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U.S. News & World Report America's Best High Schools

In the December 10, 2008 issue, U.S. News published their list of America's Best High Schools. Selkirk, for the second consecutive year, made this list. This is another outward acknowledgement of the great work done by Selkirk students and staff on a regular basis. We are justifiably proud of the continued academic successes of our students. Only 7.8% of the high schools in Washington received this distinction. Go Rangers!



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Historic Snow Day at Selkirk

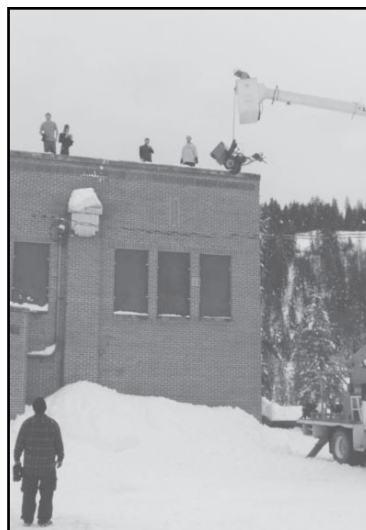
What do you get when it snows and snows and snows some more? Answer: Selkirk's first-ever "Snow Day" on January 7! Now to be fair to our county road crews, the "snow day" had nothing to do with our buses' inability to pick up students! The roads, although a bit more challenging than usual, were kept clean and sanded enough to get our students to school.

We're a hearty lot up north (much to our students' dismay at times). There are no snow days at Selkirk because roadways are impassable. What caused this historic day was our need to remove the snow from our roof areas!

Some have asked why this was not taken care of over Christmas break. The answer quite simply is that we do not generally shovel the roofs of the school.

To put the situation in perspective, let me share that in over 25 years, we have only shoveled the roof of the high school once and that was in 1996. Our snow load capacity is 40 pounds per square foot on most of the high school and elementary roof areas. The music room and shop roofs on the high school were built to withstand 45 pounds per square foot.

As we watched and measured the snow in early January, it did not appear that we were nearing our capacity limits. However, on January 6, our measurements in the morning indicated about 38 pounds per square foot on the high school roof and it began snowing again at noon, a very wet, heavy snow. So, with plans to remove the snow the next morning using a large crew of shovelers, we thought it prudent to cancel school for students in the event the collective weight of the crew and the snowpack proved too much for the roofs.



As it turned out, all of our roof areas held strong and the snow was removed. We then had most of the piled areas moved away from the buildings to prevent possible water damage during the spring thaw.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who made it possible to clear the roof areas in such a short time. In addition to those on the roof, there were many on the ground providing food, phone calls, and errand service. Thank you also to Maupin Construction and Z&Z Enterprises for making the snow removal project a priority!



Budget Forecasting

Cloudy with a 90% chance of rain. If you translated our budget forecast into weather terms, that is the outlook we would be working under while trying to develop a budget for the 2009-2010 school year.

While some people enjoy and look forward to rain, for most the thought evokes gloomier images. For the school district, there are three factors that may combine to create a perfect storm which we will need to prepare for:

1. For the past 13 years, we have been experiencing **declining enrollment**, graduating an average of ten more students per class than enrolling in kindergarten.
2. The state legislature is expecting a shortfall and is looking to make some of those **cuts in education**. So far proposals from the governor and the House, outline some unprecedented education cuts in levy equalization, I-728, and basic education. Unfortunately many of these cuts affect poor, rural districts disproportionately. The final budget is expected by April 30 but the session could extend into June.
3. TECK announced the lay-off of 165 employees effective February 16, 2009. 65 of our students have parents who work at the mine and if even only 20 students leave by next fall, the district will experience a significant shortage of funds.



Nancy J. Lotze
Superintendent

Good Relationships....Tough Conversations

You may have read in the local papers about the school district's statements with regard to the impact fee negotiations with Seattle City Light and you may be wondering about the status of our request. To be honest, I have little to report, but I thought the subject deserved an update. Let me start with a little background information.

We are a district that produces much with few resources. Our focus has been on small class sizes, innovative programs, and high standards and those priorities have paid off well for our students. Our high school has received multiple awards (*see page 1*) and our elementary program has been recognized for outstanding results. We have developed community and industry relationships all in attempt to develop an outstanding educational program that provides our students with options. I think we are succeeding.

Please understand that I am not saying we have a finished product. I believe that an educational institution is a living entity that must evolve with changing times and needs, just as relationships

evolve over time. For example, we are extending our current relationships with industry to include the community colleges.

One goal would be to help facilitate a regional certification program that leads to viable employment in the power industry for our students. In addition to the fact that the hydro industry seems to be a growing employment area in the entire Pacific Northwest, we have two facilities in our own backyard with one more down the road at Albeni. Jay Pickett and Lonnie Johnson from Seattle City Light (SCL) have been the driving force from industry behind this discussion with Angela Cain and Larry Reed working on the K-12 side.

Whether building vocation programs or college prep, innovation, creativity, and collaboration, all of the skills we promote in our students, the same skills valued by industry, are the ones that will help our district build collaborative partnerships for the benefit of our students.

Facilities, however, is a big issue and is becoming a deterrent to our focus. The constant attention to failing facilities tends to detract from our principals' roles as educational leaders. Our elementary school is 53 years old and the high school is 44 years old with much of the original heating and plumbing systems. Old buildings can be modernized and updated,

however, we simply lack the resources.

So, working through the county, we approached our partner, Seattle City Light, regarding impact fee negotiations. Put simply, we proposed a trade.

If you took the current impact fee schedule and extended it out over 30 years, the resulting figure would be \$7.5 million. Although it would be difficult to fund technology, innovative programs, and small classes without our annual \$150,000 payment, it will be even more difficult to run a school for the next 30 years without an investment in our facilities. So our initial proposal was to take a single lump sum payment of \$7.5 million and eliminate the annual payments for the next 30 years.

Any good, long-term relationship requires some tough conversations every once in a while, and it would seem that the time is right to have those discussions now. SCL has a vested interest in making sure that there is a quality educational program available in our region but as a partner, not the sole benefactor. This is a journey we must take together collaboratively. There are many paths to the top of the mountain. We have laid out our proposed direction and anxiously await the opportunity to hear theirs. With good relationships and tough conversations, we can achieve our goals together.

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WASL Test Dates for Spring 2009

Mandatory schedule for high school testing (this is 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 16-19

Monday, March 16- Reading Session 1
Tuesday, March 17- Reading Session 2
Wednesday, March 18- Writing Session 1
Thursday, March 19- Writing Session 2

Week 2: April 13-14

Monday, April 13- Mathematics Session 1
Tuesday, April 14- Mathematics Session 2

Week 3: April 20-21

Monday, April 20- Science Session 1
Tuesday, April 21- Science Session 2

WASL testing window for grades 3-8: April 13-May 1

Check with the classroom teacher for specific schedules. Limited make-up test allowed.

3rd: Math and Reading
4th: Math, Reading and Writing
5th: Math, Reading and Science
6th: Math and Reading
7th: Math, Reading and Writing
8th: Math, Reading and Science

Testing Confusion?

What test will my child need to take to graduate? If the WASL is going away, why do I care how my child performs? WASL, WCAP, HSPE, MSP...what do these mean?

I am sure that you would like me to tell you to take two aspirin and the pain will be gone in the morning, but if you just take a few minutes to read this article instead, it may relieve some of the confusion. Then again, you might have that aspirin bottle ready, just in case!

Randy Dorn, the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, campaigned on eliminating the WASL so he has created the new Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program (WCAP). The new system, however, will still test the same learning standards (EALRs, GLE's or PE's) so the information students are learning will not really change.

What will change is how the students are assessed, the test format, but even that will be phased in.

SPRING 2009

Students will have the exact same test format this spring as they have had in the past. It will still be called the WASL and require handwritten responses.

SPRING 2010

Starting in the spring of 2010, the test will be shortened. According to Dorn four-point questions will be eliminated and 75% of the reading, math, and science tests will be multiple choice and fill-in-the blank type responses. The writing test is expected to be the same with two writing prompts for each grade tested. No word yet on what the shortened version of the test will

be called. Computer testing will be an option for grades 3-8 in 2010 but as a pilot. We anticipate participating in the pilot so that students can take the assessment on the computer in 2010 as practice.

SPRING 2011

Starting in spring 2011, the new 3-8 assessment, *Measures of Student Progress* (MSP) will be mandatory (it will be in pilot status up to that point). The High School Proficiency Exam (HPSE) will also be introduced as will "end of course assessments" in math. Writing is still expected to be two prompts but students may be able to use the computer.

SPRING 2012

By 2012, the new High School Proficiency Exam for reading and writing will be the graduation requirement with "End of Course Assessments" in two math classes (Algebra and Geometry) also required.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT:

Passing the tenth grade test, in whatever format students face, is still a graduation requirement. There has been no indication that the graduation requirement will be eliminated so please encourage your student to do their best on the assessment and schedule family vacations outside the testing window.

Although these changes may seem confusing, there is promise that the new system will offer diagnostic data to teachers in grades 3-8 and require fewer resources to implement at all grade levels. In addition, the testing window is scheduled to move to the month of May allowing for more teaching time before students are assessed. For more information see:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Communications/pressreleases2009/ReplacingtheWASL.aspx>

STAFF: (Salary & Benefits)		
The items on this list account for the \$270,000 levy funds and the \$120,000 state matching from the State.**		
	Proposed	Actual
Night Custodial	\$ 44,500	44,801
Secretarial (High School)	\$ 25,270	25,870
Elementary Food Service	\$ 12,470	12,445
Library Assistants	\$ 27,000	0
District Technology Staff	\$ 39,000	39,673
Elementary Recess	\$ 0	8,868
Grounds	\$ 0	13,957
OTHER EXPENDITURES:		
District Maintenance	\$ 30,000	29,500
In-district travel	\$ 1,000	1,000
Field Trips	\$ 4,000	4,000
Curriculum Materials	\$ 5,000	5,000
Professional Development	\$ 5,000	0
Internet Connection Fees	\$ 9,960	10,543
Driver's Ed Subsidy	\$ 7,800	5,000
Food Service Program	\$ 24,000	15,857
Extra-Curricular*	\$160,000	168,486
*(Includes 7-12 sports, drama, music, band/music, yearbook, etc.)		
Total Levy & State Match	\$390,000	385,000**
Please keep in mind that dollars listed next to staff positions include all employee expenses to the district and do not just reflect salary.		
**State Match was reduced by approx. \$5,000 in Nov. 2008.		

M&O Levy Update

Number 13. That is the number of our current Maintenance and Operations levy. Every two years, the school district asks the community for their continued support for programs that receive little or no state funding. 13 times in the past 26 years, the Selkirk community has stepped up to the plate to support our schools. For that, we are eternally grateful.

The school board, administration, and staff do not take the community's support for granted. We know that throughout the past 26 years, many in our area have experienced financial hardship, unemployment, and uncertainty. Throughout it all, however, the support for school district programs has been unwavering. The district wishes to promote accountability by offering this brief update on our current levy which expires in December 2009.

M&O levy funds are vital to the Selkirk School District's operation of basic programs and services. In this era of economic uncertainty, when families need to make hard choices, the school district is also faced with deficits because of declining enrollment and legislative actions.

Although the state constitution stipulates that it is the paramount duty of the state to fund a basic education program, there is great debate over what constitutes "basic education". There are multiple bills in this current legislative session that are grappling with that very definition.

Meanwhile, school districts are forced to ask voters to approve levies to supplement what the state does not fund.

Levies pay for programs in areas such as extra-curricular, curriculum, food service, technology, and others. Between state matching funds that Selkirk is eligible for when a levy is passed and the voter-approved portion, these funds account for about 9% of our overall budget of \$4.1 million dollars.

Although, the levy percentage of the overall budget does not seem high, it is probably best to review it in terms of actual dollars. The total received by the district between state match and the levy dollars was budgeted to be \$390,000 per year. Unfortunately, the governor took unprecedented action to balance the state budget this past November and cut the matching funds leaving the school district to deal with about a \$5,000 reduction.

Currently, the governor's proposed budget for next year also includes a reduction in state matching funds which will mean that property poor districts, like Selkirk, will disproportionately bear the brunt of balancing the state budget.

The chart at left identifies where we anticipated spending the funds when we ran the levy. These are usually projected expenditures that are finalized during each budget year. The last column indicates where we are currently spending the levy and state match. If you have any questions or comments or would like more detailed information on the levy, please do not hesitate to contact a school board member (see page 2) or the district office.

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However, rain, like the mountains of snowfall we experienced this year, is something we cannot change. We have all learned to deal with whatever weather is tossed in front of the us: the challenges of icy roads, millions of snowflakes, slippery slopes, and days without sunshine.

Occasionally, it takes a little time to get your bearing during rapid change like that experienced with the snowfall this past December and the fiscal changes coming this next year.

However, I am confident that we can meet the challenges based on declining enrollment, lay-off at the mine, and loss of funding at the state level; all circumstances that will be thrown our way in 2009.

Like the resilience we show in the face of winter, I believe that our communities will weather these new storms as well. Our challenge at the school district will be to determine how to function within the remaining resource base while continuing providing a quality educational program.

The end result will not be the educational program of 1996 when the district housed over 450 FTE students. In the ensuing 12 years, we lost 160 students and the decline is expected to continue. Our budget for 2009-2010 is anticipated to be built on 260 FTE students.

Just as we cannot control the weather and there is little use in ranting about the snowfall in January or the rain in June, similarly, there is little that the school district can do about the overall effects of the economy, legislative decisions, or the fact that fewer families are moving to our community. What we can control, however, is what kind of educational system we have.

For the second year in a row, Selkirk High

School has been named in the *America's Best High Schools* published by **U.S. News & World Report**. This is the fifth year that the researching entity, **Standard & Poors**, has recognized Selkirk for our outstanding performance. Our programs provide students with not only a quality education but options after high school. Each year, staff work to analyze student achievement data, demographics information, graduate statistics, and survey input to determine what needs changing or polishing and what new directions we need to take.

Our goal is to develop on strategies to keep our district moving forward. Like the roof snow removal project, though, we need to rely on partnerships with the community and area industry to help us continue in our efforts of providing an educational program that meets the needs of our students and region.

The "Career Exploration" course taught by Angela Cain in conjunction with area industry, AP English courses taught by Karen Weir, and John Kinney's biodiesel and fish net projects are all examples of the innovation, creativity, and dedication of Selkirk staff. All three of these examples also rely on partnerships with business, community members, or other school districts.. Our M&O levy, with the mid-cycle update above, is another example of a community partnership. Thank you for your commitment to education.

In the coming years, we will continue to strengthen these collaborative relationships and seek out new ones to help our district prepare for any storms that may be on the horizon. In the meantime, we plan to take a conservative approach and adopt the motto, "Plan for the worst, hope for the best".

School of Distinction

(to the tune of *Eve of Destruction*)
by Donivan Johnson

The Selkirk world, it is expodin'
WASL is risin' and Gear-Up cohorts growin'
Teachers teachin', learners learnin'
The fires of excellence are burnin'
We are "Allert" to the nurturin'
And even homework sometimes get turned in

So I tell you
Over and over and over again, my friend
Ah, you must believe
That we're a SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION
Ah, you must believe
That we're a SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

Don't you understand what I'm tryin' to say
Can't you feel the rush that I'm feelin' today
If NCLB continues there's no runnin' away
But our AYP has always been made
And the other schools in Washington are really afraid
Because they don't have Peyton Manning as their patron saint
PreCalculus seems a little bit arcane
Where would all the dead white men be without Kelly Cain
Theatre Arts and Music make out lives more sane
"The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain"
Take a look around you now
It's bound to make you proud

So I tell you
Over and over and over again, my friend
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Dedicated to the improbable WASLing mixed-doubles tag team of Larry Reed and Karen Weir, Nancy Lotze corner person

Parent/Teacher Conferences



Don Hawpe
K-6 Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled at Selkirk Elementary on March 25-27. School

will be dismissed at 11:55 am on those days. You will receive a letter indicating your child's conference time. If you cannot attend the scheduled time, please contact us. It is very important that parents ask questions, provide the teacher with information, and learn about their child's progress in school.

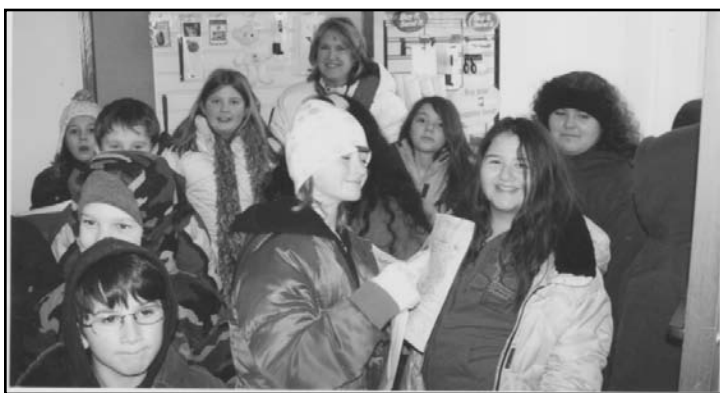
Although one purpose of the conference is to review your child's progress as noted on the report card, it is also a great opportunity to discuss how to help your child do their best in school. Meeting with your child's teachers will help build strong parent-teacher partnerships-partnerships that are needed to help reach our common goal of helping your child get the best education possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent-Teacher Conferences March 25-27

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 11	Staff In-Service - Early Release
Feb 16	President's Day No School
Mar 2-5	Kindergarten Reg.
Mar 6	State Winter Sports No School
Mar 20	Staff In-Service - No School
Mar 25-27	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release
Mar 30-Apr 3	Spring Break
April 8	Pacific Science Van
April	WASL
April 29	Class Pictures

Fourth Grade Caroling



*We Are Anxious For.....
School to let out for Christmas break.
We want to go to the icy lake to skate.
We'll go sledding down steep, snowy hills,
The freezing temperatures give us chills.
We are anxious to open gifts from all,
We hope our families did some good
shopping at the mall!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Authors: 4th grade class

Right:
Jaydeen
Bridges and
Dakota Shafer
caroling.



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Third Grade Honors Vets

Mrs. Milliren's third grade class wrote letters to local Veterans thanking them for serving our country. This year the class received a physical piece of history in the mail from Rick Calef, a veteran. Mr. Calef sent his American flag that he carried with him in Viet Nam from 1967-1968. The flag is tattered and faded. He also wrote an informative letter reminding us all that freedom does not come free. The flag and letter left a lasting impression on the third graders. The flag is currently being framed and will be on displayed at Selkirk Elementary School.



First Grade Activities

Fiction & Fantasy was the October theme in Mrs. Chantry's 1st grade class. A treasure hunt culminated the month with the students reading clues to find the hidden treasure of jewels, plastic coins and candy. Afterwards all shared a monster sandwich. November's theme was Homes & Families. Students wrote poems about their families and built houses out of cardboard boxes with the help of the third graders. At the end of the month they had a housewarming for other classes and parents to view the houses and partake of a housewarming cake.

My House

*Our bedroom is where we color,
color in my house.
Our chair is where we read,
read in my house.
Our kitchen is where we eat,
eat in my house.
Our carpet is where we watch TV,
watch TV in my house.
Our living room is where we
play video games,
play video games in my house.
Color and read and eat and watch TV
and play video games in my house.*

By Mikey Morgan



l-r: Jacob Arman, Casey Warren, Kristie Rose (Casey Warren's mom) and Katelyn Boone



Kaitlyn Chantry and Tabitha Taylor with their houses.



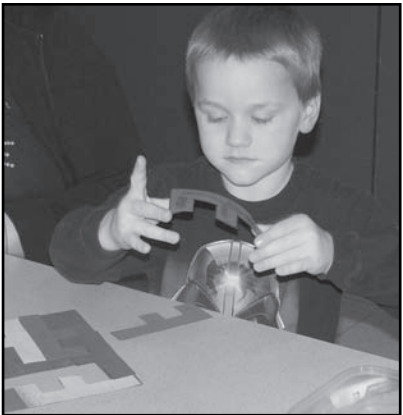
l-r: Dylan Inman, Alison Petrich, Emily Newman, Pam Zimmerman and Ryan Zimmerman

Family Night ~ Math

Family Night was held January 15th at Selkirk Elementary. Organized by Mrs. Mills the theme this time was math. The table activities were tessellations, symmetry, COVER UP (addition facts to 9), Roll-UP, and Mrs. Carlson's wonderful Multiplication Baseball. She gave out prizes to the winner of each game. The computer lab was set up so the children could also play Fun Brain and Cool Math. Free books, door prizes and refreshments were provided



Upper Left:
Bryce Seaney
and Bradley
Sargent
Lower Left:
Forrest Pettis
with daughters
Sydney and
Abigail
Upper Right:
Ryan Seaney
Lower Right:
Azrena Robert-
son, Jewel
Scherf and
Bryce Seaney



Kindergarten Registration

For children who will be five years old on or before August 31,2009, Kindergarten Registration will be held at:

Selkirk Elementary
March 2-5
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.

SELKIRK WAY MONTHLY WINNERS

These Students Displayed

Commitment in October



L-R Back: LaRae Miller, Zeck Curran, Abby Ellsworth, Calvin Petrich Front: Emily Newman and Sierra Chantry
Not pictured: Jake Gazan and Thomas Huttie

Cooperation in November



L-R Back: Peter McAnerin, Whitney Dawson, Levi Grant
Front: Ryan Zimmerman, Joshua Bridges, Nicol Lyons, Kaitlyn Chantry, Aubrey Werner Not Pictured: Alexis Marty, Brandon McNaughton

Courtesy in December



L-R Back: Mary Huttie, Parker Jenkins, Kiara Curran, Mykenzie Maupin, Darien Jones, Devyn Knott Front: Reese Lane, Abigail Bridges, Aiden Penney, Dylan Inman



L-R Back: Logan Miller, Jade Clark, McKenzie McAnerin, Adianna Valdez Front: Justin Chantry and Bailey Taylor



L-R: Erin Rumelhart, Quentin White, Dominic Cain, Jake Feador, Adianna Valdez and Hailey Inman



L-R Back: Michael Davis, Anna Kotzian, Kurstin Kellogg Front: Jared Taft and Katie Dewey.
Not Pictured: Josh Juhl

Articulated Classes

Mrs. Cain has persevered in creating the opportunity for Selkirk High School students to receive college credit for certain, pre-approved CET (Career & Technical Education) courses. The Spokane Community Colleges recently agreed to offer credit for the Digttools class that Mrs. Cain will be teaching in the spring and the Applied Math class taught by Mr. Kinney.

**Parent/Teacher
Conferences**
Student-Led
March 25 & 26

Hands-On Fire Safety Training

Jody Rogers, Teck Cominco's Safety Supervisor, helped with the Home Maintenance and Home Fire Safety Unit in Mrs. Cain's Careers Exploration class. Here he is showing the students how to use a fire extinguisher.



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

Milfoil to Biodiesel Project Update

The Selkirk Science Department is excited about the milfoil to biodiesel project. All of the necessary equipment has arrived and work began Monday, Jan. 12th. Selkirk students will be working on three parts of the project. Part 1 is a study of the effectiveness of milfoil oil removal by solvent extraction. Part 2 is a study of the effectiveness of a distillation oil extraction method and part 3 involves the conversion of extracted oil to biodiesel. One of the many variables studied will be the fineness to which the milfoil is chopped prior to extraction.



Yearbook News

Yearbooks are on sale now. Students must reserve yearbooks by paying \$30 or a \$5 deposit. No extra copies will be ordered, and all orders must be in by March 25. We will once again be publishing a full color, hardback yearbook for \$30. Because of rising costs, the video yearbook will be a separate purchase later in the year. To help defray the cost of yearbooks for students, we do sell full color ads in the yearbook to local businesses. Ads range from \$25 for a business card ad to \$100 for a full page. Please contact the high school if you would like to purchase an ad. If you have previously purchased an ad, a student will contact in January or February.

Senior News by Audre Reeve Roving Reporter



Along with filling out scholarship applications, applying to colleges, and attending regular classes the senior class has been busy raffling off wood, sewing the traditional senior quilt, and planning three sports dinners. We would like to thank everyone that has supported us over the years in so many different ways!

As of January 20th we have eighty-three days of school left!! Our daily count down to graduation is hanging in the senior hall.

The Seniors of 2009 would like to welcome Simon Prew to our class!! Simon recently joined us from Frankfort Germany and is living with his host parents, Nanette and Ralph Chatwin. Simon's favorite class at SHS is Calculus with Mr. Whitektiend. He is playing basketball and plans to participate in track this spring. Simon thinks that the snow is great but there is too much of it!! In his free time Simon enjoys swimming and following politics. His future plans are attending college and majoring in economics and computer programming. Simon would like to thank everyone at Selkirk for making it a great school community, full of nice people.



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Contact Michelle Grant to request that the Selkirk Jr/Sr High School Daily Bulletin be sent to your email address.

Student-Led Conferences

Student-Led Conference will again replace the traditional Parent-Teacher Conferences at Selkirk Jr/Sr High School this spring. Selkirk received a state grant, Navigation 101, to assist students in being successful in school and preparing to pursue their goals upon graduation.

Throughout the school year, students in grades 7-11 have met regularly in small groups with a faculty advisor. In these sessions, students worked to compile a portfolio of their work and information on academic goals and progress. During the student-led conference, your child will present this information and share samples of work from a variety of classes.

Conference dates:
March 25 & 26

Vegas Nights

The 2009 Selkirk High School Prom, Vegas Nights, will be held at the High School on
May 9th
9 PM to 1 AM.

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

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March 20	Panorama Music Festival
March 24	Running Start Informational Meeting
March 25-27	Parent-Teacher Conf./Early Release
Mar 30-April 3	Spring Break
April 13-14	Mandatory 10th Grade WASL Testing
April 20-21	Mandatory 10th Grade WASL Testing
May 9	High School Prom

Congratulations!

The American Association of University Women – Colville Branch is recognizing three outstanding female junior students from Selkirk High School in the areas of mathematics, science and technology. Their goal is to encourage more girls and young women to become interested in careers in these three areas. Selkirk’s nominees this year are: Kendra Maupin –science, Janae Taylor – mathematics and Kayla Compton – technology.



Kendra Maupin



Janae Taylor



Kayla Compton

Audre Reeve and Maria Villegas have been granted the **Principal’s Scholarship Program Award**. Audre has also been chosen as Selkirk’s nominee for the Washington Scholars Award. Both students are being honored for their achievements in academics (test scores and grade point average), leadership, community service, awards, honors and overall excellence.



Audre Reeve



Maria Villegas



Ciera Botzheim was selected as Selkirk’s representative to the **Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY)**. Representatives are selected based on their leadership and community service activities. HOBY is the oldest and most prominent youth organization in the world that encourages leadership and educates students about the opportunities available to them.

Senior Class Raffles

The Senior class wood raffle drawing was postponed on Dec 20th due to the game cancellation. The winning ticket was drawn in mid-January. Congratulations to Melanie Sullivan .



Each year Mrs. Cain’s senior FACSE (Family and Consumer Science Education) class makes a wonderful quilt that is raffled. This year is no exception. Since the class is predominately male, this year’s quilt has a more masculine backing. It’s camou-
flag! The students did

an amazing job sewing the quilt and Cheyenne Botzheim quilted it using the quilting machine at Sweet Creek Creations. The quilt be on display at home basketball games. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The drawing will be in March.

Thank you to community members for supporting the Class of 2009



Candlelight Carols Christmas Concert

On December 15, the community was treated to a lovely Christmas concert by members of the Jr High and High School concert choir and concert band as well as three gifted guitarists lead by Music Director Donivan Johnson.



Odessa Whitehouse singing
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem



Sally Green and Ciera Botzheim



Seth Hendershott and Danny Baker



Audre Reeve and Maria Villegas

Tree of Life

The BESAD (Better Education for Students against Drugs) members sponsored a Tree of Life during the week before Christmas break. Students signed pledges that were on Christmas tree ornaments to be alcohol, drug and tobacco free over the holiday session. They hung them on the Tree of Life in the multipurpose room.



Chris Chaney



Seth Hendershott, Sawyer Pettis,
Chad BrownEagle and Maria Villegas



Sarah Dunn and Ciera Botzheim



Angelina MacArthur

Selkirk Theatre Arts Exits & Entrances

The Cast



Front L-R: Neal Coon, Olivia Maupin, Max Rumelhart, Kendra McGeorge, Danny Baker
Back L-R: Sierra Haller, Jessica Red, Torianne Davis

The eight actors of the Selkirk High School Theatre Arts production of EXITS & ENTRANCES - FROM THE WORKS OF WM SHAKESPEARE entertained the audiences with history, tragedy, and comedy. Jessica Red, Olivia Maupin, Torianne Davis, Max Rumelhart, Sierra Haller, Kendra McGeorge, Neal Coon, and Danny Baker kept the tradition of Shakespeare in the autumn at SHS. They are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication.

A Midsummer Night's Dream



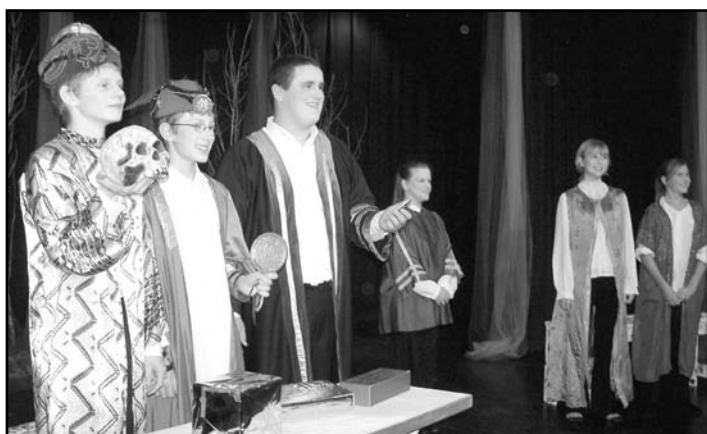
Danny "Moon", Neal "Thisby", Sierra "Wall", Tori "Pyramis", and Olivia "Lion"

King Lear



Neal "Lear" and Kendra "Cordelia"

The Merchant of Venice



Danny "Morocco", Max "Aragon", Neal "Bassanio", Olivia "Servant", Torianne "Portia", Kendra "Nerissa"

Macbeth



Max "Banquo's Ghost", Kendra "2nd Witch", Sierra "1st Witch", Olivia "3rd Witch"

SHS THEATRE ARTS ON STAGE THIS SPRING

The SHS Theatre Arts actors will perform a series of one-act plays (yet to be named) on March 16 and 17 (Monday and Tuesday) at 7:30pm at the Cutter Theatre. The cast includes senior Rob Link, Torianne Davis, Max Rumelhart, Kendra McGeorge, Ray Davis, and Neal Coon. Their director/advisor is Ms. Leininger.

High School Basketball

Team Rosters

Cheerleaders

Alexa Woelfel, Kendra Maupin, Kylie Lindermann, Cheyenne Botzheim, Brianna Ingle, Sally Green, Cozza Curran, Hannah Simpson. Coach: Sheila Reed

Selkirk Rangers Varsity

Seniors: Casey Holter, Colton Enyeart, Sawyer Pettis, Trevor Turpin, Chris Chaney, Lance Daniel, Chad Browneagle, Julien Rodriguez
Juniors: Zach Jensen, Nick Milliren
Sophomores: Hunter Enyeart
Head Coach: Tom Heninger
Assistant Coach: Larry Holter

Selkirk Lady Rangers Varsity

Seniors: Maria Villegas, Sarah Chapman, Calie Daggett
Juniors: Angelina MacArthur, Daneen Green, Kammi Sharp
Sophomores: Annemarie Cain, Katye Dunbar
Freshmen: Courtney Holter, Jessi Mailly
Head Coach: Kelly Cain
Assistant Coaches: Rey Villegas, Randy Holter, Jeff MacArthur

Selkirk Rangers Junior Varsity

Chris Vermeulen, Dallas Newman, Braden Mutch, Josh Ross Coach: Larry Holter

Selkirk Lady Rangers Junior Varsity

Janice Stanfield, Monica Daggett, Rachael Mutch, Sabrina Mutch, Hanna Yarbrough, Kathleen Huntsman, Rae Ann McCollim, Taylor Mayall, Jessi Mailly, Katye Dunbar, Desiree Batiste
Head Coach: Randy Holter
Assistant Coach: Jeff MacArthur



Fleet-footed Colton Enyeart bringing the ball down court.

Winter Sports (more coverage on page 11)

Winter Sports are still in full swing. Over 40 % of students grades 7-12 are participating in either junior high and high school basketball, wrestling or cheerleading. Thank you to the coaches, parents and the many volunteers who make this opportunity available to our students.

Sports pictures courtesy of Susan Vermeulen



Maria Villegas going up for the shot.

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.



Softball Practice Begins

Softball practice starts March 2nd. Make sure you have a physical and all your paper work in so you can start practice that day. You will need a softball glove, cleats, gym shoes, indoor and outdoor clothing, water bottle, and a great attitude.

Cut & Save

SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL and SOFTBALL (as of 1/31/2009)

Date	Opponent	Games	Time
Sat 3/21	@ St. George's	2	12:00 p.m.
Tue 3/24	@ Springdale	2	2:00 p.m.
Sat 3/28	Home vs. Columbia (Hunters)	2	12:00 p.m.
Sat 4/4	Home vs. Cusick	2	12:00 p.m.
Tue 4/7	@Curlew	2	2:00 p.m.
Sat 4/11	Bye	-	-
Sat 4/18	@ Northport	2	12:00 p.m.
Tue 4/21	Home vs. Republic	2	2:00 p.m.
Sat 4/25	Home vs. Wellpinit	2	12:00 p.m.
Tue 4/28	@ Inchelium	2	2:00 p.m.
Sat 5/2	@ St. Michael's	2	12:00 p.m.

* Schedule subject to change

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

Baseball Head Coach: Mark Coon
Assistant Coach: TBA
Softball Head Coach: Cathy Enyeart
Assistant Coach: Andy Anderson
Athletic Director: Don Hawpe

Baseball League, District and State Tournaments TBA

Softball League Tournament May 10th @ Kettle Falls
Softball District Tournament May 14th and May 17th @ Medical Lake
State Tournament May 29-30 @ Yakima



Sawyer Pettis goes high to score.



Casey Holter dribbling down court.



Sarah Chapman blocking.

Student & Parent Information From the Desk of...



Dianne Allert, 7-12
Guidance Counselor &
Vocational Director

Financial Aid Night

A Financial Aid Information night was held on November 12th. 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.

2009 College Planning Day

On **March 27th** at Eastern Washington University, The Washington Council is providing a one-stop opportunity for juniors to learn about Washington State's higher 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.

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. Scholarships opportunities from the private sector are listed in below. 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, 2009. Most colleges use the FAFSA to award their own student aid. Apply online at www.fafsa.edu.gov.

ASVAB

Interest Inventory for 11th grade

On **March 11th**, juniors will take the ASVAB Career Information Inventory from 8:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The ASVAB is an excellent Career Guidance Tool. Results from the ASVAB give students information on the type of careers that best fit their abilities. This test is administered by the military and scores from the test can be used by students for seeking entrance into the military.

Running Start – Sophomores/Juniors

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 24th, 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

GEAR UP NEWS

The GEAR UP program is off to a fast start this year. We have a GEAR UP teacher (Sara O'Donnell) and two peer tutors (Carlyn Boyle and Jessica Red) working with 7th, 8th & 9th grade students to assist with assignment completion and provide enrichment activities to develop and improve their math, reading and writing skills. The number of students attending has been outstanding this year.



Jane Reed
School Psychologist &
Speech Therapist

Second Step News

Selkirk Elementary has been busy with Second Step this school year! Here are some of the topics that have been covered:

First Grade: First graders finished their problem solving unit in December, with final lessons tackling topics such as "Ignoring Distractions" and "Interrupting Politely – and when NOT to interrupt"! We began our Anger Management unit in January by identifying those things that trigger our anger and practicing ways to calm down.

Second Grade: Second Grade will begin their Second Step curriculum in February, concentrating on feelings, friendship skills, and expression of

their feelings.

Third Grade: The third graders are wrapping up their Anger Management unit, with a focus on handling disappointment. Their goal is to handle anger/frustration in a productive manner and solve problems without making them worse!

Fourth Grade: The fourth grade Anger Management unit included lessons on dealing with putdowns, criticism, and feeling left out. We learned that anger is normal, but we need to handle it in a good way!

Fifth Grade: Fifth graders will begin Second Step in February, concentrating on predicting feelings in social situations and problem solving.

Sixth Grade: The sixth graders are wrapping up their Second Step curriculum addressing important topics such as bullying, gangs, and peer pressure. Many of the students participated in note-taking and assignments, and will be rewarded with a party at the end of their Second Step curriculum!

DID YOU KNOW?



Renee Jungblom
ESD Prevention
Intervention

- The younger people begin smoking cigarettes, the more likely they are to become strongly addicted to nicotine. Young people who try to quit suffer the same nicotine withdrawal symptoms as adults who try to quit. It can take as little as five cigarettes for a youth to become addicted.
- Several studies have found nicotine to be addictive in ways similar to heroin, cocaine, and alcohol. Of all addictive behaviors, cigarette smoking is the one most likely to become established during adolescence.

- Students who smoke are four times more likely to get lower grades in school than non-smokers

~courtesy of Preventing Tobacco Use Among Young People: A Report of the Surgeon General

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 2008 (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.

2007-08 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines *	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2008
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2008
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2008

Test Date

Registration Deadline

April 4, 2009

February 27, 2009

June 13, 2009

May 8, 2009

The Washington State Department of Health has launched a new youth tobacco prevention website. Youth can go to this site to learn about youth tobacco prevention activities in their area.



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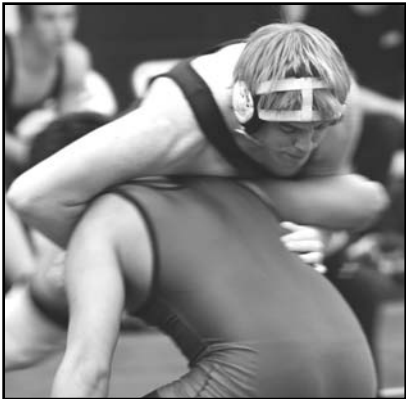
High School Wrestling

The Team



Front L-R: Clancy Kelly, Tyler Davis, Damian Hoffman, Beau Spalding, Steven Storm and Seth Hendershott.
Back L-R: Dustin Hereford-Spalding, Colby Sax, Neal Coon, Rob Link, Kelan Sax, Nick Granda and Mike Dewey

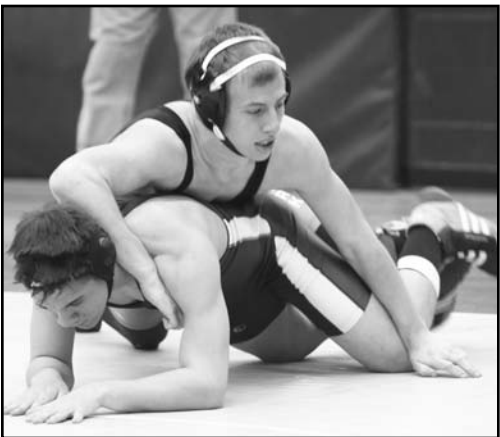
The Seniors



Clancy Kelly



Colby Sax



Seth Hendershott



Neal Coon



Rob Link

...one more Varsity shot



Nick Milliren playing “in your face” defense with Colton, Trevor, Zach and Sawyer ready to help.

Junior Varsity Basketball



Chris Vermeulen



Above: Dallas Newman



Left: Taylor Mayall making the basket



Janice Stanfield and Kathleen Huntsman ready to block

...Community Support

Fastpitch Breakfast
Fundraiser

The Selkirk girls softball team will host their third annual *All You Can Eat Breakfast* on Sunday, March 15th. Be sure to leave your calendar open! It is the feeding event of the year! Eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits n' gravy, on and on....AND the Selkirk Famous Omelet Bar and Waffle Bar. Tickets can be purchased from team members or at the door.

Date: Sunday March 15

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Selkirk High School Multipurpose Room

Price: \$10:00

COACHES HONORED
FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Dick Zimmerman was presented a plaque by Tom Heninger during the Ranger Varsity basketball game on December 16th in recognition of his years coaching basketball. Dick started coaching when his oldest son, Mitch, played Bid-dy Ball. He went on to coach AAU for many years, then SHS Boys Jr Varsity and was the Boys Varsity head coach for the last eight years. Many former players were present to help honor their coach.



Kelly Cain, Lady Ranger head basketball coach, was honored Friday, January 9th, for beginning his 20th year as head basketball coach of the Selkirk Lady Rangers. Coach Cain has been coaching for over 26 years total, but his 20th year of coaching at Selkirk testifies to a run of consistency and success with the women's basketball program. During the prior 19 seasons, he has an overall record of 281-210, leading the Lady Rangers into League playoffs for 18 of the 19 previous seasons. He has also led his team to district playoffs for 16 of those seasons, achieving an 8th place finish at state in 2000.

Coach Cain was especially pleased that so many of his former players were either there in person or showed their appreciation through emails and letters. He was presented with a banner that read "Tradition Never Graduates", a philosophy that typifies Cain's coaching style and beliefs. His dedication and devotion to the program over the years has left many a player with lifelong lessons, as many of the congratulatory messages conveyed.

During his years at Selkirk, Cain has coached 107 girls and has the stats on every one of them to prove it, including a complete library of game film dating back to his inaugural season at Selkirk.



...Christmas Concert Snapshots



Mrs. Bowman's second graders with parent participation



Mrs. Carlson's 4th grade tooting their horns!



Santa and friend



Band members, Dominic Cain, Kaci Nearing, Erin Rumelhart, Anna Kotzian and Brady Filler



Kindergartners Aralee Robertson, Bree Dawson, and Nicol Lyons