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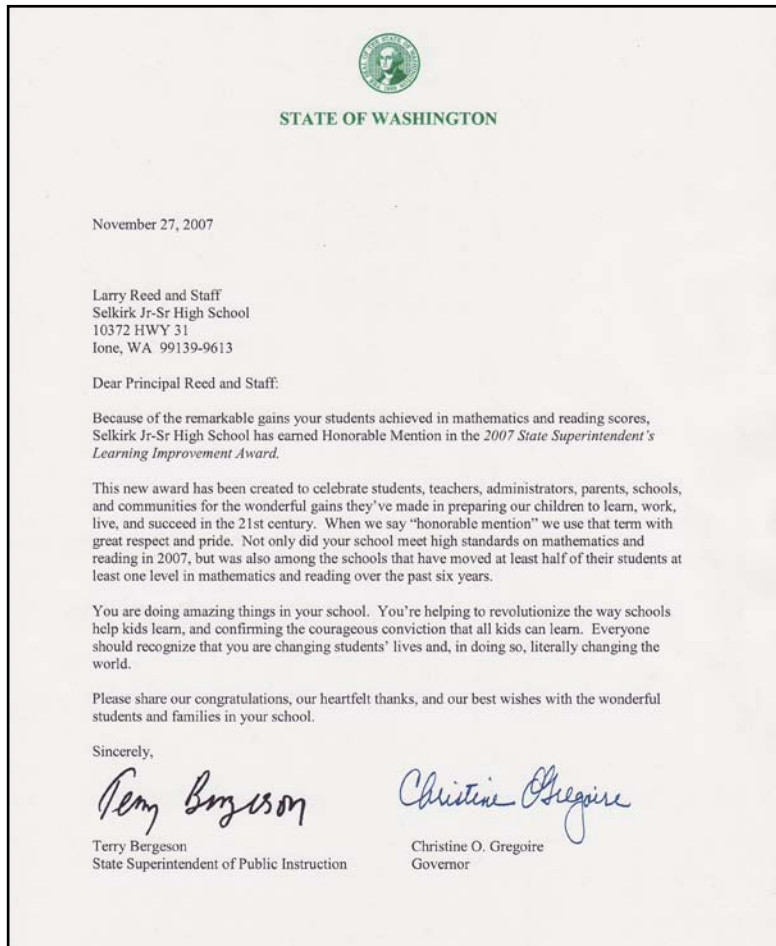
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## Selkirk Receives Recognition

Not only has Selkirk Junior Senior High School received a letter of recognition from State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Terry Bergeson and Governor Christine Gregoire reprinted here (left), but the school was also recently highlighted in U.S. News & World Report's article on *America's Best High Schools*.

Selkirk High School was given a bronze designation in the December 2006 article indicating that we are one of the top 6% of high schools in the nation. To move to the silver and gold levels, school districts must have students enrolled in College Board Advanced Placement courses. The current list was determined using information from the 2005-06 school year, prior to our first Advanced Placement classes.

Beginning in 2006-07, Selkirk students enrolled in AP Literature (06-07) and AP Composition (07-08) with Selkirk English teacher, Karen Weir, and AP Statistics through an on-line partnership with Spokane

Schools (District 81).

For the past five years, Selkirk Schools have also received recognition from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding outstanding continuous improvement in student achievement in grades 4, 7, and 10 in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

According to the previous two Standard & Poors reports on schools, Selkirk students are meeting State standards at higher numbers than most schools with similar demographics. We may not have all of the answers to student success but clearly we are on the right track! To enhance the opportunities our students have for success after graduation, Selkirk staff continue to focus on ways to strengthen our curriculum and develop new innovative programs.

Congratulations, to all our students and staff! These recognitions symbolize the hard work from preschool to high which is paying off for Selkirk students!

## School M&O Levy on February Ballot

The current Maintenance & Operations levy expires in 2008. The Selkirk School District board of directors voted on December 17, 2007 to adopt a resolution asking voters to approve a replacement levy which may be collected in 2009 and 2010.

Maintenance and operation levies are necessary to maintain current educational and extra-curricular programs as well as annual maintenance needs in order to sustain our facilities.

In Washington, public school funding is provided by a system that combines basic state support with local school levies known as Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levies. This system has been in place since Washington became a state and is authorized in the State Constitution. A school levy means that school district residents vote to provide funding for the local school through a portion of the property tax and, thus, exercise local control.

Levy dollars make up the difference between what the State provides and what it actually costs to operate the Selkirk School District. For the 2008-09

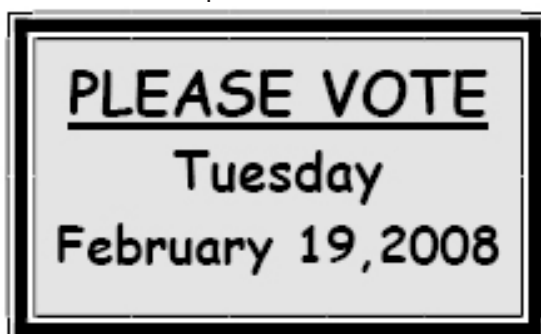
school year, state and federal allocations would fund 90% of our budget; local levies would contribute the remaining 10%.

M&O levy funds are vital to the Selkirk School District's operation of basic programs and services. Please read this information on pages 2 and 3 for more details or contact the school district if you have questions.

Will the Presidential Primary affect the ballots? Yes. The county auditor has indicated

that because the Presidential Primary requires a voter to declare a party in order to vote for a party candidate, there will be three ballots for February 19: Republican, Democratic, and Non-Partisan. The M&O levy will appear on all three ballots but voters need to mark only one

to vote for the M&O levy. Ballots are expected to be mailed by February 1, 2008. Pend Oreille County operates by mail-in ballot only. Ballots must be postmarked no later than February 19, 2008.



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Student & Parent Information From the Desk of...



Dianne Allert, 7-12  
Guidance Counselor &  
Vocational Director

Seniors 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, 2008. Most colleges use the FAFSA to award their own student aid. Whether you apply online at [www.fafsa.edu](http://www.fafsa.edu) or on paper, it is free. Paper copies can be picked up at the high school office.

A Financial Aid Information Night was held on November 14th. Students and parents in grades 7-12 met with a representative from Eastern Washington University and Dianne Allert to learn about college financial aid. If you missed the meeting but would like additional information you can contact Dianne Allert at the high school.



Renee Jungblom  
ESD Prevention  
Intervention

TATU TRAINING

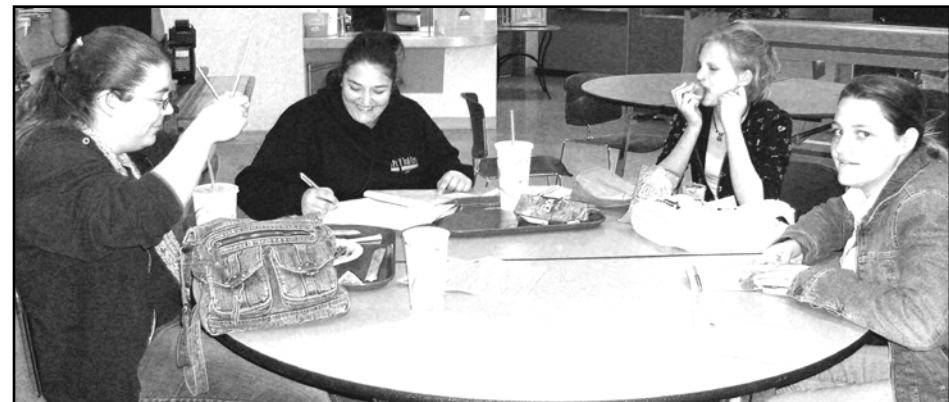
Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU), is a peer education program in which high school students are trained to teach about the hazards of tobacco use to middle and elementary school students. TATU programs in Pend Oreille County are made available through the collaborative effort of school advisors, Tri- County Public Health, and American Lung Association of Washington and ESD101. Tricia Hughes, Tobacco Coordinator from ESD101 trained Selkirk's BESAD (Better Education for students against drugs) on November 16, 2007.



Front Row: Zach Jensen, Audre Reeve, Chris Chaney, Robin Brown  
Bach Row: Annemarie Cain, Kelan Sax, Dani Jones, Desmond Anderson

Senior Field Trip to SCC and SFCC

On Thursday, November 29th, seventeen seniors attended a college tour at Spokane Community College and Spokane Falls. Students were able to view the classrooms, meet instructors and visit with students in the programs they plan to study next year.



Left to Right: Holly Slater, Charlee Sharp, Aaron Romey and Sara White in the Lair at SFCC

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.

2007-08 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
March 1, 2008	SAT only	January 29, 2008	February 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008



ASVAB- Interest Inventory for 11th grade

On March 12th, 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.



Left to Right: Aaron Wilson, Cody Tritch, Micky Johns and Josh Ross

Sophomores/Juniors - 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 and receive both high school and college credit for completed classes. They receive high school credit toward graduation for classes taken. An information meeting will be held during the Spring Conferences at the high school.

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, Brianne Reed and Anna Hubert, 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

## Senior Project Benefits Elementary Students

Junior Neal Coon has completed the construction phase of his senior project, creating two prone standers for Selkirk Elementary students. Neal will be completing his project by creating a write-up of his work, and presenting the project at Senior Presentation Night his senior year.

Although prone standers are primarily used in the physical therapy program, other students will also benefit from them. As students stand against the apparatus, it provides a stretch for hip flexors, hamstrings, and heel cords. This action also promotes bone density and is good for the pulmonary, cardiovascular, and the musculoskeletal system. In addition, the prone stander is good for proprioception (awareness of your body in space). The stander provides deep proprioception as the student leans forward into the stander and bears weight through their legs, chest, and arms. The prone stander is also an excellent alternate position for functional activity for any student who would rather not sit in a chair all day.



Above: First grader Parker Jenkins using the stander  
Left: Neal Coon delivering the prone standers that he made for the elementary school

## Second Step News

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

- First Grade: Predicting feelings as a friendship skill is the topic currently in first grade.
- Second Grade: Problem solving skills and friendship skills have been our focus in the second grade.
- Third Grade: Third graders have explored ways to show others they care, discussing differences between cultures, and dealing with peer pressure.
- Fourth Grade: Problem solving without impulsive reactions is our focus currently in the fourth grade. Next up: Anger management
- Fifth Grade: Active listening and empathy have been our focus in 5th grade.
- Sixth Grade: The class is practicing using "I statements" to tell someone how they feel without accusing or making the problem worse. Also, we are exploring "Hot Talk" (the things we think or say to ourselves that actually make our anger worse), and "Cool Talk" (thoughts to help calm yourself down and help solve the problem).



Nancy Kiss RN  
School Nurse

## Skin Infections: Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)

Surprising fact: The best way to prevent skin infections is simple--wash your hands!!! Washing your hands often with soap and warm water also helps prevent colds and flu. Antibacterial soaps are not needed.

### What to do:

- Wash cuts, scrapes and sores with soap and water, then keep them clean and dry. Cover them with bandages until they are healed.
- Avoid contact with other people's cuts or sores and any materials that have come in contact with them.
- Avoid sharing personal items such as soap, towels and razors.
- Clean and wash sports clothing and equipment after each use.

### Call your doctor if:

- You have signs of infection, such as pain, redness, swelling and heat, and oozing pus or blood.
- New symptoms develop during or after you get treated.

**Skin infections start when bacteria get into a cut or scrape.** Bacteria live on everyone's skin and usually cause no harm. But when staphylococcus bacteria get into your body through a break in the skin, they can cause a "staph" infection. Staph infections may spread to other people by skin-to-skin contact and from shared items such as bedding, towels, soap, and clothes and sports equipment.

**Staph infections are becoming harder to treat.** Penicillin and some other antibiotics used to kill bacteria may no longer work against staph germs. These staph germs are 'resistant' to the antibiotics. They are called MRSA (methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus), and they are resistant to all penicillin-type antibiotics. Skin infections from MRSA can develop into more serious, even life-threatening, problems such as infections of the heart, blood, and bones.

MRSA infections happen most often in nursing homes and hospitals, where people are recovering from surgery. But more and more cases are showing up among people of all ages in the community. These "community cases" of MRSA can often be treated effectively with other kinds of antibiotics.

### Some common skin infections caused by staph are:

- **Boils**-tender, red lumps that swell and get white heads like very big pimples. Boils form on oily or moist skin such as the neck, armpits, groin and buttock. They may break open and ooze pus or blood.
- **Impetigo**-blisters with fluid in them, which pop and get a yellow crust. Children often get it on the face. (It can be spread by scratching.)
- **Infected hair roots (follicles)**-small bumps under the skin at the base of the hair (They may itch.)

Skin infections should be brought to the attention of your health care provider so they don't spread or cause more serious problems.

Only take antibiotics when your health care provider prescribes them. Taking them when they are not needed can create stronger germs, like MRSA. If you get a prescription, always finish the whole bottle—the last few pills kill the toughest germs.

## When is the right time to keep my child at home?

- 1) Cold/Flu: KEEP AT HOME - until your child has been fever-free for at least 24 hours and symptoms have quieted to a few sniffles or coughs. If the fever is gone, but your child still feels bad, you should keep him/her at home.
- (2) Strep Throat: KEEP AT HOME - until he/she has been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours (after which, risk of spreading illness is minimal). Avoid school if he/she still has a sore throat or fever, or is very tired.
- (3) Ear Infection: KEEP AT HOME - only as long as your child is in pain or has a fever. Ear infections are not contagious.

PLEASE, DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE RUNNING A FEVER. IF YOU DO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME DUE TO ILLNESS, PLEASE, CALL THE SCHOOL AND LET THEM KNOW.

## ...Community Support

## Fastpitch Breakfast Fundraiser

The Selkirk girls softball team will host their second annual All You Can Eat Breakfast. Anyone who was there last year can attest to the wonderful array of food Ruth Carlson and the other volunteers prepared. She will be doing the cooking again this year and adding new items to the lineup! Come have a delicious breakfast and support the team.

**Date:** Sunday March 16

**Time:** 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** Selkirk High School Multipurpose Room

**Price:** \$10.00

## Senior Quilt Raffle

Mrs. Cain's Senior Independent Living class made another wonderful quilt this year that they will be raffling off. It was done in reds, blacks, grays and whites, with each senior making a block. Rae Ann Miller is sewing the quilt together and is in charge of the raffle as part of her senior project. Tickets are \$1.00 each and may be purchased from any senior. The drawing will be March 28th. Help the senior class while helping yourself keep warm in style!

## A Note of Thanks

*On behalf of the Selkirk Dollars for Scholars, the Board members would like to thank all who donated and attended our annual dinner/auction in November. It was another successful year and because of your generous support over \$41,000 was raised for Selkirk's graduating seniors. This would not be possible without the support of our community.*

*If you would like to help with our next auction please contact one of the Board members, Nancy Kiss, Nancy Taylor, Sandy Haney, Becky Larson, Shirley Botzheim, Judy Miller, Shannon Haney and Kristie Smith.*

## ... New Science Club

## Selkirk Elementary Science &amp; Technology Club



**WHAT:** The Selkirk Elementary Science & Technology (SST) Club is a volunteer run Selkirk School District sponsored after school program for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students interested in science and technology. The club is very informal. We emphasize hanging out with friends while engaging in hands-on activities like model rockets, LEGO robotics, geocaching, designing web sites and having fun with digital photography.

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, starting right after school until the activity bus at 5:30 PM.

**WHERE:** Selkirk Elementary multipurpose room.

**SNACKS:** A healthy snack will be provided.

**COST:** FREE!!

**LEADER:** The club is run by John Rumelhart. John is a parent of two Selkirk students and has a degree in electrical & computer engineering as well as a background in science. He has been volunteering at Selkirk Elementary for the past eight years.

**HELPERS:** STUDENTS: We are always seeking high school students to help with the club, please contact Mr. Reed if you are interested.

**ADULTS:** Adult volunteer are also welcome to help with the club. Please contact Selkirk Elementary at 446-4225 if you would like to volunteer.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please call John Rumelhart at: 446-2240 (Monday -Thursday), 446-4225 (Fridays), 446-2718 (evening & weekends) jrumelhart@selkirk.k12.wa.us

**WEBSITE:** Check out our website at: [www.selkirk.k12.wa.us](http://www.selkirk.k12.wa.us) (click on Selkirk Elementary and then on the Science & Technology Club link)

Third Grade Studies  
Endangered Species

Left-Right: Bailey Taylor, Brayden Taylor, Rio Mirabal, Jared Taft and Tallon Jones using the laptops at the high school to research their endangered species.

Mrs. Milliren's third graders each chose an endangered species. They had to do research on their choice and give a report and draw a picture of it. Some of the species chosen were well known but many were very obscure.

## WASL Test Dates for Spring 2008

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.

**Week 1: March 10-13**

Monday, March 10- Reading Session 1  
Tuesday, March 11- Reading Session 2  
Wednesday, March 12- Writing Session 1  
Thursday, March 13- Writing Session 2

**Week 2: April 15-18**

Tuesday, April 15- Mathematics Session 1  
Wednesday, April 16- Mathematics Session 2  
Thursday, April 17- Science Session 1  
Friday, April 18- Science Session 2

**2007-08 WASL testing schedule/window for grades 3-8: April 14-May 2**

*(Check with 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





Nancy J. Lotze  
Superintendent

This morning's newspaper included an article on a Spokane-area school district who had put chains on their buses Sunday night but would wait until Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. to reassess road conditions before deciding to cancel school or not. As I read the article, I thought back to a meeting I attended about a year ago.

A group of nine Panorama superintendents have met monthly for the past three years to share ideas and collaborate on grants that optimize opportunities for our collective 3,000 students. At one such meeting a year ago, the discussion turned to transportation and buses.

One district was planning to purchase a new bus and shared the process each district had followed in the past. At that meeting, I learned that most area school districts purchase buses with automatic chain dispensers. As I had never heard of nor seen (to my knowledge) such a device, I asked the other superintendents how much of their current fleet had such attachments, inquired about the added expense, and whether or not automatic chains were actually used.

Turns out that most schools order buses with this option which is used quite regularly in area districts at a cost of about a couple of thousand dollars more per bus. During the conversation I stated that I was sure Selkirk didn't buy buses with that option and, although I thought we carried chains, we never used them.

I could see by the skeptical looks on their face that they were sure that I didn't know what I was talking about. At the time, I was only one of two women in the group of nine and it seems they assumed my experience

with tire chains was limited. (*Little did they know that for eight winters I put chains on my van on a daily basis to make it up my driveway; so I have some familiarity, however, I digress from my story.*)

Upon returning to the district after that meeting, I checked to see whether indeed our buses had "automatic" chain dispensers or if we regularly used chains. I am happy to report that Andy confirmed the district does not spend needless expense to buy buses with automatic chain dispensers as our roads are well maintained and there has been only one instance in 11 years of even using chains when a driver-trainee was learning a route.

As I drove to school after reading the paper this morning, I listened to the radio announce more school closures and realized that one reason we don't need chains on our buses is because we have a hometown advantage.

To back up a few years, when I was nine, my family moved from a city north of Chicago to Northport. The major difference that I noticed about the Northport area was the small town atmosphere, where everyone knew you, people pitched in to help when needed, and there was an feeling that you were being watched over (*not always an advantage from the teenager's perspective, however!*)

Years later when I started teaching at Selkirk, I wondered if the small town feeling with all its advantages would be as prevalent in a district comprised of three communities. To my delight, I found what I like to term as the "hometown advantage", was just as pervasive!

After years of being part of the Selkirk community, I don't know about you, but when asked where I live, I give a varying response depending on the situation. No, that is not a politician's ploy, but simply representative of the fact that I live, eat, shop, send my children to school, go to the movies, bank, and seek medical help in all three towns.

## Hometown Advantage

So, if someone familiar with the area asks, my response is that I live at Sullivan Lake to give them more specific information. If I am giving directions, I usually respond "Ione" as it is the first town you come to in our district and if the person inquiring is barely cognizant of this corner of the State, I say all three communities in hopes that with a bigger target, they will be able to find us on the map! The bottom line, however, is that, at least in terms of the school district, we are one hometown!

As I listened to the radio this morning, the reports of recent school closures reminded me that our wonderful County and State snow removal crews symbolize that hometown advantage where the crew that is called out early in the morning or late at night is the same group of people who show up later at the basketball game to run the score clock or cheer in the stands even though their children have graduated. These are the same people who volunteer to coach our biddy ball and t-ball leagues, volunteer to paint a sign at the school, or help troubleshoot a malfunctioning piece of equipment. These are the same people whose own companies ask them to absorb cut-backs, who must deal with new hours, and equipment issues but who always manage to stay one step ahead of the school buses on the road. We are grateful to their commitments to our community.

As a matter of fact, I could name many other groups including private business people, PUD crews, Boundary employees, and those from the mine who exemplify the "hometown advantage"; pitching in whenever help is needed.

So as Spokane area schools deal with days of uncertainty with transportation and other districts buy buses with automatic chains, I would just like to take the chance to say thank you to those that give us that hometown advantage!

The *Selkirk Success* is written and published by Selkirk Consolidated School District #70.

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## How Can I Get More Levy Information?

### ⇒ Contact School District Staff

Any district staff member should be able to provide basic information on the levy. However, if you would like still more information or further explanation please talk to a school board member, principal, business manager or the superintendent.

### Contact:

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Staff Email addresses are available on the district website (www.selkirk.k12.wa.us)

### ⇒ Superintendent Presentations

The superintendent is available to present to any community organization or group that would like more information or simply has questions regarding the M&O levy. Please contact the district office at 446-2951 if you would like Nancy to visit your group.

### Who can vote?

Any person who meets the following conditions may vote:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old by election day.

Be registered at least 30 days (by 01/19/08) before the February 19 election, or

Be registered between 30 and 15 days before the election, but the registration must then be hand delivered to the local voter registration office.

Voter registration forms available at:

Post Offices

City Halls

Metalines' Library

Ione Public Library

Selkirk Elementary

Selkirk Jr/Sr High

County Court House

Maintenance & Operations  
Levy  
To MAINTAIN Current Programs

Cost to Voters	Estimated at \$1.62 per thousand dollars of tax assessed valuation (not market value).
Total Funds	<p>\$270,000 per year from local taxes. This is the maximum amount collected regardless of future property value increases.</p> <p>\$120,000 per year for two years—from State matching funds (available only if the levy passes).</p>
Duration (How long will this tax be levied?)	2 years: 2009 and 2010
What are M&O Levy funds used for?	M&O Levies are basic to the operation of schools. In Washington, operations of schools are divided between state and local responsibilities with the levy making up about 15% of our annual budget. (See more details in this brochure)
Is this a new tax measure?	NO. This is a renewal of the previous Maintenance and Operations Levy which was passed at \$1.95 per thousand of assessed valuation. The replacement levy rate is estimated to be \$1.62 per thousand. When one levy expires, citizens must vote, as they have over the past 24 years to <u>continue</u> providing local support.
How does this levy request compare to past requests?	In 1977 the rate was \$9.39 per thousand of assessed valuation to raise \$206,500; in 1997 the rate was \$4.03 per thousand to raise \$150,000; and in 2006, the rate was \$1.95 per thousand to raise \$248,343. The current request is \$1.62 per thousand to raise \$270,000.

ESTIMATED LEVY TAX		
Assessed Value of Property	Estimated YEARLY Tax	Estimated MONTHLY Tax
\$50,000	\$81	\$6.75
\$100,000	\$162	\$13.50
\$150,000	\$243	\$20.25

M&O Levy Frequently Asked Questions

What am I voting for: \$270,000 OR the estimated 1.62 per thousand? In voting yes, you are approving the total levy amount of \$270,000 only. The cost per thousand is an estimate of how the cost will be dispersed among all property values in the school district. If overall values increase, the cost per thousand for each homeowner decreases, therefore, the cost per thousand is an estimate. Using figures from the county, the district must estimate in 2008 what the cost to voters would be in 2009 and 2010. The actual collection cost per thousand was lower than estimated on the ballot in 11 out of the past 12 years. For example, the previous levy passed at \$1.95, but was collected at \$1.54 in 2007 and \$1.48 in 2008. Similarly, we expect that the advertised rate of \$1.62 for this levy would be collected at a lower rate also.

We closed a building, so do we really need this levy? Yes. Closing the Ione Primary building created approximately \$75,000 per year in savings to the district. However, in the same time, the district lost \$92,000 in State matching funds because of property value increases. State Matching funds are determined by the property values compared to State averages. Closing Ione Primary kept us from making cuts in other programs.

Do we really need to maintain our current spending level? Yes. The district's commitment to smaller class sizes, additional student support, increased staff training, coordinated curriculum efforts, and a strong technology system is working. Our efforts are paying off. This year, Selkirk High School was named in U.S. News & World Report's America's Best High Schools article as a bronze medalist (December 2006). Additionally, 100% of Selkirk's senior class is on track to graduate with 75% earning the additional Certificate of Academic Achievement designation on their transcripts.

Has the community supported the M&O levy in past years? Yes. In the past 24 years, voters approved each of the twelve M&O levy requests.

What are "Matching Funds"? When voters approve a levy, the district receives MATCHING STATE FUNDS called LOCAL EFFORT ASSISTANCE. In 2006 voters approved the local levy which generated ADDITIONAL

STATE FUNDING of \$135,619 in 2007 (although it was expected that the district would receive \$227,000 in matching funds). Thus, even though the voters approved and paid for \$248,343, the district received a total of \$383,962 with no additional cost to the local community. The district only receives matching funds if the local voters approve an M&O levy. Matching funds for this levy is estimated at approximately \$120,00 per year.

Is this levy an increase? The local levy request has increased \$22,000 from \$248,343 to \$270,000 with additional expenses caused by increases in fuel, electricity, heating oil, insurance, maintenance, and staffing expenses. However, the overall funding to the district (levy plus State matching funds) has decreased. The 2009-2010 levy combined with reduced State matching funds will generate approximately \$85,000 less than the 2007-2008 levy was expected to produce. Additionally, because the cost per thousand is only an estimate, it is difficult to assess whether the actual cost per thousand will result in an overall tax increase to voters. (See "What am I voting for..." at left for further explanation.)

How the levy funds will be used? The district will expend M&O Levy funds and State Matching funds for the following basic programs that receive little or no funding from the state. This list is similar to the previous 2007-08 M&O Levy:

<b>STAFF: (Salary &amp; Benefits)</b>	
High School Night Custodial	\$ 44,500
Secretarial (High School)	\$ 25,270
Elementary Food Service	\$ 12,470
Library Assistants	\$ 27,000
District Technology Staff	\$ 39,000
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES:</b>	
District Maintenance	\$ 30,000
In-district travel	\$ 1,000
Field Trips	\$ 4,000
Curriculum Materials	\$ 5,000
Professional Development	\$ 5,000
Internet Connection Fees	\$ 9,960
Driver's Ed Subsidy	\$ 7,800
Food Service Program	\$ 24,000
Extra-Curricular	\$160,000
<i>(Includes 7-12 sports, drama, music, arts performances, yearbook, etc.)</i>	
The items on this list account for the \$270,000 levy funds and the \$120,000 matching from the State for a total of \$390,000.	



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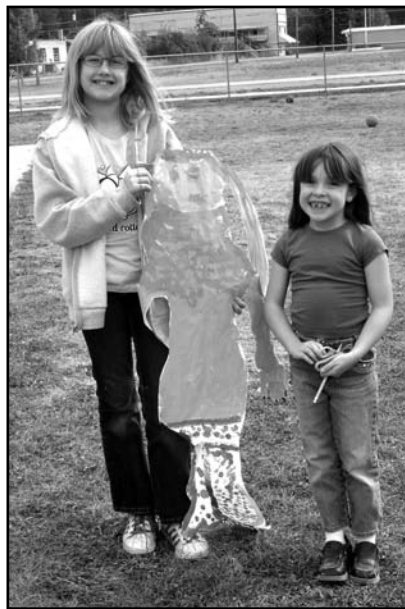
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Don Hawpe  
 K-6 Principal

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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March 14	SIP In-Service - Early Release
March 24-25	JB at The Cutter Theatre
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April	WASL Testing
April 8	Pacific Science Center Van
April 30	Class Pictures 8:30 am
May 7	Staff In-Service-Early Release

**First Grade Body Drawing**

Kaci Nearing and Ashley Percival with  
 Ashley's painted and cutout body drawing.



Michael Davis and Conner Stark

Mrs. Chantry's 1st grade class studied the Human Body and Nutrition. They spent 2 weeks on Health & Nutrition and 2 weeks on the Human Body. Their 5th grade reading buddies helped the 1st graders draw and paint their bodies. Then they learned about the heart, lungs, small & large intestines, liver and glued those parts to the other side of their body. They learned how important it is to take care of their bodies by exercising & eating healthy. Nancy Kiss, school nurse, talked to them about the heart and how it worked.

**Thanksgiving Finger Food Feast**

The half day before Thanksgiving break the students are treated to an all school finger food feast. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers for making this such a fun tradition.



Left to right: 6th graders Georgianna Shafer, Abiona Carrasco, Josie Miller, Bryanna Sargent and Terra Baer singing *Jingle Bell Rock*.

**HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES**

Kindergarten and First Grade with cups of "snow" singing *Lets Play in the Snow*. Front L-R: Casey Warren, Kaitlyn Chantry, Tabitha Taylor, Jacob Arman, and Dylan Inman Back L-R: Destiny Evans, Connor Stark, Jasmine Saunders, Abby Ellsworth and Mary Huttle.



Mrs. VanDyke's Fifth Grade Class reading a very cute poem called *'Twas The Week Before Christmas* which the whole class wrote. Front L-R: Erin Rumelhart, Anna Kotzian, Gabe Sullens, Tia Boyer and Cheyenne Hausman Back L-R: Jade Clark, Hope Wells, Erika Carden and Kaci Nearing.



Mrs. Milliren's Third grade class at the Elementary Christmas Concert



Rice Anyone?



Ms. Bowman’s 2nd grade class studied Japan. They dressed up in kimonos donated by Kirsten Redinger and ate rice using chopsticks.

Kindergarten Registration

For children who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2008, Kindergarten Registration will be held at: **Selkirk Elementary School**  
**Date: March 3-6**  
**Time: 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. .

Latest Happenings in 4th Grade

Mrs. Carlson’s fourth graders have been busy this past November and December with several projects. First was a baking day before Thanksgiving. With the assistance of parents, they baked pumpkin pies and delivered them to local business owners in Metaline Falls. Along with the pie the students caroled *Over the River and through the Woods*. In December the class went on a field trip to Spokane to visit the Northwest Museum of Culture and Arts, The Campbell House (designed by Kirkland Cutter), the U.S. Federal Courthouse and the Davenport Hotel. They learned about life during the early 1900’s in Spokane. In the classroom, they have been studying about Alaska, dogsled racing and poetry. Students gave oral reports on Alaska and presented posters relating to their topic.



The 4th Grade in front of the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Davenport Hotel.  
  
Front L-R: Cody Hoffman, Damon Volquardsen, Kurstin Kellogg and Mike Stine.  
  
Back Row L-R: Josh Jewel, Cole Dawson, Mrs. Carlson, Brady Filler

SELKIRK WAY MONTHLY WINNERS

Students displayed  
Commitment in October



Front: Whitney Dawson-1, Benny Fristad-1, Hunter Carman-2  
Back: Ellen Huttle-1, David Roberts-2, Rio Mirabal-3, Lexy Ellsworth-3, LaRae Miller-2

.....Cooperation in November

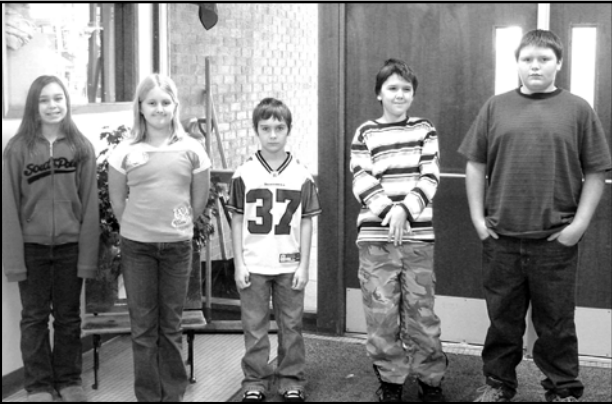


Front: Tabitha Taylor-K, Ty Taylor-K, Mary Huttle-1  
Middle: Thomas Huttle-1, Peter McAnerin-2, Talon Jones-3, Levi Grant-2  
Back: Kiara Curran-2, Alena Heath-3

.....and Courtesy in December



Left to Right:Katie Dewey-3, Colton Carden-3, Azrena Robertson-2, Conrad Lange-2, Alexis Marty-5, Brandon McNaughton-1, Ashley Percival-1



Anna Kotzian-5, Ellie Grass-4, Chance Chantry-4, Matthew Hastings-5, Wyatt Walker-6, not pictured Shantell Spalding-6



Cody Hoffman 4, Hannah Jensen 4 , Jim McDonald-5, Jade Clark-5, Terra Baer-6 and Charlie LaVigueur-6



L-R: Danielle Bignall-4, Tia Boyer-5, Bryanna Sargent-6, Daniel Fraley-5, Jaylan King-6 and Bryce Seaney-4





### Art on the Web

Mr. Sullens announced that his students' art projects will now be displayed on the school website. Check out their work at [www.selkirk.k12.wa.us](http://www.selkirk.k12.wa.us)!

### Arena Conference Night



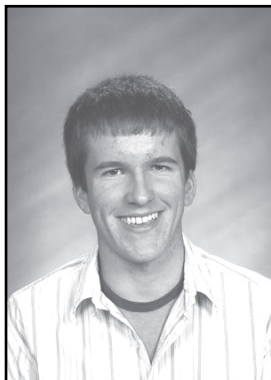
Mr. Kinney conferring with Randy Fagg and his aunt and uncle, Jerri and Alan Pope during November conferences.

### Congratulations

Anna Hubert and Brendan Vermeulen have been granted the Principal's Scholarship Program Award. Anna 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 and honors and overall excellence.



Anna Hubert



Brendan Vermeulen



Kimmi Anderson

American Association of University Women-Colville Branch recognizes three outstanding female students from Selkirk in the areas of mathematics, science and technology. The three juniors nominated by teachers who will be competing for scholarships are Kimi Anderson-Technology, Audre Reeve-Science and Maria Villegas-Math.



Audre Reeve



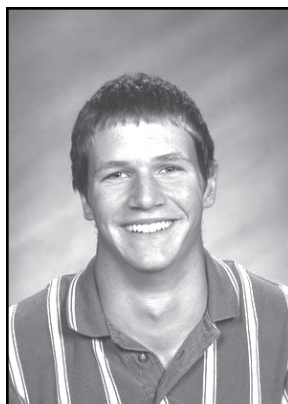
Maria Villegas

### Yearbook News

The Selkirk Yearbook Staff is hard at work creating the 2007-2008 Tamarack. Students can purchase their yearbooks for \$30, which includes both a hardbound full color yearbook and a DVD yearbook. Yearbooks can also be reserved for a \$5 deposit. Because yearbooks must be reserved in advance, we can take deposits through March 28th.

If you've used your digital camera to capture some great pictures of school events that you would like to share with the yearbook staff, please send us a copy. You can send a cd, a thumbdrive, or email to [cvandyke@selkirk.k12.wa.us](mailto:cvandyke@selkirk.k12.wa.us). We would also gladly accept video of school events. We can capture from your mini DV tapes and return the tapes to you.

Yearbook students are currently calling local businesses to sell ads in our upcoming yearbook. We use the money generated from ads to keep yearbook costs low for students. Businesses can purchase full color ads from \$25 business card size to \$100 full page. If you purchased an ad last year, you can expect to be contacted soon. If you have not purchased an ad recently and would like to do so this year, please contact the school. We can use digital formats, scan your paper ad, or create an ad for you to your specifications. Thank you to all our current, past, and future sponsors. You make a difference to Selkirk students.



Nick Milliren

Nick Milliren was selected as Selkirk's representative to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY). HOBY is the oldest and most prominent youth organization in the world encouraging leadership and educating students about the opportunities available to them. Representatives are selected based on their leadership and community service activities. Nick has demonstrated leadership and service experience through class activities, 4-H, sports, teacher's assistant, community service and through his church.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 18	President's Day - No School
Feb 28, 29	Mid-Winter Vacation
March 5	Prescription for Life by Jim Tilla
March 5	Gear Up Parent Dinner & Presentation
March 10-13	10th Grade WASL Testing
March 14	Panorama Music Festival
March 14	Staff In-Service - Early Release
March 24-25	JB at The Cutter Theatre
March 26-28	Parent/Teacher Con. - Early Release
March 31-April 4	Spring Vacation
April 15-18	10th Grade WASL Testing
May 3	Junior Prom
May 7	Staff In-Service - Early Release

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(Web site includes email addresses for all 7-12 staff)

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

### Distinguished Principal of the Year

Congratulations go to Mr. Reed who was selected by The Washington Association of Secondary School Principals as the 2007-2008 Distinguished Principal of the Year for the Panorama 1B/2B League. In the letter notifying him they wrote, "The contributions you have made to your school, your students and to your community are noteworthy and deserving of recognition."

He is also now a candidate for the 2008 Washington State High School Principal of the Year.



Larry Reed  
7-12 Principal

### Out with the old & in with the new!

The traditional Parent-Teacher Conferences at Selkirk Jr/Sr High School are out and Student-Led conferences are in for the 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.

Last year over 90% of the junior high parents attended a pilot round of student-led conferences and the vast majority reported it being very worthwhile. While we plan to continue the popular "Arena Conferences" in the fall, we hope to make the "Student-Led Conference" a spring tradition! We will be contacting you with a date and time for your conference in March.



Conference Date:  
 March 26, 27  
 See You There!



### Senior Culminating Project



Seniors Brittini Mulligan, Heather Pope and Misti Cromwell applied for and received a Homeless Grant to purchase clothing and school supplies for homeless students. In the picture above they are shown with part of their purchases before giving them out.

### Seniors Help Third Grade Students

Mrs. Milliren’s 3rd grade class culminated a recycling unit by making pillows out of recycled material. Parent volunteers helped them choose and cut their material, and the Senior Independent Living class helped each one to sew and stuff the pillow.



Left: 3rd graders, Breanna Harper and Ben Avey, with Seniors Brittini Mulligan and Brendan Vermeulen



Right: Guyla Boyle and Randi Taylor



Left: Rae Ann Miller helping Avery Lane

Right: Corbin Hill

Far Right: Lexy Ellsworth



### Science Experiments



7th grader, Sterling Fosnow, cross pollinating the “Fast Plant”. The students were the BIG bees.

Kelan Sax and James Enyeart showing the class how a piston works during 9th grade physical science.



Sarah Dunn and Annemarie Cain working on their 9th grade experiment. The students had to design a “heat keeper” to keep 100ml of water warm for 20 minutes. They could only use certain materials which they had to “purchase” with a \$1000 budget. They had to then build the keeper and monitor the temperature change.

### Selkirk Work Day

Twenty volunteers gathered during Christmas break at the Jr/Sr High School and freshly painted the stage, boys locker room, doors, handrails, bathrooms, hall shelves and touched up lockers and walls. A thank you for making the school better for everyone goes to Lawrence Maupin, Anna Hubert, Jake Dunbar, Alisha Johnson, Kimi Anderson, Trevor Turpin, Carlyn Boyle, Chris Chaney, Cheyenne Botzheim, Casey Holter, Colby Sax, Seth Hendershott, Rob Link, Zach Jensen, Nick Milliren, Kirbi Anderson, Walker Pettis, Garet Sax, Mr. Reed and community volunteer, John Redinger.



Seth Hendershott, Casey Holter and Rob Link working on the lockers in the boys locker room



## Selkirk Theatre Arts

### *As You Like It*

The Selkirk Theatre Arts presented its sixteenth Shakespeare production, AS YOU LIKE IT, on November 19-20. Over 140 people attended the performances. Mrs. Kim Larson, a strong supporter of the Selkirk actors, was among the staff and faculty who were in attendance. On stage, Anna Rosa Hubert, Rob Link, Torianne Davis and Brendan Vermeulen were the leading actors, providing excellent performances. Jessica Red and Olivia Maupin took on extra lines - and in Jessica's case, an entirely new role - when two of the actors could not perform. Both Jessica and Olivia are to be applauded in holding up the attitude that "the show must go on". Randi Taylor and Chris Vermeulen continued to shine as Selkirk actors, despite busy schedules. This particular play featured many first-time actors, including Danny Baker, Desiree Batiste, Ray Davis, Emery Maupin, Kathleen Huntsman, Hannah Simpson, and Katye Dunbar. The scene stealer had to be first-time Selkirk actor Max Rumelhart, who made everyone laugh each time he was on stage (especially when he had to catch a falling tree in the forest). Ms. Leininger, director and advisor of the Theatre Arts program, is very proud of all the cast.



L-R: Brendan Vermeulen, Rob Link and Ray Davis



L-R: Anna Hubert, Torianne Davis and Jessica Red



L-R: Danny Baker and Max Rumelhart



L-R: Hannah Simpson, Chris Vermeulen, Kathleen Huntsman and Desiree Batiste



L-R: Emery Maupin, Olivia Maupin and Katye Dunbar

Not Pictured: Jordan Gardner and Randi Taylor

### Performing Arts Calendar

- Mar 14 **PANORAMA MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Hosted by Columbia High School
- Mar 24-25 **JB**  
The Pulitzer Prize winning play  
by Archibald MacLeish
- May 17 **OVER THE RAINBOW**  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Puttin' On The Ritz

### *JB*

The Selkirk High School Theatre Arts will present Archibald MacLeish's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "JB" on March 24-25 at the Cutter Theatre. The student actors went through their audition process and the cast includes: Anna Rosa Hubert as Zuss/God, Jessica Red as Nickles/Satan, Rob Link as JB, and Torianne Davis as Sarah. The ensemble, playing numerous parts, includes Robin Brown, Randi Taylor, Desiree Batiste, Danny Baker, Max Rumelhart, and Sierra Haller. "JB" is a modern retelling of the story of Job, which addresses the unanswerable question of why bad things happen to good people. Although the basis of the story is from the Old Testament, it is not a religious play. Two out-of-work actors, Zuss and Nickles, take a bare stage and other actors to tell the story and see if any answers appear. Seniors Anna Rosa Hubert, Randi Taylor, and Robin Brown will be appearing in their last SHS play under the direction of advisor Ms. Tara Leininger.

### Lady Rangers

Right: Sarah Chapman, Heather Pope and Angelina MacArthur



Below: Annemarie Cain and Sarah Chapman



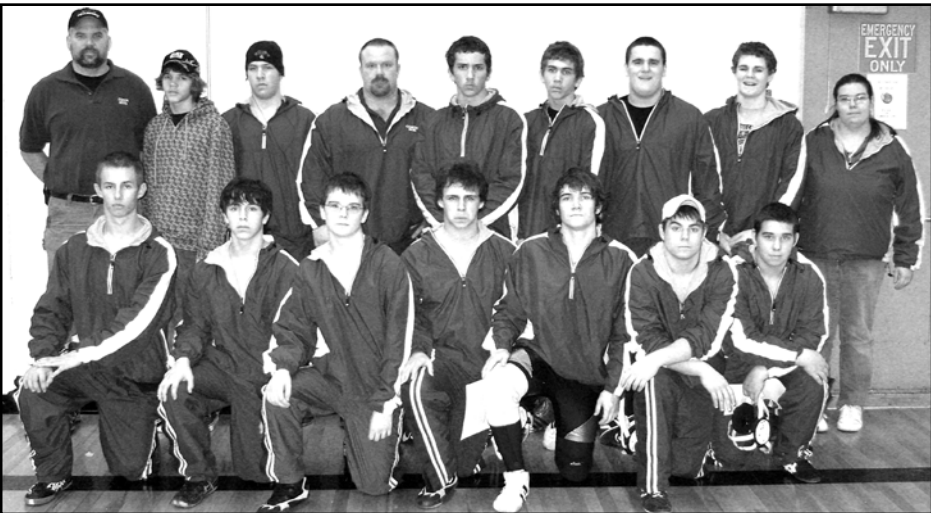


# Selkirk Athletics

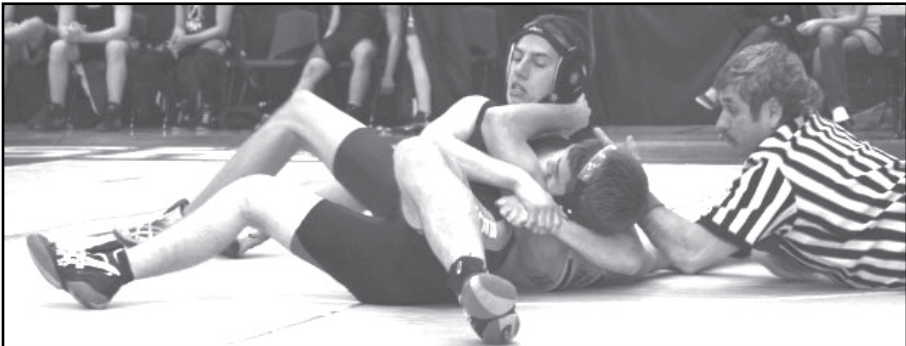
## Get sports schedule updates by email!

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.

## Selkirk Wrestling



Front L-R:Seth Hendershott (J), Damian Hoffman (F), Tyler Davis (F), Evan Guthrie (F), Ryan Rogers (S), Clancy Kelly (F), Beau Spalding (F)  
Back L-R:Coach Keith Saxe, Stat Keeper Garet Sax (7th ), Robbie Link (J), Coach Rob Hoffman, Colby Sax (J), Kelan Sax (F), Neal Coon (J), Mikey Filler (F), Stat Keeper Shadow Spalding (S) (not pictured: Joe Werner, Steven Johnston, Randy Fagg)



Seth Hendershott during his match on Jan 15th

### Wrestling Tournament Schedule

Feb 2 - North League Tournament @ Republic 10:00am  
Feb 8-9 Regional Tournament - TBA  
Feb 14-17 State Tournament in Tacoma

## Ranger Basketball Shots



Sawyer Pettis (34) making a jump shot in the Varsity game against Inche-  
lium with Trevor Turpin (32) and Casey Holter (10)



Brendan Vermeulen swiping the ball away from Wellpinit with Chris Chaney looking on during the Junior Varsity game.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE UPDATES

As times or dates for athletic events change, new schedules will be printed and be available through the schools, on Channel 9 or the district web page and through the High School Daily Bulletin.



## Girls Fastpitch

The first practice is Feb 25th. Non-metal cleats and a softball glove are required equipment (not needed for first practice). Optional, but highly recommended, are batting gloves, sliding shorts and sliding knee pads. You also need a current physical, signed athletic code and emergency contact form.

## Boys Baseball

The first practice is Feb 25th. Please contact Coach Mark Coon for more information.

## Cut & Save

### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL and SOFTBALL 2008

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat 3/22	@St George	12:00
Tues 3/25	@ Northport	2:00
Sat 3/29	@ St. Michael	12:00
Sat 4/5	@ Republic	12:00
Tues 4/8	Home vs Inche- lium	2:20
Sat 4/12	Bye	12:00
Tues 4/15	Home vs Cusick	2:00
Sat 4/19	Home vs Springdale	12:00
Tues 4/22	Home vs Curlew	2:00
Fri 4/25	Home vs Wellpinit	2:00
Mon 4/28	@ Columbia	2:00

All home games will be played at:  
Baseball at Selkirk High School  
Softball at Metaline Falls

#### Baseball Tournaments

League - May 5, sub Districts - May 8  
Districts May 12, Regionals May 17  
State May 23-24  
Head Coach: Mark Coon  
Assistant Coach: Rob Wright

#### Softball Tournaments

TBA  
Head Coach: Cathy Enyeart  
Assistant Coach: Andy Anderson



### HIGH SCHOOL TRACK 2008

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Mar 25	Wilber-Creston	3:30
April 8	Springdale	3:30
April 15	Colville	3:30
April 22	NWC @ Deer Park	3:30
April 29	Republic	3:30
May 6	@ Home	3:15

Panorama League Championships  
May 10, 10AM @ Colville  
Regionals: May 13 @ Spokane Falls Community College  
State: May 23-24 @ Eastern Washington University

Head Coach:  
Assistant Coach: