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DECLINING ENROLLMENT

The Selkirk School District is currently at the lowest enrollment figure since consolidation in 1963. We anticipate facing continued declining enrollment and significant budget reductions are predicted for the next two years as larger classes graduate and smaller classes enroll in kindergarten. The enrollment target of 340 full time equivalent (FTE) students for the current year was not reached and district administrators anticipate even fewer students next year.

Selkirk School District Enrollment:

25 years ago	1979-80 485 Students	
15 years ago	1990-91 370 Students	Lefarge purchases LeHigh 1989/closed 1990
10 years ago	1995-96 454 Students	WorkFirst Changes announced (70% NLP)
Today	2005-06 338 Students	Teck-Cominco employees account for 50-80 students (48% NLP)
Next Year	2006-07 333 Students*	25 students will graduate - Kindergarten=20.
The Year After	2007-08 310 Students*	43 students will graduate - Kindergarten average=20.
Three years later	2008-09 294 Students*	36 students will graduate - Kindergarten average=20.

*Italicized numbers are projections.

NLP=Free & Reduced National Lunch Program

In the education world, students equal dollars. Next year alone, the district will need to build a budget approximately \$90,000 less than the current one and another \$90,000 in cuts will need to be made for 2007-08. In the current era of declining enrollment, the district must decide whether to cut programs, staff, or buildings. Take a look inside this issue to what options the school board, administration, and staff are considering for 2006-07.



RETIREMENT OR GRADUATION?

At the end of this school year, Selkirk will graduate 26 seniors and one very special teacher. "Graduation" may not be the correct term to apply to a teacher but "retirement" doesn't seem to fit well either because anyone who has ever met Van Whysong knows just how involved he is with our educational program and communities! Retirement conjures forth images of "tired" and "ending" and neither of those terms seem to fit Mr. Whysong. Rather, I would suspect that he is just "graduating" or "moving on" from one aspect of his life to another one that is sure to be as busy as the last!

In June, Mr. Whysong will end a career at the Selkirk School District that began in 1976 when he applied to teach art and science. 30 years later, Mr. Whysong is still teaching art and science but his resume also includes TSE or Driver's Ed and a variety of shop classes. According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, students from Mr. Whysong's Drivers' Training classes outperform students from many other schools

and that is not the only recognition he has had. Last June, Mr. Whysong was selected as the 2005 Educator of the Year receiving multiple nominations from teachers, staff, and administrators.

What did Mr. Whysong do to deserve the honor last year? According to almost anyone who has known him, Mr. Whysong has exhibited the same exemplary skills and care for students from the first day he walked into our district. Last year was simply the year, we said, "Thank You". It seems fitting to include quotes from those students and staff who nominated Mr. Whysong.

"Mr. Whysong brings a unique blend of knowledge, dedication, experience and professionalism to his teaching. He creates a classroom environment in which each student is valued and respected while being challenged to achieve and demonstrate personal accountability. If you were to visit his classroom virtually any time you would see students actively engaged in learning. It might be the techniques of driver's education, the skills and appreciation of art, or the intricacies of anatomy and physiology. These subjects all fall within Mr. Whysong's extensive range. To each subject he brings the same enthusiasm and intelligence."

"Mr. Whysong is one of the most organized teachers that I have ever met. His lessons are carefully planned and taught. Rarely does a student fail in his classes yet for the past three years Selkirk's tenth grade students ranked in the top 10 in the State out of 233 school districts on the Science WASL. Mr. Whysong goes the extra mile to help students pass his class while ensuring they learn and understand the curriculum."

"Mr. Whysong obviously cares about students. He consistently models what he asks of students: high expectations, mutual respect, empathy for others and a daily commitment to produce the best work possible. Students see these qualities and learn to value and emulate these traits."

Students cite Mr. Whysong's positive personality, teaching skills, and "cool" assignments as reasons

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that he should be recognized as last year's Educator of the Year. His classes are labeled as their "favorites" in which they learn new ideas and skills in a positive atmosphere.

In 1978 Mr. Whysong married Lois Farnsworth who began teaching at Selkirk in 1975. The Whysongs have two children: Marysia, a junior majoring in education at Western Washington University in Bellingham, and Erik, a junior at Selkirk Jr/Sr High School. The community has also been a recipient of Mr. Whysong's incredible talents and time where he has volunteered countless hours refurbishing the Cutter Theatre and serving as a city council member. The Whysong's home is a testament to his skills as a landscaper and builder and his woodworking craftsmanship can also be seen at the Cutter. Another example of his community service is in the donations provided to Dollars for Scholars. Mr. Whysong's exceptional bowls and vases always seem to catch the attention of enthusiastic bidders.

Mr. Whysong is often one of the first teachers at the high school in the morning and one of the last to leave. He puts in countless hours creating lessons and assessing student progress toward goals. More than time, however, Mr. Whysong gives of himself: his talents, his knowledge, and his genuine enthusiasm for our students and community. The staff, students and board of directors would like to thank Mr. Whysong for the wonderful contributions he has made during the past 30 years. We wish him health and happiness as he "graduates" to the next phase of his busy life!



In 1768, John Dickinson wrote the lyrics to the “Liberty Song” which included the phrase: “Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all, By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall;

Dickinson was a leader of the American Revolution, a famous lawyer and Governor of Delaware and Pennsylvania. He helped pen the “Articles of Confederation” and his life and politics spanned the years leading up to and during the American Revolution. Certainly his heart and mind were on uniting a country. The phrase, ‘By uniting we stand...’ has been used throughout history by politicians, businessmen, and presidents all seeking to bring groups with differing agendas or beliefs together.

I think about that phrase quite a bit in terms of our own Selkirk community. **By uniting we stand...as one community....**

By uniting we stand....behind our athletic teams. As our basketball team made their way through challenges and tournaments to reach the State play-offs, our community was there as one behind them. All three towns were empty during those days. We stood behind our players who live in the area from the border to Blueslide, all in Selkirk green!

By uniting we stand...around Selkirk families as they grieve the loss of loved ones. Again, we united as one community in the Selkirk gymnasium to celebrate the life of one who was important to all of us. There were no divisions by geography when we were there to mourn the loss of a man who grew up in Ione but who meant so much to the entire region or the loss

BY UNITING WE STAND...
of man from Metaline Falls who offered good advice and thoughts on any problem you might be working on that day and who managed our building projects as if they were his own.

By uniting we stand...around Selkirk students as they graduate and go out to take their places in this world which will suddenly open up to a much larger place for them...and us as we share their lives.

By uniting we stand...around Selkirk staff who work hard to ensure that our students meet challenging standards. Selkirk tenth grade students outperformed the other two county schools and we are all very proud of those accomplishments. In 2005, out of 237 districts state-wide with tenth grade WASL scores, Selkirk was 3rd in reading, 7th in science, 13th in math, and 23rd in writing. By uniting our resources, curriculum, and staff, we stand tall in State ranks.

...and by dividing we fall.

By dividing our dwindling financial resources three-ways, we fall. Our enrollment continues to decline and in the world of education, students equal dollars. The district has already tightened its belt over the years and we are at our lowest enrollment in 43 years. If we continue to divide into three buildings, one of which operates at only 1/3 capacity, something’s got to give. The district anticipates the loss of \$180,000 in revenue over the next two years as larger classes graduate and smaller ones enroll in kindergarten. If not buildings, then programs and teaching staff will most likely absorb those cuts. The number and type of programs we can offer will fall.

By dividing our support for schools, we fall. The combined Selkirk community has supported our schools for the past 22 years by approving each of the

eleven Maintenance and Operations Levies. Some have indicated that if the board closes a school, they will withhold support for future levies. Without those funds, the number and type of programs for our students will fall.

By dividing our communities, we fall. 44 years ago, these combined communities created the Selkirk School District. Throughout the past two months, we’ve heard that closing an elementary school favors one community over another; gives one something while the other loses. From the district’s perspective, we have no boundaries. We are one community from the border to Blueslide. By continuing with the thoughts that someone will lose, we fall.

We are at a crossroads. The district administration and board must demonstrate sound fiscal responsibility with educational reasons as their driving force. Can we take the leap and make the best educational and business decisions for our students and staff? Will we be able to keep our communities united? Will political reasons divide us? There is, of course, possibility of division regardless of the decisions made. But in the end, I keep going back to the things that unite us as one community: our teams, our families, our students, and our staff. The very elements that threaten to pull us apart, strong ties and bonds with the community may also be the glue that holds us together...we simply need to redefine our boundaries.

Initially, John Dickinson simply wanted England to offer restitution for its offenses against the colonies. In the end, however, he voted to redefine the boundaries of his country.

Please read the rest of this issue for more information. After reading the articles on enrollment, facilities and programs, please complete the survey below.

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SELKIRK SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Selkirk School District Board of Directors would like your input. Please read the articles in this issue of the Success before completing the survey. Then clip, and send to: Selkirk School District, P.O. Box 129, Metaline Falls, WA 99153 or drop your completed survey off at any of the schools.

1.	Considering the declining enrollment and budgetary shortfalls expected for the following school year, should the district consider closing one elementary school?	Yes	No	Unsure
Why or Why not?				
2.	Should the district develop a single-campus bond proposal?	Yes	No	Unsure
3.	Should the district consider cutting programs and staff rather than closing a building?	Yes	No	Unsure
4.	What other suggestions do you have?			
5.	Have you attended a public meeting or heard a district presentation on facilities this year?	Yes	No	

TEACHER ACTIVITIES

Teachers to Pursue
National CertificationClarinda VanDyke
English Teacher

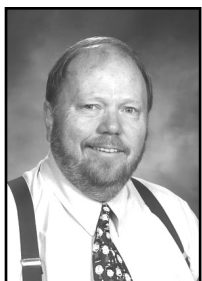
Congratulations to both Clarinda and Valerie VanDyke! These two Selkirk teachers were awarded \$1500 scholarships from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to pursue National Board Certification. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has developed the only national set of professional standards that defines accomplished teaching, and offers an assessment process to certify teachers who can meet those rigorous standards.

This is a lengthy process that involves course work, peer observations, projects, and other professional development activities that allow teachers to demonstrate their skills.

Each teacher must also pass an standardized national exam in his or her content area at the end of the process. States have a variety of different certification processes for teachers but the National Board Certification has been developed in an effort to standardize the certification process for all states. Teachers who achieve National Board Certification are have certificates that are recognized by all 50 states.

Valerie VanDyke
5th Grade Teacher

Donivan Johnson Lectures at Whitworth

Donivan Johnson
Music Teacher

Donivan Johnson, Selkirk's music teacher, explored the life and legacy of Hans Moldenhauer during the 2006 Hans Moldenhauer Memorial Lecture at Whitworth College on April 17.

During the lecture, "Excelsior!", Johnson shared his original research, updating and re-cataloguing of The Moldenhauer Archives at Whitworth College. Archival recordings, including the voice

of Moldenhauer and photographs were also presented. 2006 is the centennial of Hans Moldenhauer's birth. This lecture focused on the achievements of Moldenhauer and his work as: author, performer, teacher, administrator, archivist, mountaineer and citizen of Spokane, Whitworth College and the musical world.

The morning of the lecture, Johnson was a guest on KPBX 91.1 Public Radio during the program "Classical Music with Verne Windham." Johnson discussed some of the masterworks that are in the Moldenhauer Archive.

**Teacher Appreciation
Week**
May 7-13, 2006

TRANSPORTATION

Andy Anderson,
Bus Mechanic &
Transportation
Foreman

The Washington State Patrol annually inspects all the school buses. This inspection is scheduled and usually takes place in August. They also perform a second annual inspection of 25% of the fleet which is unannounced. The inspection team showed up in February and selected three buses. If they find any fault they can take the bus out of service.

A total of 276 buses were inspected in the ESD 101 region this winter with 44 taken out of service.

Out of the three buses inspected at Selkirk all passed. During last summer's inspection state wide a total of 2,523 buses were inspected with 191 taken out of service until fixed. Eight-way lighting systems and brake adjustments are the major cause for most of the out of service reasons. Selkirk's 2005 summer inspection of thirteen busses and four support vehicles yielded no out of service buses or vehicles.

In February bus #2 was removed from the fleet and declared surplus. It had been put into service October 4, 1989 and had 287,678 miles.

All bus drivers, including substitutes, attended the annual in-service training in March. Topics included bus driver security training: what to do, how to act, how to recognize a terrorist threat, dealing with a hostage situation and steps to follow in a crisis. Proper mirror adjustment on the bus was also covered. The training was given by a Laidlaw employee from Colville. Andy is scheduled to take the School Bus Driver Instructors training this summer and Selkirk will not longer need an out-of-district instructor.

For questions regarding stops or routes, call the bus garage at 446-2525.

MAY BOARD MEETINGS

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| May 4 | Work Session | 5:10 pm |
| | <i>Selkirk High School</i>
<i>Discussion of Facilities</i> | |
| May 16 | Regular Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| | <i>Selkirk High School</i> | |
| May 17 | Work Session | 7:00 p.m. |
| | <i>Ione Community Center</i>
<i>Discussion of Facilities</i> | |
| May 31 | Special Session | 6:00 pm |
| | <i>Selkirk High School</i>
<i>Facilities Discussion & possible action</i> | |

All Selkirk School District Board of Directors' meetings are open to the public.

Regular board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. For an agenda, contact the district office at 446-2951.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.

In March, Tony attended a 30 hour OSHA-WISHA Safety training in Spokane. Some of the topics covered included WISHA safety and health core rules as well as Washington Labor and Industries Safety standards. Using the information gleaned from the workshop, Tony is working with building administrators and other staff to address safety issues as they are identified.

Tony Mirabal
Maintenance

During Spring Break tack board donated by Modern Drywall and Roy Dial was installed in the high school. Stop by and take a look at the new boards in the hallway. It certainly has given a new look to the entryway and will save the walls from damage.

A variety of maintenance activities have occupied Tony's attention during the past months. In addition the normal preventative maintenance and seasonal activities, here is a sample of a few of the tasks completed in the last two months:

IONE: repaired leaky boiler, changed fuel filter, emptied hot water tank to clean scale, installed door closers, repaired toilets and faucets, aided in asbestos sampling, replaced emergency lights and classroom ballasts, repaired playground gate and worked on the telephone system.

LILLIAN BAILEY: repaired multiple classroom sinks, repaired dishwasher, performed boiler maintenance, repaired playground equipment, repaired toilets, replaced receptacles, adjusted doors, and completed a mini overhaul of the gym furnace including air filter, fuel filter, cleaning fuel lines, adjusting burner and replacing missing gaskets.

SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL: unclogged drains and sinks, replaced light ballasts and repaired light fixtures, replaced motor in walk-in cooler, installed door closers, repaired three classroom tables, repaired four lunchroom tables, repaired carts and other equipment, installed locks on cabinets and doors, repaired drains and drinking fountains, and constructed a new cover for hotwater tank area.

In addition, Tony and Andy worked together in April to get the grounds equipment and staff trained and ready for the lawncare season which is now underway!

Fairies

by Marrisra Marquette
Grade 6

You can't see fairies unless your good
That's what the nurse
told me.
They live in smoke or
chimneys,
Or down in the roots
in trees.
They brush their wings
on tulips,
Or hide behind a pea,
But you can't see fairies unless you're
good,
So they aren't much use to me.



FIELD TRIPS

Healthcare Career Day

Mrs. Cain accompanied 13 students interested in careers in the medical profession to the Healthcare Career Fair in Colville on Feb 1st. They attended 30 min. sessions that varied from Physician to Dental Hygienist. Each presenter explained their profession and the schooling required. The students found the information valuable in their career planning.

Environmental Science

On March 8th, Mr. Kinney's combined first and second semester Environmental Science classes toured the Newport and Medical Lake wastewater treatment plants. In class, students learn about the operation of the treatment plant and this trip gave them the opportunity to see that many of the treatment processes are the same no matter the size of the plant. The Newport plant recently went through an upgrade and now has the ability to process and dewater sludge. This yields a product that looks and smells like good potting soil and makes excellent agricultural fertilizer.

The Medial Lake treament plant, built in 1995, has the latest in technology. A portion of their annual discharge is treated to Class A reclaimed water standards. After initial treatment it is filtered, disinfected with ultraviolet light and pumped back to West Medical Lake to maintain lake levels.

College Fair

Twenty-seven juniors attended College Fair at Gonzaga on March 17. Thirteen colleges and universities were represented. Students individually selected three presentations to attend where they received information on the school, college life, procedure for completing applications and suggestions on courses to take while still in high school.

Physics Day

Mrs. Kiss will be taking her Science students to Silverwood on May 16th. Physics Day is open to physical science students (9th) and physics students (11th & 12th) who meet eligibility requirements. The day concentrates on science demonstrations and competitions but time is allowed for the students to enjoy the roller coasters and other rides.

Senior Breakfast at Cutter

On May 17 the seniors will gather together for breakfast at the Cutter Theater prepared by Katie Parker. School Superintendent, Nancy Lotze, will speak to the class about the importance of continuing their education.

Senior Class to Oregon Coast

The Class of 2006 will be traveling to the Oregon Coast for their senior trip June 4th through the 8th. They will be staying at the Sandcastle, a beach house rental, in Waldport, OR. Planned activities include visiting the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, a whale watching cruise and a lighthouse tour and tide pool exploration day. Have a great time, Seniors!



National Honor Society

On March 26, 2006 eight Selkirk Seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society. The traditional candlelit ceremony began with Donivan Johnson, Honor Society Advisor, explaining the four virtues of membership: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. After the candidates were administered the oath and pinned by a parent, a dessert reception followed.

Those inducted were: Jennifer Cousineau, Rich Pichette, Autumn Rice, Ben Sullivan, Alex Vermeulen, Jessica Webb, Kimberly Werner and Mindi Williams.

Students to Washington, D.C.

Mindi Williams, Autumn Rice and Sara Larson recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. They spent 5 days participating in a "Model Congress" conference. The attendees also met with their State Representatives, attened one House of Representatives session, and visited some of our National Monuments. Sami Dunn also attened NYCL in January. They all had a great experience and would like to return to D.C. in the future.



Senior Poetry

Mr. Johnson gave his English 12 class an assignment to write a poem without any restrictions as to subject matter or form. Here is an example of "thinking outside of the box" from Jennifer Cousineau.

Sorry, Mr. J—
I planned to write a poem for you,
For class, for my grade,
But I couldn't.
See, there's a problem I have with poetry...
I don't like it.
Unfortunately, English like poetry,
And they like to make their students write poetry.
That's too bad for me,
Because the poetry well in my brain dried up
A long time ago
And I don't have the capacity to write
ANY
More poems.
So,
Sorry, Mr. J.

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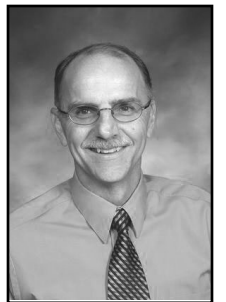
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(Website includes email addresses for all 7-12 staff)

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

Senior Presentations

Students, parents, and community members are invited to Senior Presentation Night, Wednesday, May 31st, 7:00 p.m. at the high school. Selkirk seniors will be giving their senior presentations which include the career they plan to pursue, future personal and educational goals and a culminating project. A new graduation requirement in the State of Washington is to complete a culminating project that includes research, hands-on experiences, portfolios and presentation. This year's class has many projects to share including yearbook design, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, art show, dance class, reading programs, martial arts, community service, Vietnam, school service, horse training, mock crash, and fire training. Each senior will also be presenting information on their future career field. Come learn about the exciting accomplishments and future plans of the class of 2006.



Larry Reed,
7-12 Principal

Junior Achievement Winners

Congratulations to Amber Enyeart, Nicole Turpin, Tyler Scherf, Jeremy Milliren, Kris Starkey, Shae Shafer, Mea Harmer, Tom Mott and Nathan Reed. They were recognized at a luncheon in Newport, April 12th, as Masonic Lodge Junior Achievement Award Winners.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 6 Prom
- May 15 Staff In-Service Day - No School
- May 17 Senior Breakfast
- May 18 Gear Up Dinner
- May 20 Puttin' On the Ritz
- May 29 Memorial Day Holiday - No School
- May 31 Senior Presentations
- June 4 Senior Trip
- June 10 High School Graduation
- June 16 Last Day of School/Early Release

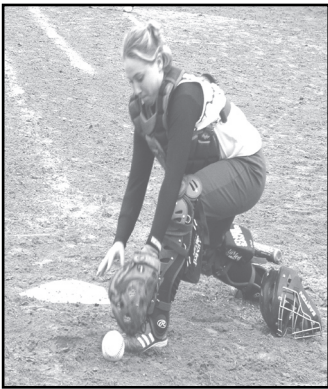
Selkirk Extra-Curricular

Lady Ranger Softball

Sixteen girls round out the Selkirk Ranger's girls fastpitch team this year. Seniors: Molly Larson, Autumn Rice, Mindi Williams, and Jessica Webb Juniors: Janae Coon, Amber Enyeart, and Sara Larson Sophmores: Misti Cromwell, Alisha Johnson, Randi Taylor, Charlee Sharp, Heather Pope, and Tara Rickman. Freshmen: Calie Daggett, Audre Reeve, and Maria Villegas. Managers are Amy Johnson, Dani Jones and Easton Anderson. Scorekeeper is Craig Larson and Buzz Williams is the groundskeeper. Taking charge of concessions at our games are Gary and Kim Taylor, Kathy Mondich, and Stevie McKenzie. To all those who contribute to our program we are extremely grateful to each of you. The team would also like to thank our wonderful fans.



Pitcher: Heather Pope
Shortstop: Molly Larson



Mindi Williams

Meet the Selkirk Rangers Baseball Team

Max Dunn (Senior) is captain of the team and starting pitcher. He also plays shortstop. Bret Pope (Senior) is starting pitcher and plays infield. Nathan Reed (Junior) is relief pitcher and infield. Nate Phillips (Junior) plays both infield and outfield. Justin Webb (Junior) anchors first base and also plays third. Ryan Rogers (Sophomore) moves between outfield and infield. Edward Lee (Sophomore) our Korean exchange student, plays outfield. Neal Coon (Freshman) is catcher. Casey Holter (Freshman) is second baseman, relief pitcher and also outfield. Freshmen, Seth Hendershott, Rob Link and Beau Spalding, play outfield.



Pictured at left:
Max Dunn at bat
and Neal Coon.
Right: Nate Phillips



Ski Club Ends Season Successfully

Selkirk Ski Club's 2006 season ended Monday, Feb. 20th. During the course of the season, 234 lift tickets had been purchased by club members. The season went smoothly, the only real problem being the weather. On two trips to Red Mountain, the wind blew hard enough to force the closure of the top of the mountain. On these days skiers were limited to the runs accessed by the bottom two chair-lifts. Bruce Reeve would like to thank Ken Percival, who drove the bus. Ken had huge shoes to fill when he took over for long-time driver, Ione Yellowjohn, but did a great job for us! Thanks also go to the following adults for chaperoning the trips and helping with whatever situation would arise: Rosemary Daniel, Nathan and Laura Jones, and Nancy Taylor. Mr. Reeve would like to thank all of the families that supported the ski club. Skiing is an expensive sport. The goal of Selkirk Ski Club is to offer students an opportunity to participate in these winter activities with rates far cheaper than what individuals would pay!

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

2006

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
Thur, 3/16	Deer Park Jamboree	@ Deer Park	3:30
Thur, 3/23	Birdsell Invitational	@ Deer Park	3:30
Tues, 3/28	Springdale	@ Springdale	3:30
Thur, 3/30	Colville Invitational	@ Colville	4:00
Tues, 4/11	Kettle Falls League	@ Kettle Falls	3:30
Sat, 4/15	Priest River Invitational	@ Priest River	TBD
Thur, 4/18	Colville League	@ Colville	3:30
Tues, 4/25	Selkirk League	@ Home	3:30
TBD	Reardan Invite	@ University H.S.	TBD
Thur, 5/4	Deer Park League	@ Deer Park	4:00
Sat, 5/13	League Championships	@ Colville	10:00
Fri, 5/19	Districts	@ SFCC	3:00
5/25-5/27	State	@ EWU	TBD

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SPORTS SCHEDULE UPDATES

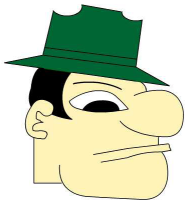
As times or dates for athletic events change, new schedules will be printed and be available through the schools, on Channel 9 or the district webpage, through the High School Daily Bulletin, and at area post offices and grocery stores.

JR HIGH TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

2006

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thur, 4/27	@ Home	3:30
Wed, 5/3	@ Republic	3:30
Tues, 5/9	@ Springdale	3:30

Head Coach: Susan Vermeulen



SELKIRK SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Softball League Tournament May 9, 13
Softball District Tournament May 17, 20
Softball State Tournament May 26,27

Girls' Head Coach: Cathy Enyeart
Assistant Coach: Andy Anderson

SELKIRK BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Baseball League Tournament May 8
Baseball Sub-Districts May 11
Baseball Districts May 15
Baseball Regionals May 20
Baseball Finals May 26,27

Boys' Head Coach: Mark Coon
Assistant Coach: Rob Wright



Don Hawpe
K-6 Principal

The afternoon of April 12th was Staff In-Service day. All staff worked on curriculum alignment during the first part of the afternoon. 3-6 grade staff attended a "WASL Proctoring" training given by Nancy Kiss. Later all staff participated in a CPS/Law Enforcement/School policy training.

Congratulations to: Beau

Taylor, Bailey Ostrom and Marrisona Marquette for the **Math Problem of the Month Award for March**. Shantell Spalding, Sirianna Cates and Hanna Yarbrough for **March's Author of the Month Award**.

Pheena Berwick, Will Scartozzi and Anna Kotzian for the **Patriotic Award for March**.

Logan Miller for the **Academic Award for March**.

Mykenzie Maupin, Trisan Carmen, Rachelle Ackaret, Austin Robertson and Heather Brown for **March's Citizenship Award**.

Music In Our Schools Month

In March of each year we celebrate Music In Our Schools Month. During this time Mr. Johnson has Selkirk students perform at all the schools for different grade level audiences. This "cross-age tutoring" is an excellent way for younger students to hear their older friends and, in some cases, siblings sing and play instruments.

On March 7th three Lillian Bailey 6th grade band students, Courtney Holter, Jackie Mendenhall and Amanda Garrett played for the music classes at Ione Primary.



They performed trios, duets and solos. Each shared their knowledge and experience with her instrument and answered questions.

The following week Edward Lee, Selkirk's Korean exchange student, performed with Mr. Johnson. He played the piano, clarinet and sang. He also taught the students a simple Korean song and shared his country's culture.



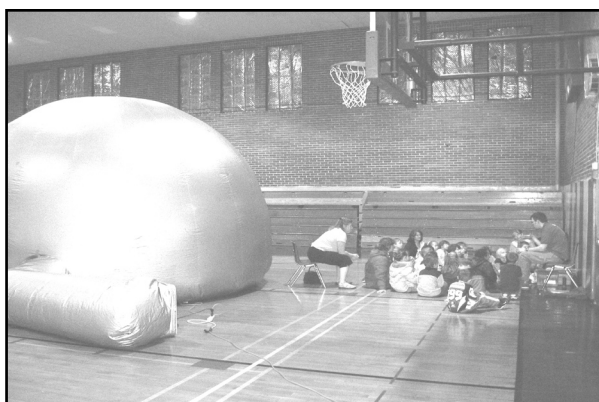
Connecting Libraries to Learners Grant

Marie Williams, Lillian Bailey Librarian, and Lyn Barnes, Metaline Falls Librarian, were partners in a grant that provided each library \$1000 to purchase new Accelerated Reader books. Book Sharing (pictured below) are Bailey Ostrom (4th), Jessica Reiber (5th), Jackie Mendenhall (6th), and Kirbi Anderson (5th) with Mrs. Carlson's 4th graders. Part of the grant requirements were to provide an opportunity for students to visit the public library and talk about the new books they have read.



Science Van

The Pacific Science Center visited the Selkirk Elementary schools April 11th in the Space Odyssey van. Kindergarten through sixth grade students investigated astronomy. One of the highlights was a large planetarium in the gym where students identified constellations and heard ancient stories about the constellations. Hands-on activities included scales that students could use to compare what their weights would be on Earth, Jupiter, and Pluto. Individual models of the moon helped students learn about how the sun reflects off the moon, creating the phases of the moon that we see at night. They also learned that if you remove all of the air around and a balloon the balloon will expand until it explodes!



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4th Grade Tour Border Patrol

Mrs. Carlson's fourth grade class visited the local U.S. Border Patrol Station in Metaline. Immigration laws were discussed and stories and situations were shared. Students looked through night vision goggles, sat in jail, and inspected the work vehicles. The highlight was meeting the newest Border Patrol employee, Brit, a German Shepard drug sniffing dog.



Sean Huntsman and Brit

Lillian Bailey in Spokane

The Lillian Bailey student body traveled to Spokane, February 1st, to spend the day at Riverfront Park. They watched *Forces of Nature* at the IMAX, ate lunch and spent the afternoon at the Ice Palace.



Jessica Reiber,
Emily Maupin,
Kirbi Anderson
and Bailey
Ostrom

Fifth Grade to Cusick

Mrs. VanDyke will take her fifth grade class to the Cusick Water Festival on May 10th. The field trip is paid for by the Pend Oreille County Conservation District.

Fourth Grade Overnight

Mrs. Carlson will be taking her Fourth grade class to the Chewelah Peak Learning Center (next to 49° North shi area) June 6-7 for two days of outdoor science education. They will be learning about wetland and forest environments and stream studies. Chewelah Peak is a residential outdoor and leadership leaning center dedicated to serving students K-12 in the Inland Northwest.

Kindergarten Registration

Registrations had begun for the 2006-2007 kindergarten class. If your child will be five years old on or before August 31, 2006 registration is at the Ione Primary School during school hours. You will need to bring your child's immunization records, official Washington State birth certificate and Social Security number. Each child registered will receive a free book. If you have any questions please call the Ione Primary School at 442-3725,

Border Stations hosts 1st Grade



Mrs. Bowman's first grade class toured both the US and the Canadian Border Stations April 13th. They sat in the detention room, had their play passports stamped and each child had his/her picture taken with one foot in the US and one in Canada.

Mrs. Fairbairn's Kindergarten



Kindergartners studied dinosaurs for the last three weeks of March. They made dinosaur pop-up books that required enormous efforts in writing, coloring and cutting. Most of them "broke the rule". The substitute teacher, Mrs. Whit, taught the Broken Rule Game: if a student does better work than the teacher they "break the rule". Both classes wrote fiction dinosaur stories which you can read and view in the IPS hallway. They also tallied and graphed dinosaurs that were excavated from the rice table and graphed dinosaur eggs (jellybeans). The highlight of the unit was when paleontologist, John Rumelhart, visited the class. He brought many of his tools to show and a quetzalcoatlus (pterosaur) wing puzzle made from pvc pipe for the class to assemble. To complete the unit, we had a dinosaur treasure hunt. Everyone expected to find bones but found dinosaurs instead!

Mrs. Carlson's Fourth Grade

Selkirk fourth graders have been extremely busy and focused February and March. Each student completed two Power Point presentations. One on the state of Hawaii and the other a book report on a favorite mystery story. Another focus was studying WASL style problems and learning the aspects of being a good writer. They had special projects that were shared at assemblies in math and writing. The class is looking forward to performing a play and many science investigations.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 5 Class Pictures
- May 15 Staff In-Service Day/ No School
- May 29 Memorial Day Holiday
- May 31 Board Meeting re: Facilitites
- June 15 School Barbeque/Fun Day
- June 16 Last Day of School/Early Release

Lilian Bailey Students
Displayed Success in January



Grade 4 Shantell Spalding
Grade 5 Max Rumelhart and Jessika Reiber
Grade 6 Hanna Yarbrough and Jessi Mailly

SELKIRK WAY MONTHLY WINNERS

Appreciation in February



Grade 4 Jaylan King
Grade 5 Dalton Dewey and Courtney Hill
Grade 6 Mickey Johns and Kathleen Huntsman

Respect in March



Grade 4 Josie Miller and Shawn Mailly
Grade 5 Emily Maupin and Austin Miller
Grade 6 Hallee Thompson and Ciara Taylor

Ione Students Had Success in January



Kindergarten Ellen Huttle and Levi Grant
Grade 1 Wyatt Stoddard andAdrianna Valdez.
Grade 2 Dylan Wilcox and Hannah Jensen
Grade 3 Erika Carden and Jim McDonald

Showed Appreciation in February



Kindergarten Sidney Clark, Delana Fiscus and Bo Mortensen
Grade 1 Rachelle Ackeret and Brayden Taylor
Grade 2 Cody Hoffman and Ellie Creson
Grade 3 Hope Wells and Elizabeth Cardenas

...and Respect in March



Kindergarten Jewel Scherf, Hunter Carman and Jaylynn Leadercharge (not pictured)
Grade 1 KatieDewey, Corbin Hill and Tallon Jones (not pictured)
Grade 2 Parker Dippold, Mackenzie McAnerin and Dexter King
Grade 3 Erin Rumelhart and Barabara Goforth

Student & Parent Information From the Desk of...



Renee Jungblom, ESD
Prevention Intervention
Specialist

Need For Family Rules
About Secondhand
Smoke

Despite health warnings about the dangers of secondhand smoke, a large percentage of families have no rules that limit children’s exposure to tobacco smoke. A study involving 1,770 parent and guardians found that in nearly half of homes and more than half of family cars, children are exposed to secondhand smoke. The research also finds that many parents consistently make no effort to protect their children from secondhand smoke in public places. The findings are published in the Spring issue of *Families, Systems & Health*, a journal published by the American Psychological Association (APA).

Researchers Sara Pyle, M.A. and C. Keith Had-dock, Ph.D., of the University of Missouri-Kansas City and colleagues approached parents and guardians at 15 pediatric residency-training programs in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area who were waiting for their child’s appointment with their pediatrician. The adults were asked to identify from a list of possible rules which family smoking restrictions were in place within their family. This included such rules as “Only adults can smoke,” Adults can smoke, but not around children,” and “No smoking is allowed in my home.” The researchers also inquired about tobacco exposure rules outside the home, including “Do not allow smoking in the car,” “Ask people not to smoke in their presence,” and “Usually sit in the no-smoking sections of restaurants.”

Findings of the study are not encouraging for children’s health. In 40% of homes and in more than 50% of family cars children are exposed to tobacco smoke. Additionally, fewer than half of the parents/guardians consistently choose to sit in the smoke-free section of restaurants and trains, and less than half ask others not to smoke in the presence of their children.

Exposure to secondhand smoke - a Class A environmental carcinogen - is especially harmful to children, according to the World Health Organization. Higher incidence of lower respiratory tract infection (such as bronchitis and pneumonia) as well as middle ear diseases and worsening of asthma have been attributed to environmental tobacco smoke.



Dianne Allert, 7-12
Guidance Counselor &
Vocational Director

GEAR UP Update

In conjunction with Eastern Washington University, eight school districts, Columbia, Curlew, Cusick, Mary Walker, Northport, Republic, Selkirk, and Wellpinit have received a \$400,000 GEAR UP grant. Grant monies will be used to provide both programs and activities for our students in grades five through seven to encourage high school graduation, and then help prepare them to go on to college. A GEAR UP dinner was held on March 14th with over 130 participants. On March 21st an after school study program kicked off for students in grades 5-12. The after school study program is available at the high school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In April, parents and students in grades 5-7 were invited to attend a dinner and presentation on Preparing for College. On May 25th, 7th grade students will travel to Eastern Washington University to spend a day on a college campus. The grant will be renewed each year until 2011, and will extend up one grade each year to follow the students as they go through our system.

The Class of 2006 and Their Future Plans

Graduate	Fall 2006 Plans	Career Area
Corey Abell	Eastern Washington University	Criminal Justice
Tonya Bamonte	Provide cleaning services to businesses/residences in Ione	
Cola Boyer	Eastern Washington University	American Indian Studies
Juan Castillo-Cortez	Western Wisconsin Technical College	Visual Communications
Jennifer Cousineau	University of Washington	Science
Mikki Cromwell	Spokane Community College	Automobile Mechanics
Michael Daggett	Job Corps/US Navy	Welding & electrical
Max Dunn	Shoreline Community College	Audio Engineering
Molly Larson	Spokane Community College	Nursing
Derek MacArthur	Eastern Washington University	Law Enforcement
Clint March	Eastern Washington University	Pre- med
Audrey Maupin	Eastern Washington University	Dental Hygiene
Maggie Maupin	Spokane Falls Community College	A.A. Degree
Cody McKenzie	Work and have fun	
Ny Nguyen	Seattle Central Community College	Business Ad/Management
Rickie Paolinelli	Eastern Washington University	Dental Hygiene
Richard Pichette	Eastern Washington University	Forensic Science
Bret Pope	Work and save money for college	
Matt Reed	Spokane Falls Community College	A.A. Degree
Autumn Rice	Western Washington University	Tourist Management
Ivan Samoilov	Evergreen State College	Psychology
Ben Sullivan	Portland Bible College	Music
Alex Vermeulen	Washington State University	Biology
Jessica Webb	Eastern Washington University	Education
Kimberly Werner	Brigham Young University/Idaho	General Studies
Mindi Williams	North Idaho College	Radiology

Prevention Intervention Field Trips

A Day Away Peer Educators Conference

“A Day Away” is an annual one-day peer education conference for youth in 9th – 12th grades who are interested in becoming a peer educator or are currently involved in peer education. Selkirk’s BESAD (Better Education for Students about Drugs) students who attended this year’s conference, on March 22, were: Autumn Rice, Derek MacArthur, Mindi Williams, Paul Emrick, Lexi Smith, Audre Reeve, Chris Chaney, and Desmond Anderson. This year’s conference, held at Spokane Community College, included breakfast, lunch, a keynote speaker, health fair and several workshops. Pend Oreille County Prevention office paid for the transportation and Jamie Wyrobek, Spokane Regional Health District, gave scholarships to attend A Day Away.



Students to Chewelah Peak Learning Center

Renee Jungblom accompanied students from Selkirk who participated, along with other tri-county schools, in a T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use) training. On Friday, March 10th at the Chewelah Peaks Learning Center 10 students worked together with the American Lung Association to develop a program designed to teach younger children the dangers of tobacco use. Selkirk’s students will train elementary students this spring and fall on what tobacco does to your body as well as how big tobacco companies target youth in advertising. Clint March, Paul Emrick, Audre Reeve, Chris Chaney, Nathan Reed, Cola Boyer, Jessica Webb, Annemarie Cain, Janae Coon, and Richie Pichett attended.



Richie handling a pig lung



Nancy Kiss RN
School Nurse

NEW IMMUNIZATION
REQUIREMENT

Varicella (Chickenpox)

Chickenpox (varicella) is more than just an itchy rash. It is one of the most common childhood illnesses. It spreads easily and can have serious complications especially for infants, adolescents and adults.

Chickenpox can lead to serious skin infections, pneumonia,

meningitis and even death. Even in milder cases of chickenpox, it is uncomfortable and difficult to treat itchininess and there is potential for scarring.

The Washington State Board of Health has adopted a change to add immunity to varicella as a requirement for students who attend school and licensed child care beginning July 1, 2006.

Children affected by this requirement are:

- 1) Children 19 months of age up to Kindergarten entry attending licensed child care or preschools beginning July 1, 2006,
- 2) Children attending Kindergarten in school year 2006-2007 and
- 3) Children attending 6th grade in school year 2006-2007.

Your child can meet this requirement by documenting one of the following on the Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form:

- 1) The date (month, day and year) your child received one dose of varicella vaccine. The vaccine needs to have been given on or after the child's first birthday.
- 2) History of chickenpox disease and approximate date or age at the time of disease
- 3) Report of a blood test indicating that the child is immune
- 4) Philosophical, religious or medical exemption.

Please make sure you update your child's CIS form before the first day of school in Fall 2006.

Contact your health care provider or local health department to make an appointment for your child to receive the varicella vaccine or contact Nancy Kiss, the school nurse, if you have questions or would like further information.

SELKIRK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO #70
2006-2007 School Calendar
(177 student days, 182 teacher days)

Month	Number of School Days	M	T	W	T	F	Description of Significant Dates
September	17	(4) 11 18 (25)	(5) 12 19 26	6* 13 20 27	7 14 21 28	(1) 8 15 22 29	September 1-Staff In-Service-NO SCHOOL September 4-Labor Day Holiday September 5-Staff In-Service-NO SCHOOL September 6-First Day of School for Students September 25-Staff In-Service-NO SCHOOL
October	21	(16) 23 30	9 16 23 31	10 17 24 31	11 18 25 31	12 19 26 27	October 16-Staff In-Service-NO SCHOOL
November	19	6 13 20 27	7* 14 21 28	8* 15 22* 29	9* 16 (23) 30	(10) 17 24	November 7 thru 9-Parent/Teacher Conferences/Early Release November 10-Veteran's Day Holiday November 22-Early Release November 23 & 24-Thanksgiving Holidays
December	13	11 18 25	5 12 19 26	6* 13 (20) 27	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29	December 6-SIP In-Service/Early Release December 20 thru January 2-Christmas Vacation
January	20	(1) 8 (15) 22 29	2) 9 16 23 30	3 10* 17 24 31	4 11 18 25	5 12 19 26~	January 1-New Year's Day Holiday January 3-Return to School January 10-SIP In-Service/Early Release January 15-M.L. King's Birthday Holiday January 26-End of First Semester
February	19	(19) 26	5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 23	February 19-President's Day Holiday
March	19	12 19 26	5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27	7 14 21 28*	(1) 8 15 22 29*	March 1 & 2-Mid-Winter Vacation March 9-Staff In-Service-NO SCHOOL March 9-Panorama Music Festival @ Selkirk March 28 thru 30-Parent/Teacher Conferences/Early Release
April	16	(2) 9 16 23 30	3 10 17 24 30	4 11* 18 25	5 12 19 26	(6) 13 20 27	April 2 thru 6-Spring Vacation April 11-SIP In-Service/Early Release
May	22	14 21 (28)	7 14 21 28	8 15 22 29	9* 16 23 30	10 17 24 31	May 9-SIP In-Service/Early Release May 28-Memorial Day Holiday
June	11	4 11	5 12	6 13	7 14	1 8 15*	June 9-High School Graduation June 15-Last Day of School/Early Release

Cyber Safety - Tips for Safe Surfing

Tips for Parents

One out of five teens is sexually solicited online each year. There are specific things you can do to help keep your own teens safe. Start by getting involved! Educate yourself on how the Internet works and keep tabs on your child's computer use.

- Know the sign of "grooming." When someone initiates online contact with a young person with the intention of establishing a sexual relationship, it is called "grooming." If you suspect "grooming" report it to your local law enforcement.
- Remind your child not to disclose personal information online. Make a list together of what not to share, including name, age, school, phone number, and address.
- Keep the computer in a common area of the house. This makes it easier to monitor computer use. Consider monitoring software. While they are helpful they are no substitute for parental supervision.
- Discuss your child's online friends just as you talk about their other friends.

~ Courtesy of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Washington State School Safety Center

Tips for Teens

The internet can be a great research tool and a fun way to keep in touch with friends and family. But going online also presents some possible dangers that you need to know about.

- Think about what you type. Never send your personal information, such as name, address, phone number, photo or school into cyberspace.
- E-mails can be forwarded with the click of a mouse. Any personal information you send can be sent to others very quickly.
- Never make plans to meet an online "friend" in person without first checking with your parent. If your parent is OK with the idea, bring him/her along and make the meeting in a public place.
- Remember, no matter how friendly and fun someone seems online, they may be completely different in real life.
- Your online behavior is your responsibility. Don't harrass or bully, and don't respond when someone else tries to pick an online fight.
- If something online seems "too good to be true," it probably is. If you receive any offers that involve going to a meeting, having someone visit your house, or sending money or credit card information, tell you parents.

Facilities Facts & Figures

What was the "Public Hearing"? On April 26, 2006, 37 community members and staff attended the Public Hearing on the possible closure of the Ione Primary School. A public hearing is required when a district considers a school closure. The hearing gives the public the opportunity to testify on the effects of the possible closure.

What testimony was heard during the Public Hearing? Twenty-two people offered verbal testimony and one written comment was submitted. Of 23 comments, 20 supported the decision to close the Ione Primary school and consolidate the K-6 program in Metaline Falls beginning in the 2006-07 school year. Most cited educational and fiscal reasons as the basis for their support although many acknowledged the political ramifications of closing a school in one community.

Three people testified that they did not support the closure of the Ione School but did support a single-campus consolidation. The predominant feeling was that closure of the school may anger Ione residents and hurt any future attempt at a single-campus bond. Concern regarding the community's future support for the district's maintenance and operations levies was also voiced. All three urged the board to delay the decision.

Is the district going to run a consolidation bond for a K-12 campus? Since 1985, Selkirk School District has placed six ballot measures before the voters for a single K-12 campus at the current Selkirk Jr/Sr High School site. Five of the six times, voters approved the measure in the 52%-56% range; however, the bond required a 60% super-majority to be successful. Ultimately, a single campus is the district's best chance to maximize resources and put dollars towards students and programs. This is a long-term solution under consideration. In the short-term, though,

the district needs to address budget shortfalls.

Why are we talking about closing a school? The Selkirk School District is facing declining enrollment and significant budget reductions are predicted for the next two years as larger classes graduate and smaller classes enroll in kindergarten. Each elementary school costs about \$9,000 per year to heat. Approximately \$75,000 annually could be saved by reducing duplicated services or staff.

How would consolidation impact the educational program? The principal and special services teacher currently spend half-time in each building. The two elementary buildings are located ten miles apart. Consolidation would allow those staff members to spend their entire day in one building. Staff collaboration and improved student programs are also benefits of elementary consolidation.

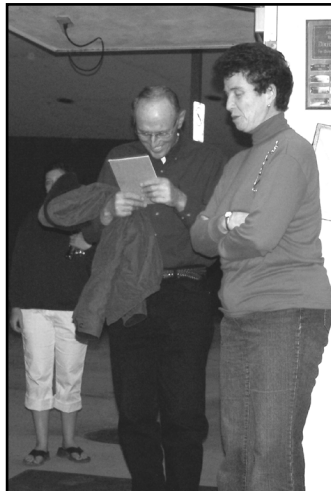
Have there been other public meetings? The Selkirk School District board of directors also held a meeting on April 25, the night before the Public Hearing, for community members to learn more about the educational and financial issues the district is grappling with in preparation for next year's budget. The 34 participants explored all three options under consideration including: 1) Maintaining three sites and reducing programs and staff; 2) Putting a single-campus consolidation bond before the voters; 3) Consolidating the K-6 program at one elementary school.

Additionally, the superintendent has presented information to local businesses and organizations. District administrators and board members have been in the community and in local businesses seeking input and sharing information.

Are the buildings in that bad of shape? This is more an issue of enrollment than an issue regarding the condition of our buildings. Currently, the Metaline Falls elementary

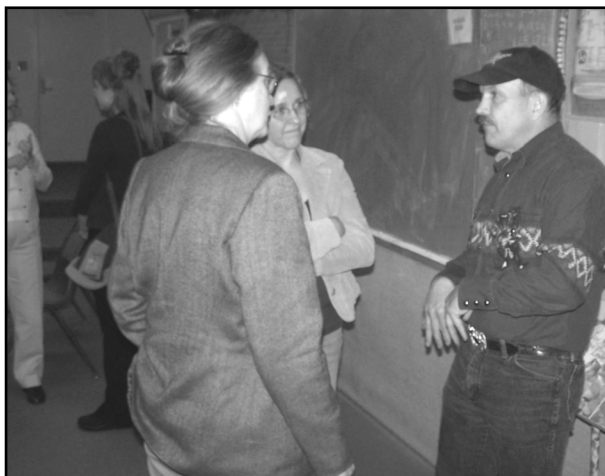
Community Members Discuss Facilities Options

Below: John Redinger and Dorita Wallace talk about facilities issues.



Above: Elton Smith, Mark Brown, & Jim Scheel discuss the business aspects of school consolidation.

Right: John & Carla Chantry discuss facilities options and public perceptions with board chairman, Katie Parker.



Join us at the
Next Community Meeting

May 17, 2006
Ione Community Center
7:00 p.m.

school houses 66 students. We anticipate only 55 students at Lillian Bailey next year because a sixth grade class of 24 will move to the high school and a smaller fourth grade class of 13 students will move in. Ten years ago, the building housed 120 students. The current combined K-6 population is about 139 students.

Why not close Lillian Bailey and consolidate in Ione? This issue was also discussed during the April 25th meeting. Consolidation has focused on moving the entire K-6 program to Metaline Falls because that school had more square footage, a separate gymnasium, a teachers' room, space for a computer lab, a library, commercial kitchen features, and access to the Cutter Theatre's spaces. Ione Primary is smaller

by 3,000 square feet and would require at least four other classrooms in addition to the existing portable already housed there and would still lack a gymnasium facility. Essentially, moving the entire program to Ione would cost over \$200,000 rather than the \$95,000 predicted for consolidation at Lillian Bailey. Even if the district could fund the additional portables in Ione, the facility still lacks a gymnasium and would require donation of land to even be considered. Additionally, a major renovation to the kitchen would also be required. Consolidation in Ione is not impossible, however, the end result is significantly more expensive and results in a program crammed into a smaller space without the benefit of the gymnasium and Cutter spaces.

How will decisions be made regarding facilities? The board will consider enrollment, budget issues, staff, and public comment. They will make a decision using the following priority: 1) educational benefit 2) business considerations, and 3) political ramifications.

Is it too late to be part of this process if I didn't attend the April 25 or 26 meetings? As a result of the input heard during the Public Hearing, the board has scheduled an additional work session for May 17 at the Ione Community Center at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the facilities options under consideration. The location was selected in an effort to increase participation from the Ione community.

Community members can also complete the survey included in this issue of the *Success*.



Selkirk Jr/Sr High School staff: (left to right) BACK: Bruce Reeve (math), Pete Whittekiend (math), FRONT ROW Karen Weir (English), and Clarinda VanDyke (English).

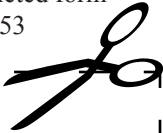
Selkirk Receives Another Award

Selkirk School District was again recognized by Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Terry Bergeson for noteworthy academic achievement at grades 4, 7, and 10. Bergeson's office, OSPI, provided the district with a plaque two years ago recognizing Selkirk's achievement. For the past two years, Selkirk staff and students have continued to increase the number of students meeting standard on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). For this year's tenth grade class, passing the WASL has become a condition of graduation. Students will have four re-take opportunities after tenth grade to meet the standards.

Exceptional improvements in fourth grade reading, seventh grade writing and math, and tenth grade reading and math were cited in the letter from Bergeson. Selkirk teachers are shown holding the plaque with the 2005 plates added.

2005-2006 Selkirk Educator of the Year

The Selkirk School District Board of Directors is accepting nominations for the “Selkirk Educator of the Year”. Nominations can be made for any position within the Selkirk School District, teachers, para-educators, secretaries, bus drivers, cooks, custodians, school board members, etc. Nominations will be accepted from students, parents, patrons, educators and administrators. Extra nomination forms can be obtained from the high school office or the district office. Only one nomination per person. Your completed form may be hand delivered by noon, Monday May 15th, to the Selkirk School district Office or mailed to: Selkirk School District PO Box 129 Metaline Falls, WA 99153



PAST EDUCATORS
OF THE YEAR

2004-2005
Jr/Sr High School
Biology, Art, Traffic Safety
Teacher
Van Whysong

2003-2004
Lillian Bailey Elementary
5th/6th Combination
Teacher
Valerie Van Dyke

2002-2003
Jr/Sr High School
Math, Elementary P.E.
Teacher
Bruce Reeve

2001-2002
Jr/Sr High School
Counselor, Teacher &
Alternative Ed. Instructor
Dianne Allert

2000-2001
Jr/Sr High School
Library and Media Specialist
Kim Larson

1999-2000
Ione Primary
Third Grade Teacher
Kathy Milliren

2005-2006 Selkirk Educator of the Year
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____
Reason for Nomination: _____

THE WASL

by Garet Sax Grade 5

Learning Learning
curling up all the answers
in the cells that store our memories
want to learn something new
if you do
take a trip on the learning brick
road.

Signature _____
Please return this form no later than
Monday, May 15 at 12:00 pm
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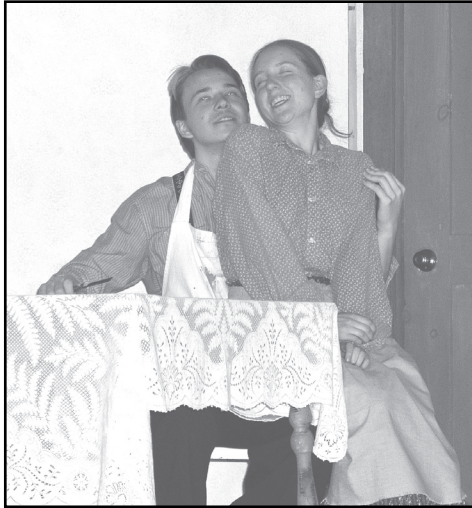


SPECIAL EVENTS...

Selkirk High School's Spring Play

The Selkirk High School Theatre Arts took to the stage at the Cutter Theater May 2 and 3 in a play unlike any they have done before. *SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET* is based on an old British dark melodrama from the late 1800's.

The cast included Ivan Samoilov's Sweeney Todd and Alex Vermeulen as Mrs. Lovett. The rest of



Ivan Samoilov and Alex Vermeulen

the cast included Edward Lee, Kimberly Werner, Brendan Vermeulen, Rob Link, Anna Rosa Hubert, Robin Brown, Chris Vermeulen,

Jessica Red, Randi Taylor, Charlee Sharp and Arche Reeve. Jessica Cousineau was the play's production assistant and Nguyen Phrong, the stage manager. Ms. Leininger directed and Mr. Johnson composed original music for the play.



Randi Taylor and Chris Vermeulen

~MAGIC AT THE RITZ~

Tickets are now on sale for the nineteenth annual PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ. There will be two dinner shows, 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on May 20 in the Sam Nicholas Gymnasium, Selkirk High School.

This year's theme is DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC? Featured student performers include: Jamie Westfall, Edward Lee, AnnMarie Cain, Sarah Dunn, Show Choir, and the Selkirk Jazz Messengers.

Danny and Carey Smith will perform songs made popular by Johnny Cash and June Carter. Chef Rey Villegas and crew will be doing the steaks. Paid reservations are required and may be made by calling Selkirk High School at 446 3505 during school hours. The last five years have been sellout performances, so make your reservations now! Ticket price is \$20.00 per seat. Monies raised will be used for the purchase of new instruments and computer software to be used by all music students.

SEE YOU AT THE RITZ!

Mock Car Crash

Selkirk Jr/Sr High School held a Mock Car Crash Wednesday May 3. A Mock Crash is a dramatized portrayal of the events and consequences resulting from an alcohol-related collision. Two cars are staged in a simulated crash in which students portray the role of perpetrators and victims. Emergency personnel respond to the collision, stabilize the injured and remove them from the scene. When it is learned that drinking is involved and fatalities have resulted, the police establish a crime scene and perform a DWI arrest on the driver. Finally, the coroner arrives and places the two victims into body bags for transport to the morgue.

This event was coordinated by Renee Jungblom, Selkirk School District's Prevention Intervention Counselor, and co-coordinated by seniors Autumn Rice and Mindi Williams. It is a graduation requirement in the state of Washington that each senior must complete a culminating project. The students chose to plan and demonstrate this event because of its challenging aspects, community involvement, and most importantly, to encourage students and the public not to drink and drive.

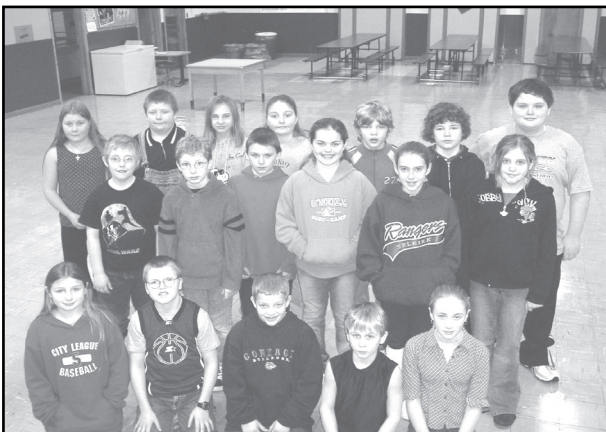
SELKIRK STUDENTS AT MUSIC FESTIVAL

On March 17 students from Selkirk High School participated in the annual Panorama Music Festival hosted by Mary Walker High School. Student musicians in Concert Band were: Kimberly Werner, Edward Lee, Maria Villegas, Robin Brown, Desmond Anderson and Erik Whysong. Concert Choir members were: Alisha Johnson, Dru Maupin, Loni Sullivan, Sarah Chapman, Calie Daggett, Peggy Fulton, Rebecca Fulton, Alexandra Heredia and Olivia Maupin. Music students spent the day in rehearsal with guest directors. A public concert was held in the evening.

According to Selkirk Music Director Donivan Johnson, "The festival this year had the 'dream team' of guest directors: Dave Weathered (band) is President of the Washington Music Educators Association and taught over twenty years at Ferris High school; Paul Brueggemeier (choir) teaches at EWU and built an outstanding choral program at Ferris, including ensembles that toured Europe; Dr. Daniel Keberle (jazz) is chairman of the music department at Whitworth College and director of the Spokane Jazz Orchestra. Cathy Rawley (Newport) was accompanist for the choir."

This year's ensembles numbered: choir, 85; band, 64; and jazz band 16.

In 2007 Selkirk High School will host the Panorama Music Festival on March 9.

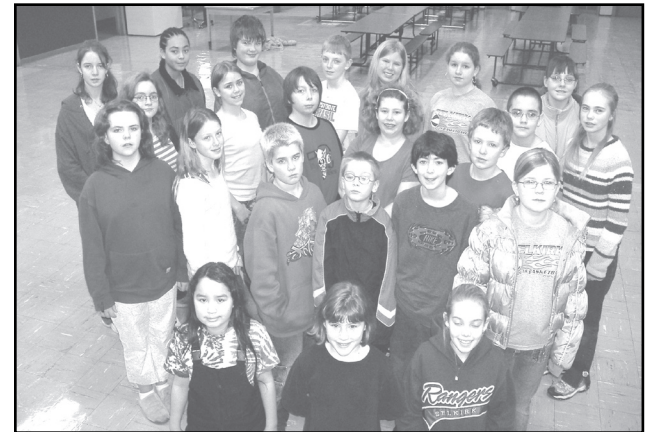


Mrs. VanDyke's Fifth Grade



Mrs. Carlson's Fourth Grade

Lillian Bailey Adopts Troop Stationed in Iraq



Mr. Barnes' Sixth Grade

In February, the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes at Lillian Bailey adopted Fort Lewis based 14th Engineer Battalion, Charley Company currently stationed in Iraq. Ryan Smith, Class of 1995 and son of Danny and Carey Smith, is the company commander. 150 Ziplock bags were mailed to the company, each containing four cookies, candy and either a letter or a valentine that the children had made. Also included in each bag was a 8x10 picture of the class and a map of Washington. Ryan sent back a slide show and many of the soldiers have sent letters and pictures. They are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway of the school. Next month the students will be sending a 12 ft. banner for their mess hall.