionally, smoothies made with yogurt and fruit were added to the serving counter each day at that building.

At the elementary school, yogurt parfait cups (yogurt, fruit, and granola) became available four days per week in addition to the fresh fruit, cheese sticks, and other menu items. The breakfast grant paid for supplies like plastic yogurt and smoothie cups, serving containers for toppings, and two commercial blenders.

When the new breakfast options became available, the yogurt bar and parfait cups were favorites with students but have since tapered off in popularity. Smoothies continue to be a high request item in grades 6-12. If your child would like to see other options at breakfast be sure to encourage him or her to ask the cook. We are trying to find a nice blend of healthy options and those students will eat.



Alumni Update

The Alumni Update column is the place to read about important events in Selkirk graduates' lives! If you have some news that you would like to share, please email: nlotze@selkirk.k12.wa.us and put ALUMNI UPDATE in the subject line.

J.W. Thore, Class of 2003, has been in the Air Force since graduation and plans to make it his career. While he was home in November visiting his parents, Gary and LuJean Maupin, he was one of the honored guests at the Veterans Day concert at Selkirk High School. J.W. holds the rank of Senior Airman and is a metal fabricator working on the F22 Raptors. He has served in Korea and Afghanistan and is currently stationed in Germany.

Natalie Nyberg was born on Dec 22, 2010 to Kara March, '07, and Josh Nyberg. Grandparents are Nikki and Roy March '77. Natalie was 8 lbs., 9 oz. and 21.75 inches long.

Brienna Lynn Pope was born on Feb 2, 2011 to Bret '06 and Lexi Pope. Brienna was 7 lb 3 oz.

Gavin James Kelly was born on Feb 26, 2011 to Heather Pope, '08 and Clancy Kelly '09. Gavin was 9 lb 2 oz and 21.5" long.

Cheyenne Botzheim '09, daughter of Alan '82 and Tracy Botzheim, and **Lawrence Maupin '08**, son of Larry '78 and Jennifer '85 Maupin, were married Oct 12, 2010. Lawrence is serving in the military stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He has served in Afghanistan and has recently been deployed to an unknown location. Cheyenne is currently going to school and has started C. Maupin Photography. She takes family photos and homecomings (this is popular at bases when servicemen return from deployments).

Kindergarten Registration



Don Hawpe
K-5 Principal

For children who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2011

Kindergarten Registration will be held

**May 16-20
at Selkirk Elementary
9:00-11:00 and 1:00-3:00**

Please bring your child's immunization records, official Washington State birth certificate and Social Security #. We request that Kindergarten children be registered as soon as possible for classroom planning purposes. Each child registered will receive a free book.



**Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 30-
April 1**

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 30- April 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Apr 4-8	Early Release
April 28	Spring Break
May 3	Pacific Science Van
May 16-20	Class Pictures
May 18	Kindergarten Registration
May 19	Family Night
May 27	Border Patrol Bike Rodeo
May 30	Spring Sports Play-offs
June 9	No School
	Memorial Day
	No School
	Last Day
	Early Release

Third Grade Students get Sewing Lessons from Seniors

On Wednesday, February 16th, we went to the high school. First, we went to the computers. Then the high schoolers got us from the computer room. Third, we went to the craft room and sewed our pillow. When we were done with that we played games and went back home.

Written by Abigail Bridges 3rd Grade Student

Third grader Ryan Zimmerman having fun learning to sew from Hunter Enyeart.



The Marvelous Toy Christmas Concert



The 5th grade band playing Christmas Jam Blues

The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade singing *Tapping*, one of the six songs they charmed the audience with.



Left: Peter McAnerin showed coordinated multi-tasking during the 5th grade *My Aunt Came Back*. Right: Abigail Bridges ended the evening beautifully by singing the first verse of Silent Night solo.



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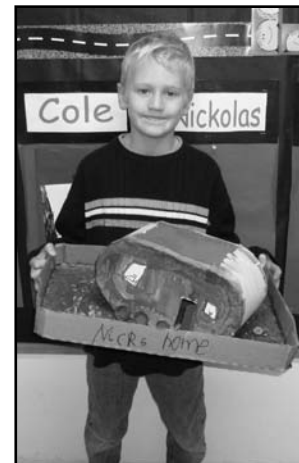
Masons Wii for Books

The first semester winners of a Wii for Books program sponsored by the Newport Masons was Jenna Couch for grades 4th and 5th (pictured right) and Alison Petrich (absent, not pictured) for grades 1-3.



First Grade Housewarming

Mrs. Chantry's first grade class learned about the different kinds of houses people live in during their Home and Family Unit Study. Each student wrote a story about their house in class and built a house at home. At the end of the theme the class held a Housewarming with parents and K-5 students coming to view all the houses they built. They even had a Housewarming cake.



Nicholas Mirabal (above left) made a travel trailer, Porter Carman (above right) made a cabin and Travis Rash below with his house and story.

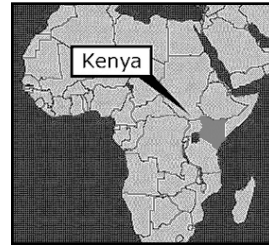


Making World Geography Relevant for Selkirk Students

Mrs. Carlson's fourth grade students have been writing to elementary students at Goldstone School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Selkirk graduate, Molly Carlson, has been living and teaching in Cambodia for the past year, and she helped connect our students to share in a writing project across the globe. Students from both schools have



been sharing and comparing school activities and family similarities differences.



RIGHT: Catherine Dial and Pros Kunguru gave a presentation to the elementary students about Kenya.



While in the community visiting second grade teacher Bev Dial, these two sisters gave a presentation about Africa to the second, third and fourth grades. Both were born in Kenya and have relatives who still live there. Catherine, an American citizen, and Harvard graduate, lives in Spokane. Pros also graduated from college and lives in Chicago. They told the students what life was like in Kenya compared to here. It was an eye opener for the students and made them grateful for our school system compared to the Kenyan schools. They especially enjoyed hearing about the many different animals that country has. Pros and Catherine made an African dish, fried bread with vegetable and meat in it, for the students to try. Meat is valued in Africa since it is not readily available.

SELKIRK WAY MONTHLY WINNERS

These elementary students displayed

Commitment in October



Above: L-R back: Nathan Johns 2, Gavin White 1, Katelyn Boone 3, Ryan Zimmerman 3. Front: Makayla Foy 2, Samantha Doughty 1, Cassie McConnell K. **Below:** Ben Fristad 4, Quinn Zimmerman 4, Ashlin Robertson 5, Harley Lefors 5



Other October Award Winners

Patriotic: Porter Carman 1, Josh Bridges 2, Donnie McConnell 3
Academic: Nicol Lyons 2, Abigail Bridges 3
Music: Abigail 3
Band: LaRae Miller 5
MSP Math: Courtney Brown 4, Ellen Huttle 5
Author: Parker Jenkins 4, Quinn Zimmerman 4, Destiny Evans 4, Samantha King 5, Calvin Petrich 5, LaRae Miller 5, Hunter Carman 5 who read at assembly

Cooperation in November



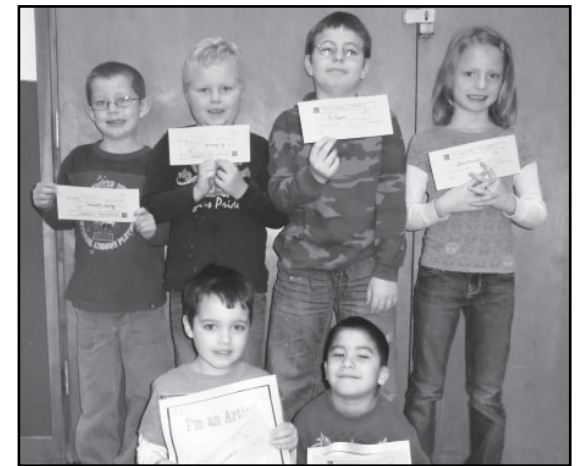
Above L-R back: Steven Issakides 3, Dakotah McConnell 1, Matthew Franklin 2, Aralee Robertson 2, Tabitha Taylor 3 Front: Jaxon Hughes 1, Gavin Stark K, Madison Chantry K (not pictured). **Below:** Peter McAnerin 5, Thomas Huttle 4, Mykenzie Maupin 5, Mary Huttle 4



Other November Award Winners

Patriotic: TJ Rash 1, Makayla Foy 2, Melanie Gagliardo 3
Academic: Garrett Johnson K, Bree Dawson 2, Kaitlyn Chantry 3
Music: Samantha Doughty 1
Band: Sierra Chantry 5
MSP Math: Jasmin Saunders 4, Ashlin Robertson 5
Author: Thomas Huttle 4, Ben Fristad 4, Abby Ellsworth 4, Mary Huttle 4, Emma Avey 5, Brad Sargent 5, Hunter Carman 5, Colton Carden 5. Mary and Colton read at assembly.

Courtesy in December



Above Back L-R: Porter Carman 1, Bo Petrich 1, Ty Taylor 3, Bree Dawson 2, Front: Aidan Honshiko K, Sebastian Avey K. Not pictured: Abigail Bridges 3 and Joshua Bridges 2 **Below:** L-R Destiny Evans 4, Wyatt George 5, Sierra Chantry 5, Ryan Issakides 5.



Other December Award Winners

Patriotic: Ryan Seaney 1, Matthew Franklin 2, Jacob Arman 3
Academic: Allison Petrich 3
Music/Band: Bree Dawson 2, Jacob Kellogg 5
MSP Math: Ben Fristad 4, Jacob Kellogg 5
Author: Daniel McNaughton 4, Chris Noble 4, Ashley Percival 4, Connor Stark 4, Samantha King 5, Peter McAnerin 5, Jacob Kellogg 5, Calvin Petrich 5

Spring Student-Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences will be held on March 30th, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. and March 31st 12:30 until 6:00 p.m. at the middle and high school. All students in grades 6th through 11th will share with their family members and their advisers three personal statements.

Who I am.
What I have accomplished.
What I plan to do with my life.

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety class will again be provided by B&B Driving School at Selkirk High School this summer.

The class will run:
Tues, Wed and Thurs
June 14-July 20
10:00-12:00
Cost: \$295.00

First Semester Academic Awards

4.0 GPA High School

Ciera Botzheim, Annemarie Cain
Samantha Clark, Katie Couch,
Sara Dunn, Courtney Holter,
Kendra McGeorge

Middle School

Gabrielle Boyle, Autumn Daggett,
Lexy Ellsworth, Kurstin Kellogg,
Lauren McGeorge, Erin Rumelhart

3.75-3.99 GPA High School

Annie Couch, Sally Green,
Emily Guthrie, Kathleen Huntsman,
Sean Huntsman, Amy Johnson,
Kylie Lindemann, Kelan Sax
Jackie Mendenhall, Sabrina Mutch,
Jessica Reiber, Brandyn Ross

Middle School

Heather Brown, Dexter King,
Anna Kotzian, Jenna Sullens,
Jared Taft, Brayden Taylor

First Semester Perfect Attendance High School

Annie Couch, Aley Curran,
Cozza Curran, Sally Green,
Max Rumelhart

Middle School

Chance Chantry, Jacob Couch,
David Cronoble, Ashley Grew,
Dana Riggelman

Congratulations! National Honor Society

On November 7th six Selkirk students were inducted into the National Honor Society during a candlelight ceremony at The Cutter Theatre. Membership in the NHS is an honor because it takes more than good grades. Members are chosen because they have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in scholarship, character, leadership and service.

The members of the National Honor Society are:

Ciera Botzheim, Sarah Dunn, Amy Johnson,
New inductees from the Class of 2012 are: Annie Couch, Emily Guthrie,
Kathleen Huntsman, Sally Green, Courtney Holter, Jackie Mendenhall

Scholarships



Annemarie Cain was selected as Selkirk's nominee for the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship Program. She has been awarded the Principal's Scholarship Program Award and chosen as Selkirk's nominee for the Washington Scholars Award. Students are honored for their achievements in academics (test scores and grade point average), leadership, community service, awards and honors and overall excellence.

Academic Recognition

As part of their Scholar Recognition Program, the American Association of University Women, Colville Branch, has once again recognized three outstanding juniors from Selkirk High School in the areas of math, technology and science. The year, Selkirk's nominees are Courtney Holter - math, Jackie Mendenhall - technology and AnnMarie Couch - science.



Annie Couch



Courtney Holter



Jackie Mendenhall

Seniors Learn First Aid



Above: Kylie Lindemann secures the straps to immobilize Annemarie Cain while Ciera Botzheim, Racheal Mutch and Lindsay Smith help.

Right: Gayle Pollock demonstrates wrapping a wound on Megan Larson's head



Mrs. Cain's Senior Independent Living Class learned first aid from the pros recently. Scott Doughty, Fire District #2 Fire Chief/Paramedic, Larry and Gayle Pollock, and Nancy Kiss, School Nurse, gave the students hands-on experience in how to deal with medical emergencies. Thanks you to Fire District #2 for graciously giving their time and being a partner in education.

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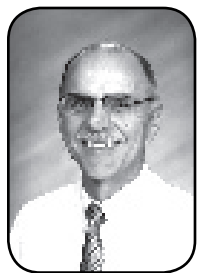
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Blue Ribbon Nomination



Larry Reed
7-12 Principal

Selkirk Middle School was notified by the State of Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) of our nomination as a Blue Ribbon school. Only three schools of any size or grade level in the entire state received this recognition. Our nomination is based upon improvement over five years in reading and math in the seventh grade. The award winners will be selected in November based on this spring's achievement test scores. Our middle school students will need to continue to meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) benchmarks in order for us to qualify. We are proud of the nomination and acknowledge the work done by Selkirk students, staff and parents on a regular basis.

A Night in Paris

The 2011 Selkirk High School Prom,
A Night in Paris,
will be held at the Cutter Theatre on
Saturday, April 23
9 PM to 1 AM.

Community members are welcome to come and watch the student walk through.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 21-23	Senior Mock Interviews
March 24	College Planning Day in Colville
March 28-29	MEDEA by Euripides
Mar 30-31	Parent-Teacher Conf./Early Release
April 4-8	Spring Break
April 12	HSPE Testing - Science
April 13	Masonic Lodge Award Luncheon
April 23	High School Prom
May 4	10th grade to EWU
May 21	Puttin' on the Ritz
May 25	Senior Presentations
May 27	Spring Sports Play Off/ No School
June 4	High School Graduation
June 9	Last Day of School/Early Release
June 14	Driver's Education

SELKIRK THEATRE ARTS

Sense and Sensibility

Ten Selkirk actors staged *Sense and Sensibility*, one of the most charming stories of both literature and stage, at the Cutter Theatre Nov. 23 & 24. This is the second of Austen's novels the actors have performed. With costumes reflecting the Empire period of England in the early 1800's, the manners and social niceties are something these 21st century students had to become comfortable with. "Standing when someone enters a room, the curtsy and bow, are lost art forms," says Selkirk Theatre Arts director Tara Leininger. "The long dresses and tail coats are nothing compared to the etiquette of dropping a proper curtsy."



Front L-R: Emily Maupin, Kurstin Kellogg, Kendra McGeorge Back L-R: Emery Maupin, Erin Rumelhart, Chad Dawson, Max Rumelhart, Ray Davis, Lauren McGeorge, Alex Yarnell

Selkirk Takes On Greek Tragedy

The Selkirk High School Theatre Arts actors will present the tragedy, *MEDEA*, written by the Greek playwright Euripides and first performed in 431 BC. The play was chosen by several of the student actors who were studying the play in an AP English class, and the rest of the ensemble readily agreed to the project.

The cast features Kendra McGeorge as Medea, Eric Wittenmyer as the Chorus, Max Rumelhart as Jason, Kurstin Kellogg as the Nurse, Alex Yarnell as the Tutor, Lauren McGeorge as the Messenger and Erin Rumelhart playing both King Creon and King Aegeus. The children of Medea and Jason will be played by elementary students, Brook McAnerin and Whitney Dawson. The are very enthusiastic about "dying on stage". The story of Medea and Jason is familiar to most in that the Princess Medea helped Jason to steal the golden fleece. Medea's love of Jason ends in her betrayal of her family, and the two return to Greece in the legendary ship, the Argo. The one - act play begins many years later. Jason has deserted Medea and their two children in order to wed the daughter of King Creon. Medea's madness is intensified when she and the children are banished. But Medea is not a woman to abandon so lightly, and she plots her revenge on Jason.

Greek theatre is very stylized, and the Chorus (usually just one or two individuals - they do not sing) is a character involved in the play as well as voicing the various emotions of the other characters. The Selkirk production will involve using Greek theatre traditions of costume and set. Where the ancient Greeks used masks, the Selkirk actors will use stylized make-up. The play's bloody conclusion may surprise the audience, but the Selkirk actors, always enjoying a challenge, are ready to present their interpretation of an ancient tragedy.

March 28 and 29

Cutter Theatre 7:30 p.m. \$2.00

Spirit Week

Students and staff participated in fun week, Jan 10-14, of activities designed to foster school spirit, support our teams and chase the winter blahs, culminating in basketball games against Republic. Entertainment abounded on the Friday evening of Spirit Week with the cheerleaders dancing to Michael Jackson's *Thriller* and the Cleaning Ladies reuniting to perform half-time game routines. Kathy Johnson and the cheerleaders organized the week. With the entire school voting, the nominees for King and Queen were:

Freshman: Lady Katie Couch and Lord Trevor Grant

Sophomore: Countess Emily Maupin and Count Emery Maupin

Junior: Duchess Kara Lozano and Duke Cody Gagliardo

Senior: Princess Annemarie Cain and Prince Hunter Enyeart



Spirit Week King Hunter Enyeart and Queen Annemarie Cain



photo courtesy of ~ Dennis Flanagan

The Cleaning Ladies reunited and performed *Dude Looks Like a Lady*. L-R: Stephanie Carlson, Becky Larson, Tori Reeve, Kathy Johnson and Pam Zimmerman.



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The Cheerleaders entertained the crowd with a dance routine to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*. Front: Sally Green Back: L-R: Emily Guthrie, Sam Clark, Kendra McGeorge (behind Sally), Jackie Mendenhall, and Brianna Ingle

AVID

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is program to help all students be academically successful and in a position to attend college upon graduation. All middle school students are receiving AVID lessons and recently began tutorials. These are not the typical tutorials. Students are encouraged to reach for deeper understanding of course context by using higher level and open ended questions in a small student led group. The AVID Site Team has early morning meetings to discuss lessons, plan activities and evaluate the effectiveness of the program. AVID is funded by grants which cover expenses including the summer training staff are required to attend.

The middle students shown below are in Mrs. Cain's class. She has three regular tutors, Brian Mize, Rebekah Boyle and Kara Lozano, who are greatly appreciated for their commitment to the program.



L-R: 6th graders Mariah Foruria, Guyla Boyle, Jared Taft and Bailey Taylor showing their origami frogs and boxes that 10th grader Stephen Storm showed them how to make.

Jared Taft is at the board with tutor Brian Mize at left.



Winter Sports

Boys' Basketball



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Senior Hunter Enyeart



photo courtesy of ~ Dennis Flanagan
Senior Trevor Hill



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Junior Nick Gardner

Girls' Basketball



Senior Annemarie Cain waiting for a rebound



Senior Monica Daggett at the free throw line



Junior Courtney Holter with a lay up



Junior Annie Couch bringing the ball downcourt

Wrestling

The Selkirk Wrestling Team had an amazing season. At the North League District Tournament Feb. 5, Kelan Sax and Emery Maupin both placed 1st, Michael Haskins placed 2nd, Cody Gagliardo took 3rd and Mikey Weiss and Garett Sax placed 5th. Coach Keith Saxe received the *Coach of the Year* award from the North League.

At Regionals the team took 5th place with Kelan placing first in his weight class, Emery second, Cody third and both Mikey Weiss and Michael Haskins placing fourth qualifying all five for the State competition. Recap of State results are on front page.



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ABOVE: Steve McKenzie with Jim Meyerhoff, Assistant Executive Director of WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Activities Association) in Tacoma.

RIGHT: Garett Sax, Emery Maupin, Kelan Sax, Mikey Weiss, Stephen Storm, Michael Haskins, Cody Gagliardo, and team manager, Cody Hoffman

Team Rosters

High School Basketball

Cheerleaders

Kendra McGeorge, Emily Guthrie, Jackie Mendenhall, Brianna Ingle, Sally Green, Samantha Clark
Coach: Kathy Johnson

Selkirk Rangers Varsity

Seniors: Hunter Enyeart and Trevor Hill
Juniors: Nick Gardner and Braden Mutch
Freshmen: Trevor Grant, Shawn Mailly, Avery Miller
Head Coach: Tom Heninger
Assistant Coach: Dan Dawson
Manager: Steven McKenzie
Scorebook: Kirbi Anderson

Selkirk Lady Rangers Varsity

Seniors: Jaimi Adams, Annemarie Cain, Monica Daggett
Juniors: Annie Couch, Courtney Holter, RaeAnn McCollim
Sophomores: Haley Adams, Jessika Reiber
Freshmen: Abby Carrasco, Katie Couch, Josie Miller
Head Coach: Kelly Cain
Assistant Coach: Randy Holter
Manager: Steve McKenzie **Scorebook:** Kathleen Huntsman **Stats:** Kara Lozano **Video:** Aley Curren

Selkirk Rangers Junior Varsity

Fausto Barragan, Dominic Cain, Matt Emerson, Brandy Ross and Beau Taylor **Coach:** Dan Dawson

Selkirk Lady Rangers Junior Varsity

Terra Baer, Abby Carrasco, Aley Curran, Cozza Curran, Monica Daggett, Rae Ann McCollim, Josie Miller, Rachael Mutch, Sabrina Mutch, Bryanna Sargent, Georgie Shafer, Savanna Shafer. **Coach:** Randy Holter

High School Wrestling

Seniors: Kelan Sax
Juniors: Cody Gagliardo
Sophomores: Michael Haskins, Emery Maupin, Garett Sax, Mikey Weiss, Stephen Storm
Coaches: Keith Saxe and Rob Hoffman
Manager: Cody Hoffman

All-Opponent and All-Academic Honors

Congratulations to these winter sports student-athletes for receiving All-Opponent and All-Academic honors.

All-Opponent -First Team
Hunter Enyeart
Annie Couch
Courtney Holter

All-Opponent - Honorable Mention
Jaimi Adams
Annemarie Cain

All-Academic
Jessika Reiber
Braden Mutch

Fall Sports Awards

Volleyball
Varsity
Panorama
All-League Team
Courtney Holter
Most Valuable Player
Courtney Holter
Most Inspirational
Abiona Carrasco
Most Hustle
Annie Couch
Coaches Award
Ciera Botzheim
Best Teammate
Sara Dunn

Volleyball
Jr Varsity
Most Valuable Player
Katie Couch
Most Hustle
Georgie Shafer
Most Inspirational
Bryana Sargent
Best Teammate
Terra Baer
Coaches Award
Josie Miller

Football
Captains
Mike Dewey
Hunter Enyeart
Mikey Filler
Kelan Sax
Most Inspirational
Kelan Sax
Hustle Award
Mike Dewey
Coaches Award
Mike Dewey
Most Improved
Charlie Lavigueur
All-League Linebacker
Kelan Sax
All-League Honorable
Mention Linebacker
Mike Dewey
All-League Honorable
Mention Offensive Line
Mikey Filler
All-League Honorable
Mention Running Back
Trevor Grant

Fall
All-Academic
Honors

Kendra McGeorge
Michael Haskins




Get sports
schedule updates
by email!

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

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SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL and SOFTBALL
(as of 3/15/2011)



Date	Opponent	Games	Time
Wed 3/23	@ Kettle Falls vs. KF JV	2	2:00 p.m.
Sat 3/26	@ Kettle Falls vs. Republic	2	12:00 p.m.
Tue 3/29	Home vs. Columbia	2	2:00 p.m.
(may be played @ Colville or Columbia based on field conditions)			
Sat 4/2	@ St. Michael	2	12:00 p.m.
Tue 4/13	@ Cusick	2	2:00 p.m.
Sat 4/16	@ Inchelium	2	12:00 p.m.
Fri 4/22	Home vs Cusick	2	2:00 p.m.
Sat 4/30	Home vs. Northport	2	12:00 p.m.
Tue 5/3	Home vs. Priest River JV	2	3:00 p.m.
Sat 5/7	@ Curlew	2	12:00 p.m.

Home Baseball Games played at High School
Home Softball Games played at Metaline Falls

Baseball Head Coach: Pete Whittekiend Assistant Coach: Morgan Haney
Softball Head Coach: Cathy Enyeart Assistant Coach: Andy Anderson
Athletic Director: Don Hawpe

Baseball District May 13th @ #1 seed & May 16th @ University HS
Baseball Regional May 21st @ TBA based on seed
Softball District May 14th @ #1 seed & May 21st @ Kettle Fall
Baseball & Softball State Tournament May 27-28 @ Yakima

Pep Band



L-R Front: Dana Riggleman, Hannah Jensen, Kurstin Kellogg, Lexy Ellsworth, Lauren McGeorge
L-R Back: Bryce Seaney, Mr. Johnson, Brian Mize, Ray Davis and Josh Ross on drums.

Cheerleaders



L-R Brianna Ingle, Emily Guthrie, Sally Green, Jackie Mendenhall, Kendra McGeorge, Sam Clark

SELKIRK HS TRACK 2011

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thur 3/24	@ Colville - Ezra Gorden Invitational	3:30
Tue 3/29	@ League-NWC hosts-site TBA	3:30
Fri 4/1	@ Deer Park - Dan Birdsell Invitational	3:30
Tues 4/12	@ League-Wellpinit Hosts-site TBA	3:30
Sat 4/16	@ Medical Lake-Undeberg Invitational	11:00
Tue 4/19	@ St. George hosts-site TBA	3:30
Tue 4/26	@ KF/Northport hosts-site TBA	3.30
Sat 4/30	@ Riverside Invite	10:00
Wed 5/4	@ Selkirk - Janie Baker Invite	3:30

Head Coach: Susan Vermeulen
Assistant Coach: Terry Taylor

Bi-County/Panorama League Qualifier May 10 @ Old U-High 10:00 am
2B Regional/1B Regional Meet May 19 @ Whitworth Time: 1:00
State Track Meet May 27-28 @ EWU - Cheney

SELKIRK JR HIGH TRACK 2011

Date	Opponent	Time
Thur.4/21	@ Springdale	3:30
Thur.4/28	@ Republic	3:30
Thur.5/5	@ Selkirk	3:30
Thur. 5/12	League Championship @ Old U High in Spokane	TBD

Head Junior High Track Coach: Becky Larson

Student & Parent Information From the Desk of...



Dianne Allert, 7-12
Guidance Counselor

2011 College Planning Day

The 2011 College Planning Day will be March 24th at the Colville Community College Center. The Washington Council is providing a one-stop opportunity for students to learn about Washington State's high education options. All of Washington's public baccalaureates (CWU, EWU, TESC, UW, WSU, and WWU) and many private universities and 2-year colleges participate. Each student is able to attend four 30-minute presentations by colleges of their choosing.

Running Start

Running Start, a program created by the Washington State Legislature, provides an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to enroll in courses at the Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS). The purpose of the program is to provide academically qualified students an opportunity to take college courses while they are still in high school.

Students may enroll simultaneously in high school and college classes. Students receive both high school and college credit for completed classes. They receive high school credit toward graduation for classes taken. An information meeting for interested students and parents will be held on March 22nd, 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. Refreshments will be served.

Seniors in high school and current college students

The major sources of financial aid are colleges, the federal and state governments, and the private sector. To apply for federal and state financial aid, you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal student Aid, commonly known as the FAFSA. You can file it starting January 1, 2011. Most colleges use the FAFSA to award their own student aid. Apply online at www.fafsa.edu.gov.

A Financial Aid Information night was held on January 11th. Students and parents met to learn about the college financial aid. If you missed the meeting but would like additional information you can contact Dianne Allert at the high school.

High School Juniors

If you are 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 2010 (your senior year). Colleges start accepting early admittance applications in October so it is important to plan ahead. . Go to www.collegeboard.com to register for the SAT and www.act.org to register for the ACT.



Jane Reed
School Psychologist &
Speech Therapist

Second Step

Fourth graders are starting their Anger Management unit this spring, and will be learning to recognize and deal with anger before it escalates. We will apply our new strategies and skills in situations dealing with disappointment, criticism, and put-downs.

The sixth graders are learning to make conflict a positive and productive experience! Be sure to ask your sixth grader about the three words to avoid when dealing with conflict! Another important skill we have explored is looking at the other person's perspective or point of view! Many of our conflicts can be easily solved when we consider that the other person may have a different perspective!

SAT Test Dates	Registration
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011
June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011
ACT Test Date	Registration
April 19, 2011	March 4, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011

State Testing: Frequently Asked Questions

The following frequently asked questions and responses about the state assessments are generated by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Why are we required to do state testing? Because of state and federal law. Our state assessment system was implemented in response to the state's Education reform Law of 1993. Our state tests also fulfill the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. NCLB requires annual assessments in reading and math for students in grades 3-8 and high school. Students also must be tested annually in science in three grade levels. Washington does this by testing students in grades 5, 8 and 10.

When do families receive results for high school (HSPE) state testing? Early June. Students will receive scores in reading, writing, and science in June 2011. Math scores will not be available until late August 2011 because the state must apply passing scores for the new learning standards that were tested. See below for more information on the new end-of-course math exams.

When do families receive results for grades 3-8 (MSP) testing? Early to mid September. Students score reports are delivered to school districts in late August. School districts are then responsible for mailing the score reports to families. If you do not receive a score report, please contact your school.

The MSP and HSPE were shorter, but were they easier? No. The spring 2010 MSP and HSPE results did not show increased score improvement. The tests continue to

Online State Testing

Online, or computer-based, testing debuted in Washington in spring 2010 in grades 6-8 in reading and math. The state's goal is for the majority of grades and subjects to be tested via computers in all school districts by 2012.

In spring 2011, the MSP will be offered online in grades 4-8 in reading and math, and grades 5 and 8 in science. High school will not begin online testing until spring 2012.

Feasibility studies are being conducted for online testing in all third-grade subjects. The state is also piloting an online 7th grade writing test in spring 2011.

be valid and reliable measures of student performance.. Just because a test is shorter does not mean it is easier.

What are the new end-of-course math exams and when are they given? The end-of-course, or EOC, math exams are available in algebra 1 and geometry, or their integrated math equivalents. Any student taking algebra 1 or geometry, from 7th grade and up, will take the appropriate EOC. The EOC's are to be given within the last three weeks of school. Students in the class of 2013 and beyond must pass both EOC's in order to graduate.

How do I register my child for the summer HSPE and when? August test registration usually begins around June 1. You can register for summer testing at www.k12.wa.us/testregistration or by calling 866-400-9275.

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Keep State Testing in Perspective Students can feel pressured by state testing, but the test should not be the center of attention. Core skills and knowledge matter most.

- Encourage your child to do his/her best. If your child's score report shows help is needed in certain areas, that is not a bad thing. Schools know how to target help.
- Think about your child's test day routine. Unless you sense your child needs a different routine during testing (e.g, more sleep or more physical activity), follow whatever routine already helps him/her be successful in school. Talk with your child about the testing experience. Some students find it helpful to talk about the tests. If your child says s/he struggled with any parts of the test, talk to your child's teacher to find out if s/he has the same issues in the classroom.

How Do I...

View my child's test? Parents can request to review their child's test booklet starting Sept. 1, 2011. The test booklets are sent to the student's respective school district for review under district supervision. Please visit: www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StudentRecordRequest.aspx.

Appeal my child's score? Only scores from the High School Proficiency Exam, used to meet graduation requirements, may be appealed. Scores for the grades 3-8 Measurements of Student Progress may not be appealed. Please visit: www.k12.wa.us/assessment/Appeals.aspx.

Award | FROM PAGE 1

2010 test scores, graduation rates, and achievement gap progress which is why the designation was awarded to the building's old name of Selkirk Jr/Sr High School. The building now reflects two programs Selkirk Middle School (grades 6-8) and Selkirk High School (grades 9-12) and all new state records reflect that change.

This is the third time, Selkirk High School has undergone a name change. The first time, of course, was when the original Selkirk High School +building was constructed and designated as a 9-12 program. In early 1970's the junior high was added to the 9-12 program and the building was renamed, Selkirk Jr/Sr High School. With the changes to the program last year and the designation of a middle school for grades 6-8, the building now returns to the original Selkirk High School name.

The award was announced jointly by State Superintendent Randy Dorn and State Board of Education Chair Jeff Vincent on February 14 and is sponsored by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education.

"In many ways, recognizing our best schools is one of the most important things we do at the state level," said Jeff Vincent. "Spotlighting best practices is not only a celebration of our most successful schools, but also provides an opportunity for all of us to learn what those schools are doing right and how we might incorporate those same successful strategies in other schools across the state."

Schools are being recognized for being top performers in seven categories:

1.

Overall Excellence
2.

Language Arts
3.

Math
4.

Science
5.

Extended Graduation Rate
6.

Improvement
7.

Closing Achievement Gaps
- In the press release, State Superintendent Dorn went on to say, "We're seeing some very encouraging signs of improvement, especially at the middle school level, where the number of schools rated as 'good,' 'very good' or 'exemplary' has increased by 15 percent from two years ago. We know that this is an extremely challenging task, and we want schools that are heading in the right direction to be rewarded for their hard work."

Selkirk Jr/Sr High School was rated as "exemplary" (see the chart below), the highest designation possible which means that Selkirk's two year average as measured by the

index is in the top five percent of all similar schools across the state.

The award-winning schools will be honored during award ceremony on April 27 at Lincoln High School in Tacoma, however, Principal Larry Reed and a few representative teachers will attend a local presentation at the North-east Washington Educational Service District (NEWESD) 101 in Spokane to accept Selkirk's award.

This is only the second year for the award which is based on the Washington Achievement Index (See www.sbe.wa.gov for more information). However, this is not the only honor that Mr. Reed, staff, and students received this year. Earlier this fall, Selkirk Middle School received the **School of Distinction** award for academic improvement and, again based on 2005-2010 academic improvement, Selkirk Jr/Sr High School was nominated for a federal **Blue Ribbon Schools Award** (see page 6). Congratulations Mr. Reed, staff, and students on this triple crown of honors!

School Year 2009-2010						
INDICATORS	OUTCOMES					Average
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Ext Grad Rate	
Achievement of non-low income students	7	7	4	5	7	6.00
Achievement of low income students	5	7	2	3		4.25
Achievement vs. peers	7	7	7	7	5	6.60
Improvement from the previous year	7	7	4	7	7	6.40
Index Scores	6.50	7.00	4.25	5.50	6.33	5.89
						Exemplary

Facilities | FROM PAGE 1

participate in the discussion on facilities options for the district. Design West has been hired by the school district to complete a Facilities Study and Survey which will assist the school board in long-range planning.

The goal is to predict the future educational needs and provide for long term facilities that address appropriate health, safety, and comfort levels while maximizing opportunities for students through efficient use of staff. The study is funded through an grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and integrates community priorities and input.

Districts often undergo this process to prioritize needs and develop a fiscal plan to implement the plan. The previous two studies (completed in 1996 and 2003) both identified consolidation as the most cost-effective solution for the school district in terms of management and facilities upkeep. In addition, consolidation on one campus also allows for stronger educational programs. The current study will consider consolidation but will also identify facilities areas that will need to be addressed if the school opts to maintain two separate campuses.

During the facilities' meetings in November and January, Superintendent Nancy Lotze outlined to community members in attendance the process the district will use to develop a long-range plan. Also discussed were possible scenarios and potential uses of the Seattle City Light payments which, thanks to our three Pend Oreille County commissioners, the district will be able to access in three larger lump sums rather than over 10 years.

One option under consideration is to move the P-5 program to the high school campus and modernize the existing 6-12 building creating a single P-12 building with structural divisions. Another option is to maintain the two sites and improve the existing structures but the bottom line is that we need to do something.

Our facilities have exceeded their life expectancies and continual breakdown and problems now demand major upgrades. Some of the problem areas that need to be addressed include: a new roof on the high school building, heat at the elementary school, electrical upgrades at both the elementary and high school, major kitchen repairs and upgrades including dishwashers at both sites, air quality concerns in each building, waste water plant replacement, tennis court area repairs (the wall in caving), and parking area/entry-way upgrades.

In addition to our critical facilities needs, our enrollment has decreased

by 130 students in the past six years, and 220 students over the past 13 years. We are becoming much more of a retirement and vacation area than a working family community. However, to attract working families to our community, an area must continue to offer strong school programs and while our schools continue to outperform other Washington districts on state performance measures, our facilities are consuming a larger portion of our funds to simply operate and limp along.

Also because of the decline in enrollment, we must find new ways to maximize educational opportunities and programs for students. Consolidating to one campus provides the most options for efficient use of staff.

At the facilities meeting on March 24, we hope to gain community input on a number of topics including what community members see as the best long-range facilities plan for the school district (a single campus or two sites) and why. We would also like community members to identify which areas of the current buildings they see as needing improvement as well

as those positive qualities of our existing school buildings they would want to see maintained

We would like to hear about single campus ideas and concerns and are hoping to learn if a roof overbuild at the high school is important or if the community would want to see it simply resurfaced in its current structure.

Regardless of the direction we go, we will need either a capital projects levy or bond to support the repairs or consolidation. On March 24th, we are hoping to get input on whether the district should consider shorter terms (3 years) at a higher rate or longer terms (10-20 years) at a lower rate. So, please join us to give your input on these areas and learn about one possible consolidation idea.

Selkirk School District
Facilities' Meeting

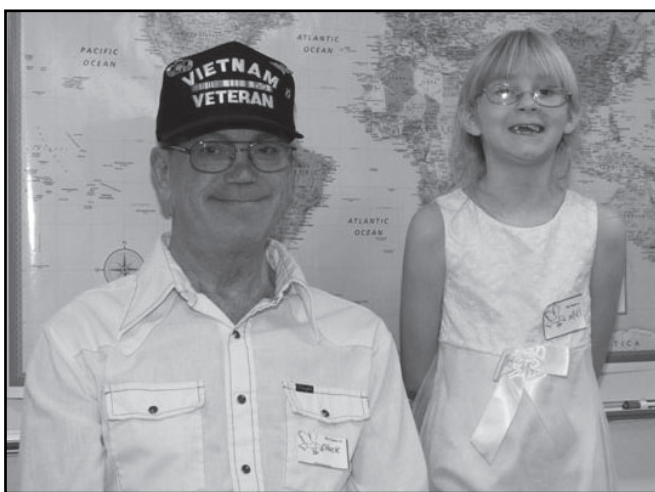
Thursday, March 24
7:00 p.m.

Selkirk High School
Music Room

...Community Support

Take a Veteran to School

In November the third grade at Selkirk Elementary participated in "Take a Veteran to School" Day. The third graders invited local veterans to visit the class for the morning. The students introduced the veterans to the class then interviewed the them. Many of the veterans brought in items to share such as pictures, models of airplanes they worked on, money from Thailand, dog tags, etc. They went to Selkirk High School for the Sounding of the Trumpet concert organized by Donovan Johnson. Some of the veterans rode the bus to the High School with the class which the children thought was great! The third graders were part of the concert singing the song, *Thank you Soldiers*, and receiving a flag donated to Selkirk Elementary School from Bob Hanson, a retired Air Force veteran. After the concert some of the veterans were able to stay and have lunch with the class. The third graders and veterans had a special dessert of cupcakes made by Joyce Evans from the American Legion Auxiliary and cookies made by Cathy Enyeart and Casey Warren. The class was honored to have the veterans visit and want to thank them for all they have done and still do to help our community and country.



Melanie Gagliardo invited Veteran Chuck Martin

Below is the list of the veterans who helped make the day more meaningful for the students.

Larry Arman
Jordan Bowman
Roy Layton
Frank Lynch
Chuck Martin
Kim Petrich
Larry Pollack
Robert Price
Wesley Smith
Gene Taylor
Pam Zimmerman



Veterans eating lunch with the elementary students after the concert on November 10th.

Donkey Basketball Fundraiser

The Selkirk Booster Club is bringing another hilarious, fun-filled evening of Donkey Basketball back to North Pend Oreille Valley on March 22nd, 7:00 pm at the high school gym. The Border Patrol, Boundary Dam, PUD and the Community Team will be vying for bareback bragging rights. Don't Miss the Fun!! Advanced tickets may be purchased at either the high school (446-3505) or the elementary (446-4225). All proceeds benefit Selkirk athletic programs.

Advanced Ticket Prices

Adult \$8.00
Youth (7th-12th) \$6.00
Child (Pre K-6th) \$4.00

At the Door Prices

Adult \$9.00
Youth (7th-12th) \$7.00
Child (Pre K-6th) \$5.00

Batting or Serving...
We Are Over 300!

The Selkirk girls softball team hosted their sixth annual *All You Can Eat Breakfast* on Sunday, March 20th. This is the team's biggest fundraising event and the money earned supports the purchase of equipment and off-sets tournament expenses. Coaches Cathy Enyeart, Andy Anderson, and Craig Larson along with the players and managers would like to thank everyone who attended and help coordinate this event which served over 300 breakfasts!

Biddy Ball Entertains
at Half Time

The Biddy Ball season came to a rousing close during half time of the high school varsity basketball games against Inchelium on December 16th. The two girls' teams gave a demonstration of their practice drills and the two boys' teams played a scrimmage against each other. Biddy Ball is a parent-run organization that teaches basketball to 3rd -6th graders. The girls' teams were coached by Dan Zimmerman and Jack Couch while the boys' teams were coached by Dan Dawson and Colton Enyeart.

