



GUESS WHO CAME TO INSERVICE DAY?

A group of nine "B" school districts in the Panorama League have decided that nine heads are better than one! In each of the districts, there is usually only one grade-level or subject area teacher. Trying to problem-solve or brainstorm new ideas to help students meet high state standards can be difficult if you only hear your own voice. To make the best use of our region's resources and to help put teachers in touch each other, administrators of the nine districts decided to align inservice dates.

The first-ever Panorama League In-Service day was held Monday, October 16 at Mary Walker School District in Springdale. This was an opportunity for staff to meet with others who teach similar subjects and grade levels. Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Eastern Washington University President, Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo, were on hand as keynote speakers.

Dr. Bergeson commended the nine districts who joined together to create a collaborative partnership aimed at improving student achievement. After her keynote address, Dr. Bergeson spent time listening to the needs of these rural districts in a meeting with principals and superintendents.

The partnership has also created grant opportunities. For example, the current GEAR UP and Advanced Placement grants that Selkirk participates in was a result this partnership. At the inservice day, Dr. Arévalo pledged his support in creating college tuition incentives for the Gear-up students from the Consortium schools who are currently in grades 6, 7, and 8. Although attending any college or university is an underlying focus of the 6-year Gear Up grant, EWU is a university partner in the grant and provides support and training to the Gear Up schools.

The nine district partnership was established a few years ago, but during the past year the relationship has strengthened. One of the most productive relationships has been developed by English teachers in grades 6-12. Teachers selected the Springboard curriculum to supplement their teaching and have trained together during the summer.



Left: Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo, EWU President addresses the Panorama Consortium

Above: Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Keynote Speaker; October 16 Inservice

The Consortium is discovering that foundations are willing to fund collaborative partnerships and curriculum companies that would not normally address the needs of a district with 350 students, will cater to a group of almost 3,000 students.

Two curriculum areas currently under ex-

ploration by the all nine districts include K-6 science and 9-12 math.

The nine Panorama Consortium school districts include: Curlew, Cusick, Columbia (Hunters), Inchelium, Mary Walker (Springdale), Northport, Republic, Selkirk, and Wellpinit.

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THE RIGHT STUFF



Once again, Roy Dial offered his volunteer services to the Selkirk. Roy was able to provide donated acoustical ceiling tiles for the high school multi-purpose room to help with noise levels. Roy installed the tile this summer along with completing a few other volunteer projects at the elementary school.



Thanks, Roy!



Nancy J. Lotze
Superintendent

A teacher stopped by my office on the way home late one afternoon after working with students. We talked about school and how the year was going. The conversation turned to the home front as he was getting up to leave.

He described the many hours of work ahead in the next few weeks putting his yard "to bed" for winter. As he explained the long involved process, I was interested in why he chose to plant certain bulbs each spring that only needed to be dug up each fall and stored for the winter. As he answered, describing the care he took in planting each year, the efforts at maintaining the right elements, and the enjoyment in watching it all blossom into a beautiful garden, I realized that he wasn't just talking about gardening, he was also describing what he did as a teacher.

This educator takes the same care in planting the right "seeds" into fertile minds, creating a balanced learning environment, and watching as the students blossomed and grew throughout the year.

Then it hit me... **educators are like gardeners!** It seemed like a great article to write. I could share with readers how hard educators (a term which includes everyone who works in the school system) work to give students opportunities to grow. I wanted to describe how creating a quality environment in all areas: food service, transportation, safety, cleanliness, positive learning environment, challenging curriculum and more, took care, dedication, and time. I wanted to describe how educators took joy and pride in the successes of students and also

EDUCATORS ARE LIKE....

took responsibility for evaluating whether or not they attended to all the right elements if the garden did not bloom as expected.

A quick search of the internet using Google, however, revealed that someone had beaten me to the punch. I couldn't believe it! Someone else had already written and published an article on how educators are like gardeners.

After getting over the shock that my idea wasn't so original after all, I decided to see what else the internet revealed. I typed in the phrase, "educators are like" and waited for results,

Educators are like...shoppers. Hmm...that one was intriguing. Educators pick out the right tools; always looking for the best strategies, anything that will help them achieve their task of creating a positive and challenging learning environment. However, the term "store manager" seemed more appropriate to me as it describes someone who organizes the environment and brings products and services to the store's customers. Certainly the concept of students as customers was promoted in the 1980's.

Educators are like...actors, but educators are expected to write their own plays. That certainly had a ring of truth. Educators often feel like they are on a stage, needing to entertain an audience that is conditioned by video games and television to images that change once every three seconds. However, it seems to me that today's educators are much more like stage managers or directors providing support for students

who themselves are the stars of the show.

Educators are like new sailors trying to find their sea legs while the ocean rolls and changes anew.

In this day and age of changing world expectations and State standards, the professional environment that educators work in certainly feels like an unpredictable sea. However, I see the metaphor of educators as ships more accurate; a ship that cuts through the sea of uncertainty, a ship that provides students with a vehicle to get through life.

Educators are like bright fires that light the path of opportunity for our futures. I couldn't decide whether I liked the comparison of teachers as fire or those that light it in others as in this quote by William Butler Yeats, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

Educators are like Peace Corps volunteers. They are plunked into a foreign situation and have to be bright, creative and energetic...learn the language and customs of the natives. Certainly the language and customs of teenagers seems to change as rapidly as technology.

Although there were more quotes including, "**Educators are like diamonds. The longer they stay the more character they have**" I felt that the best message to leave you with is that Selkirk educators care deeply about your child's education. We strive to create a quality program in which students grow into the type of people the world needs most: educated, responsible, caring, young adults.

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Teck Cominco American Helps Selkirk Recycle E-Waste

Thanks to Teck Cominco American, Selkirk School District will be able to recycle old computer equipment. The Selkirk School District board of director's district declared the equipment surplus over two years ago but the district had been storing the old monitors, cpu units, and other out-dated and broken equipment. When a district declares items surplus, a list is sent to area schools first and then the equipment is offered to the public. What remains must then be disposed. The cost to recycle it properly was very expensive and the district struggled with a plan for the "e-waste". Thanks to an offer from Teck Cominco American's Pend Oreille Mine, the district was finally able to recycle the computers at no cost to the district! On October 26, Selkirk staff, Tony Mirabal and Kim Larson along with students, Wil Maupin, Nathan Reed, and Travis Zimmerman dropped off the old computers at the mine. Teck Cominco's Trail Operation has a computer recycling facility and these computers will be housed at the Pend Oreille Mine until shipped to Trail B.C. later this month. Thanks, Laurence and the rest of TCA's Pend Oreille mine staff who helped coordinate this!



Pictured (Left to right): Tony Mirabal, Wil Maupin, Nathan Reed, Travis Zimmerman, Kim Larson, (of Selkirk) and Laurence Roebke of Teck Cominco American in front of the surplus equipment that will be recycled later this month.

TEACHER ACTIVITIES

DONIVAN JOHNSON INVITED TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Donivan Johnson
Music Teacher

Selkirk Music Instructor Donivan Johnson presented a paper at the joint National Conference of the Society of Composers, Inc. and College Music Society at the University of Texas, San Antonio September 13 -16. Entitled RE: NEW PERCEPTION - The Music of Helmut Lachenmann, Johnson shared his original approach to the musical thought of this German master who was born in 1935 and is

still creating new and important works. Although greatly respected and widely performed in Europe, Lachenmann's music is almost entirely unknown in the United States and this was the first introduction to his works at a national conference of this kind.

Since 1990 Johnson has been invited to present his unique research a number of times. His work has been presented at: Society of Composers Regional and National Conferences; National Conference for the Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers; Southwest Contemporary Music Festival and Conference; Whitworth College, where he delivers the annual Hans Moldenhauer Memorial Lecture/Concert.

The magazine New Music Connoisseur wrote that "longtime Webern commentator Donivan Johnson brought one up-to-date on the latest Webern scholarship and offered some quite enlightened approaches to both the study and hearing of Webern's music."

Johnson has also been invited by The Northwest Museum of Culture and The Spokane Symphony Orchestra to help develop a display for the MAC and participate in a festival honoring renowned musicologist Hans Moldenhauer (1906 - 1987), who made Spokane his home.

The exhibit will go up in January 2007 and the festival will be in March. One of the components of the festival will be for area music educators and their students to experience the new sounds of contemporary music.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

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

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

TRANSPORTATION



Andy Anderson,
Bus Mechanic & Transportation Foreman

The start of a new school year always brings challenges and the biggest one this year was a vacant fulltime bus route. With Michelle Grant moving to the position of High School secretary/ Bus Dispatch during the week before school started, the Lehigh/Boundary route became available. Currently the route is driven by substitute drivers, however, none of the current subs wanted to drive the route on a regular basis so new driver candidates are being trained.

During the second week of July, I attended a Driver Trainer Instructors course in Vancouver. It was a wonderful course with a lot of information packed in a week long class. Normally, driver training will take place during the summer months, but because of personnel changes, I'll be training new drivers during the month of October.

We received a very good review on our annual bus inspection August 22. All of our buses have passed inspection and are declared safe for student transportation. During the inspection, the stop arm on one bus failed to extend, however, that was quickly repaired while the State Patrol inspectors were still in the district.

Ridership counts were completed during the first week of October and the final reports will be submitted by the end of the month.

You may have seen bus drivers practicing backing up through cones during the October 16 non-student day.

This obstacle course training was just one example of how drivers keep their skills current.

IONE BUILDING NEWS

Sam Nicholas, Dorita Wallis, Nicki March, Joan Enyeart, Judy Ashton, and Nancy Lotze met on October 20 to discuss options regarding the future of the Ione building. This was an initial meeting of a small group but all who are interested in the future of the Ione building are welcome to attend the next meeting scheduled for January 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lion's Depot in Ione.

The recommendation was that the district should secure an appraisal and then consider options. Therefore, the Selkirk School District Board of Directors will select an appraiser during the November regular meeting. A commercial appraisal will take approximately 45 days from the date of authorization to complete.

If the building appraises for \$70,000 or more, disposal of the property, once declared surplus, is governed by RCW 28A.335.120 which stipulates that the board cannot accept an offer that is less than 90% of the appraised value and defines timelines for advertisement.

At this point, the building has not been declared surplus. A review of the past three years' worth of building usage requests also revealed that two primary groups have consistently requested use of the Ione building after school hours. These two groups, the Baptist Church and Little Guy Wrestling will be allowed continued use of the facility during this process but will need to bear the expenses of all utilities as the district does not have the funds to heat the building all winter.

This temporary arrangement seemed the best course of action as the district believes that it is better to heat the building with someone in it weekly noticing damage or possible problem areas than to close it up and risk deterioration.

Please contact Nancy Lotze (446-2951 or nlotze@selkirk.k12.wa.us) if you would like to participate in the next meeting regarding the building's future.

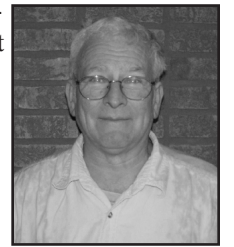
PUBLIC NOTICE

School Improvement Plan

On Sept. 25 district staff reviewed the School Improvement Plan for the 2005-2006 school year. They studied the data (surveys, assessment results, curriculum, etc.) then created goals for the 2006-2007 school year. The updated School Improvement Plan will be presented to the School Board at their November meeting. This plan focuses on student achievement but also incorporates parent/community and technology objectives. Please contact the building principal for a copy of the plan.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.

In addition to regular preventative maintenance items, a big project this fall has been the porch and ramp project connecting the two portable classrooms at the elementary school. However, repairing failing equipment, some of which is over 50 years old, has also demanded some time these past two months.



Tony Mirabal
Maintenance

The recent problems with the high school water system began with a capacitor that failed and caused further damage to the system included relay switches, fuses, and wiring. With the help of Dave Konsbruck, Wally Koontz, Dick Zimmerman, and others we were able to diagnose the root of the problem and repair the system.

The furnace in the district office was out for a few days before parts could be replaced and the high school heating system has required some attention before it could be coaxed into working. The district is researching options to replace the high school heating system, much of which is non-functional.

The water booster supplying hot water to the dishwasher at the high school will be replaced within the next week. The current booster is original equipment and is failing. The hot water booster in the elementary school kitchen was replaced a year ago as well.

The elementary school phone system is scheduled to be upgraded in November. The old system could not be expanded to include the new classrooms and the district is required by law to upgrade to a system that is e-911 compatible allowing a 911 operator to identify the room where the call originated. The system will include a voice mail option for each teacher.

My Name

by Kendra Maupin
Ms. Van Dyke's 9th grade English

*Why I'm named Kendra I don't know,
So I asked my parents and they told me so.
It was a wonderful morning in '92
When my mother told me,
"I gave birth to you."
My name was originally supposed to be McKenzie,
But my dad wanted me named after he.
He changed it last minute now you can see
So my name is Kendra instead of McKenzie.
Beautiful and magical power defines my name,
Unlike my brother, I am totally sane.
I don't totally dislike my name,
But something new would be nice for a change.
Something like Madison would fit my personality,
But so does Kendra, and that's me!*

Class Activities

Mrs. Cain has her Senior Independent Living class busy at the cutting tables and sewing machines again. This is the fourth year that she has had the seniors make a quilt as a class project and fund raiser. They will be selling raffle tickets for the quilt during basketball season and will draw the winning ticket at the last home game.



CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY

by John Kinney

Twenty-seven juniors and seniors attended the Construction Career Day in Spokane, sponsored by the Washington Department of Transportation. Many Northeast Washington contractors and unions, Spokane Community Colleges, Spokane Tribes and Spokane School District #81 were present.

The students had the opportunity to actually run several pieces of heavy equipment, participate in several hands on activities dealing with the construction trade and learn about the many apprenticeship programs available to them. Lunch, shirts and goodie bags were given to each participant. The day was fun, entertaining and very educational.

Laptop Update by Rey Villegas

I have been applying for grant money since last June. I wanted 25 laptops for my classroom. It seemed like such a perfect situation for seniors in Current World Problems and for seventh graders in Geography. These days, many things online are so interactive, and there is so much information available online, that it seemed imperative for me to try to get laptops. I applied and appealed to many different organizations for two years. Teck Cominco American responded first to my request two years ago with a generous donation. This year, three months after I had sent out funding requests, I received a letter, asking me to explain my needs further. An anonymous foundation assessed our needs and responded with a \$9920 grant to buy 25 laptops. The District is purchasing laptop carts for storage, portability and recharging. Kim Larson, our Technology Director, is loading software and making the laptops wireless-ready. I am really so very thankful for such a generous and much needed grant that there really isn't much I can say except thank you. Many students will benefit from this generous gift.

Miranda

by Miranda Doramus
Ms. VanDyke's 9th grade English

*My name is Miranda.
My favorite animal is a panda.
I'm a monkey in the world of China,
My name is uncommon, well kinda.
I was born in 1992 in the month of January,
but my favorite month is February.
I am strange, admirable, and wonderful,
and I am sometimes colorful and cheerful.
My name is Miranda and I'm no LaFanda.*

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Parent/Teacher Conferences November 7, 8 & 9 Tues, Wed & Thurs

Challenge Day



On September 25, Selkirk students in grades 9-12 along with staff participated in the school's first-ever Challenge Day program. This program is designed to help stop the violence and alienation that youth face every day. The premise behind Challenge Day is that young people are not isolated due to a lack of people around them, but rather due to a lack of connection with those people. The program tears down the walls of separation, creates connection and support among participants, and inspires people to live in an environment of compassion, acceptance and respect. *From the website: www.challengeday.org.*

Jr High Magazine Drive

by Debbie Johnson

The Selkirk Junior High students would like to thank everyone in the community that supported our magazine sale. The sale was a big success, pardon the pun. 106 magazines were sold at last count. The top sellers were Courtney Holter, 7th grade and Jessica Red and Kylie Lindemann, 8th grade.

Yearbook News

by Clarinda VanDyke

The 2006 yearbook is already well underway. Yearbooks can be reserved at anytime with a \$5 deposit or the full purchase price of \$30. Yearbooks will again be full color and will include a DVD yearbook. This year we have big plans for the DVD yearbook with coverage of more activities and some formatting changes such as interviews and commentary.

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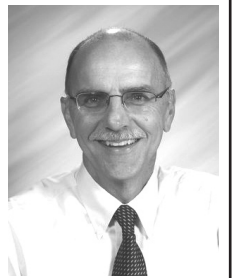
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Contact Michelle Grant to request that the Selkirk Jr/Sr High School Daily Bulletin be sent to your email address.

Parent Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 7th and Thursday, November 8th. There will be individual conferences on the afternoons of the 7th and 8th. Parents are welcome to call the high school and make an appointment to talk with a particular teacher.



Mr. Reed
Jr/Sr High Principal

Parents are also encouraged to join in the Arena Conference on the 8th, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Teachers will be seated throughout the gym, lunchroom and stage. You will have the opportunity to visit with any or all of your child's teachers. Appointments are not scheduled for the Arena Conference. Parents may stop in at any time during the two hour period and teachers will be available in gym for an update.



SCHOLARSHIP

Senior Tyler Scherf was selected as Selkirk's nominee for the Principals Leadership Award. He was also awarded the Washington State University Distinguished Regents Scholarship valued at \$54,000 over four years. Congratulations!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 7 & 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences/
Early Release
Nov 10 Veteran's Day Holiday/ No School
Nov 22 Early Release
Nov 23 & 24 Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 6 SIP In-Service/Early Release
Dec 20 Jan 2 Christmas Vacation
Jan 3 Return to School
Jan 10 SIP In-Service/Early Release
Jan 15 MLK Holiday/Early Release

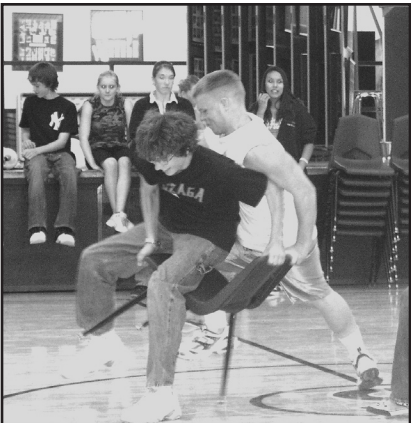
FALL SPORTS REPORT

FOOTBALL

This year has been a tough one on the scoreboard for us, due primarily to injuries, low numbers and inexperience, but in spite of all this, you could never tell by looking at our players. We have a great group of kids who are working hard, giving it their all and most importantly, supporting each other and playing as a team. Our seniors are doing a great job leading the team and setting examples for the younger players. Many of our underclassmen are stepping up and filling starting positions. Because of the low numbers, we were not able to schedule any junior varsity games, so many of the younger players are getting more playing time at the varsity level than they imagined, which will definitely help us for next year. We as coaches cannot begin to express our appreciation and pride for these players and their commitment to the Selkirk football program. Their dedication, perseverance and good sportsmanship through a tough season tells so much about their character.

HOMECOMING

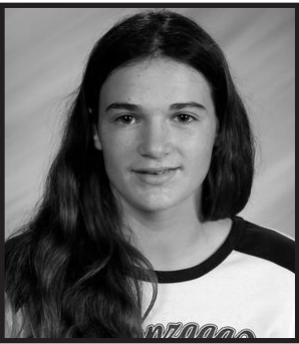
Homecoming Week, held in October, with activities beginning with a hall decorating contest and ending with a dance following the football game celebrated our fall sports and athletes. Homecoming King William Maupin and Queen Amber Enyeart were voted on by the entire student body. Sheila Reed, cheerleading class advisor, and her group of fall cheerleaders organized this exciting week-long event.



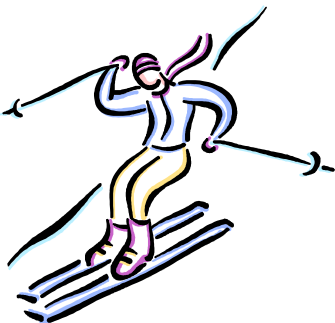
Chris Vermeulen, freshman, and Greg Haskins, senior, playing musical chairs.

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to Amber Enyeart !! Amber was selected to the 2006 League Volleyball All-Opponent squad. Amber is a senior who plays volleyball, basketball, and softball for the Selkirk Rangers.



SKI CLUB



Bruce Reeve, Ski Club Advisor, is in negotiations with several ski resorts to put together a program that is the most financially sound. He expects to offer both Packages and Per Trip options to fit into student's budgets. His plans are to have the information available by the end of November on Channel 9 and a flyer at both schools.

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, through the High School Daily Bulletin, and at area post offices and grocery stores.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL
2006

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Tues 11/7/06	Home vs Springdale	3:45
Mon 11/13/06	@ Hunters	3:30
Wed 11/15/06	Home vs Wellpinit	3:45
Mon 11/20/06	@ Valley	3:30
Mon 11/27/06	Home vs Cusick	3:45
Thur 11/30/06	@ Springdale	3:30
Mon 12/4/06	Home vs Hunters	3:45
Thur 12/7/06	@ Wellpinit	3:30
Mon 12/11/06	Home vs Valley	3:45
Thur 12/14/06	@ Cusick	3:30

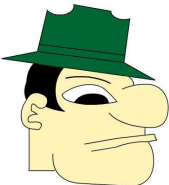
Head Coach: Tom Barnes
Assistant Coach: Tina Shaw

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SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
2006-07
(as of 10/18/06)

DATE	OPPONENT	GJV	GV	BJV	BV
Wed11/29/06	@ Newport	4:00	5:45	7:30	5:30
Fri 12/1/06	Home vs Kettle Falls	4:15*	7:15	4:15	5:45
Tue 12/5/06	Home vs L.V. Rogers	4:15*	7:15	4:15	5:45
Fri 12/8/06	@ Wellpinit	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sat 12/9/06	Home vs Rosalia	3:00*	6:00	3:00	4:30
Tue 12/12/06	Home vs Springdale	4:15*	7:15	4:15	5:45
Fri 12/15/06	Home vs Republic	4:15*	7:15	4:15	5:45
Sat 12/16/06	@ St. George	3:00	4:30	3:00	6:00
Thu 12/21/06	@ Reardan	3:30	5:00	3:30	6:30
Sat 12/30/06	Home vs Priest River	3:00*	6:00	3:00	4:30
Fri 1/5/07	Home vs St. Michael's	4:15	5:45	4:15*	7:15
Sat 1/6/07	@ Curlew	3:00	4:30	3:00	6:00
Fri 1/12/07	Home vs. Cusick	4:15	5:45	4:15*	7:15
Sat 1/13/07	@ Columbia	3:00	4:30	3:00	6:00
Tues1/16/07	@ Inchelium	TBD	5:45	TBD	7:15
Fri 1/19/07	Home vs Northport	4:15	5:45	4:15*	7:15
Sat 1/20/07	Home vs Wellpinit	3:00	4:30	3:00*	7:15
Sat 1/27/07	@ Springdale	3:00	4:30	3:00	6:00
Tues1/30/07	Home vs St. George	4:15	5:45	4:15*	7:15
Thur 2/1/07	@ Republic	4:15	5:45	4:15	7:15

*Played @ Selkirk Elementary at the Lillian Bailey
Varsity times are approximate
Schedule subject to change



Ricky Ranger

Girls' Head Coach: Kelly Cain
Assistant Coach: Megan Wright
Boys' Head Coach: Dick Zimmerman
Assistant Coach: Tom Heninger
Athletic Director: Kelly Cain
Principal: Larry Reed

League Tournament February 5th - 10th
District Tournament February 17th - 24th
State Tournament February 28th - March 3rd

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446-4225Website: www.selkirk.k12.wa.us (includes staff email list)**Parent Conferences**Don Hawpe
Elementary Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled Selkirk Elementary on November 7, 8, & 9. School will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m. on those days. You will receive a letter indicating your child's conference time. If you cannot attend the scheduled time, please contact us. It is very important that parents ask questions, provide the teacher with information, and learn about their child's progress in school.

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

Pirate Party

Mrs. Carlson's 4th grade class culminated their pirate unit studies with a party. AARGH!

**E.D.I.T.H HOUSE and Fire Safety Day**

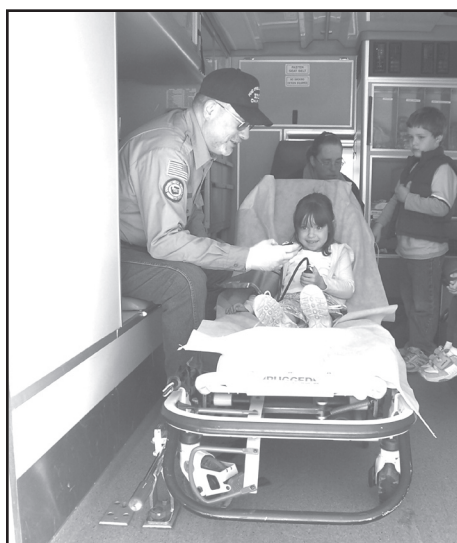
Fire Dept. #2, the ambulance, EDITH house and Smokey the Bear came to Selkirk Elementary in October to teach the students about fire safety. They learned how to get out of a burning house, what to do if their clothing caught on fire, how to protect themselves and how to keep burnables (dead branches, leaves, kerosene, etc.) away from their homes.

They toured an ambulance, learned how it helps people in need and not to be afraid of it.

Thank you to all the volunteers!



The E.D.I.T.H. house is a mobile training trailer used to educate people in life safety fire escape skills. The trailer uses interactive tools to provide "real life" experiences. The house has been credited in providing children with the skills that were necessary to escape an actual fire in their home.



Kindergartners Ashley Percival and Donnie McConnell



Thomas, Smokey, Ashley, Brandon, Connor Donnie and Ranger Rick

**Books for Bikes**

Once again, the Newport Masonic Temple is sponsoring a reading incentive program entitled "Books For Bikes." The goal of the program is to encourage students to read. We have developed a way at Selkirk Elementary for our 1st -6th grade students to earn tickets that will be entered into a drawing at the end of each semester. A boy and a girl will be the recipient of a brand new bicycle after each drawing. Our kindergarten students will be participating in program of their own. The Mason's have donated a stuffed dog for each child to keep in their classroom. The idea is for students to read to their animal and earn tickets. The tickets will then be entered into a drawing at the end of the year. A boy and a girl will be the recipient of a brand new bike. The program will culminate with a pizza party for the kindergarten students and the drawing. The students will be able to take their stuffed dog home at the end of the year. The kids are excited about this opportunity. The bikes are on display in the multi-purpose room. You are encouraged to come by and take a look at the prizes! A special thanks to the Mason's for being a partner in education.

6th Grade Conservation Day at Sullivan Lake**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Science Fair - The Science Fair will be November 28th from 6:00 until 8:00 at Selkirk Elementary. Families and visitors can come by anytime during those two hours to see the exhibits. Students K-6 will have displays that will showcase investigations that they have done individually at home. Student scientists will use the Scientific Investigation Method to do their experiments and observations.

Celebration of Reading - Scholastic's 8th annual celebration of reading will take place on Friday, December 8, 2006 at noon. Join our global community of readers - kids, teachers, librarians, parents and friends - as classrooms and libraries around the world take time that day to read for 2,007 seconds (33 ½ minutes). This will be the 5th time Selkirk Elementary students have participated. Parents and community members are welcome to join us at 11:45 on Dec. 8. Call Selkirk Elementary for more information. Renew your commitment to reading and Read For 2007: Read For Life!

Get Lit - Eastern Washington University Press presents Get Lit! at Selkirk Elementary January 22 and 23. Our guest author this year is Rebecca Nappi, associate editor and columnist for the Spokesman Review. She will be writing with each class over the two day period. Check your child's Monday letters for more information.

Family Nights

Sept. 19 was the first family night of the year. The theme was "An Apple from your Teacher." This family night was a focus for the families of preschool through grade three. The trivia questions were a hit with the 108 parents and children who participated. On September 28, the 4th, 5th and 6th graders and their families came to ask questions about the WASL and for a math night. 33 parents and children attended. A total of 12 staff members helped with these two family nights.

Wednesday October 25 was the first ever family night for preschool through 6th grade. Our theme was Pumpkin Math Night. Mrs. VanDyke presented an activity to get us ready for the November 28th Whole School Science Fair. Other activities included weighing and measuring pumpkins, looking at pumpkin 'guts' with magnifying glass, fishing in the pond, writing about our pumpkin's personality as well as snacks, free books and plenty of door prizes. With support from 14 helpers, 111 parents and children attended. Ten door prizes, 25 pumpkins and a ton of books were given away. These evenings are brought to you by Parents as Teachers and the Selkirk Elementary School Wide Project.



Mrs. Chantry and Kathy Bowman's First Grade

During September the first grade learned about their bodies and how to keep them healthy & safe! The students, with the help of the 3rd grade, drew their bodies & put in the heart, lungs & stomach so they could see where everything belonged. We ended our Human Body & Nutrition theme with a Stone Soup celebration on Friday, 10/6. Their 3rd grade buddies were invited.

During October we are drawing & painting dragons, creating a monster sandwich bulletin board, making a class book about dragons, painting castles and making tissue paper pumpkins. During this Fiction & Fantasy theme, we are having a family reading program. The student who read the most books to his family by 10/27 will be crowned our Reading King or Queen on October 31.

Mrs. Fairbairn's Kindergarten

In September the children adjusted to school routines while studying colors and learning nursery rhymes. Favorite routines were dancing, Mon - Thurs, with the 2nd graders and reading with the 5th graders on Fridays. Fridays are their favorite day because they can choose the learning centers. Art, math games and cars & blocks are picked most often.

October's theme is plants, trees and pumpkins. The students conducted experiments such as: Do seeds planted in the fall grow? Will plants grow in the dark or without water? Will popcorn from the supermarket grow? They will form a hypothesis and record the results in plant journals until Christmas break. During that time they will be learning scientific terms and methods.

In November the children will learn about healthy food choices and exercise. Embedded in each month's theme are math, phonics, reading and writing.

Students Show True Character

At Selkirk Elementary we will again focus on character education with our "Selkirk Way" program. Students and staff will have fun learning and demonstrating positive character traits that are an essential element of a successful and productive life.

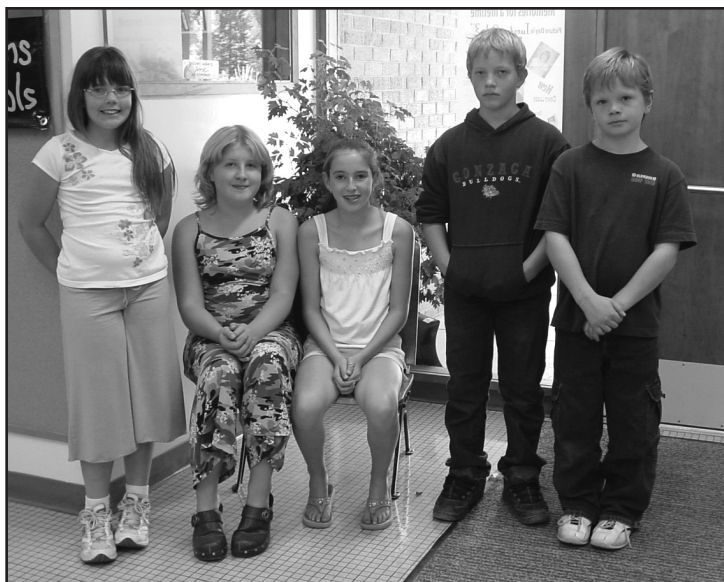
Each month our staff will emphasize a specific word that helps describe positive character. September's word, **Initiative**, was defined as "taking the first step or move; the ability to think and act without being urged" or in other words, as your child may have said, "Just do it!"

Students who demonstrate the month's trait in an exemplary fashion are nominated by teachers and then recognized at our monthly assemblies. Many local businesses have agreed to display our "Selkirk Word of the Month" posters and have contributed to incentive prizes.

If you are a parent or a business owner that would like to know more about our program, please contact Don Hawpe, elementary principal and, if you see any of the students pictured here, congratulate them on their show of "Selkirk Character"!

Selkirk Way By Month

September	Initiative
October	Commitment
November	Cooperation
December	Courtesy
January	Success
February	Appreciation
March	Respect
April	Honesty
May	Self-Discipline
June	Responsibility



Grade 4 Jade Clark and Michael Davis
Grade 5 Josie Miller
Grade 6 Kirbi Anderson and Austin Miller



Grade 1 Peter McAnerin
Grade 2 Breanna Harper
Grade 5 Jason Johns



Grade 1 Ashlin Robertson, Aubrey Werner and Billie Brown
Grade 2 Brayden Taylor
Grade 3 Ellie Creason and Brady Filler

Student & Parent Information From the Desk of...



Renee Jungblom, ESD
Prevention Intervention
Specialist

Mrs. Jungblom's column is missing this issue. She is on maternity leave with the birth of daughter, Leilani, who joined brother, Leif, and sister, Mailei, on August 28th. Congratulations! Renee and Scott!

Career Exploration & GEAR UP

An excellent web site for career exploration and employment opportunities is located at www.go2workforceexplorer.com.

All 7th & 8th grade students have taken a career interest survey and matched their likes and dislikes with careers they may want to pursue. Results will be shared with parents at Spring Conferences.

6th, 7th & 8th grade girls attended an Expanding Your Horizons Conference on Saturday, October 21st at Spokane Falls Community College. The purpose of the conference was to encourage girls to explore careers in math, science and technology.



Dianne Allert 7-12
Guidance Counselor
& Vocational Director

College Fairs

The National College Fair will be held in Spokane on Tuesday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Colleges from 34 different states and several International Colleges will be offering college information. The fair provides the opportunity for students to interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions. Workshops on filling out college applications, financial aid and ROTC are also offered. If students are interested in attending college outside of Washington State, this fair may provide interesting options. For more information go on-line at www.nacac.com/fairs.html

Next March, juniors interested in attending college within the state of Washington will attend the Spring College Fair which is usually held at Eastern Washington University. College representatives from four year colleges and Spokane Community College will be leading information sessions.

Before selecting a college it is important to visit the college and decide if this school is a good match for students. Many colleges are offering fall college tours. If you would like help in setting up a visit, please contact Mrs. Allert and she will help you make a connection with the college you wish to tour.



Jane Reed
School Psychologist &
Speech Therapist

SECOND STEP

Second Step is off and running! Grades one, three, four, five, and six have all launched their adventure into feelings, empathy, problem solving, and anger management. (Second grade will begin later this year.) We have begun with broadening understanding and communication of feelings in ourselves as well as others. Concepts such as conflicting feelings, different points of view, and predicting feelings are being discussed and roleplayed. In the sixth grade, the curriculum takes a peek at society's influence on us: via the media, fashion, etc. Sixth grade students had an opportunity to log violence on their favorite tv shows and discuss the impact of violence on society. What a surprise to compare number of violent episodes in a 1950's western movie (14) with a current popular movie (58 in 30 minutes!!!). Currently sixth graders are diving into problem solving using different points of view – a great skill in interpersonal communications!

Parents may check out the video which presents an overview of the Second Step curriculum. This video provides opportunities for carry-over of learned skills in the home also. Please contact Jane Reed at Selkirk Elementary to check out the family video.

Mrs. Reed finished her internship last year and is now employed as the school psychologist working four days a week splitting her time between the high school and the elementary school.

2006-07 SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 2	November 1
January 27	December 20
March 10	February 2
May 5	March 29
June 2	April 27

2006-07 ACT Test Date Schedule

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 9	November 3
February 10	January 5
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4

Scenes from the Panorama Consortium Inservice Day

Door prize winners: *Special Services Teacher Lois Whysong (right), English Teacher Clarinda VanDyke (Far right), Music Teacher Donovan Johnson (left), and Math Teacher Bruce Reeve (below left) "show their stuff"!*



Sharing Ideas: *First Grade teachers (below) meet to discuss curriculum. Counselors and psychologists (below far left) gather to share ideas and strategies.*



REYE’S SYNDROME



Nancy Kiss RN
School Nurse

Reye’s Syndrome is a very serious disease that you should know about. Some people develop Reye’s Syndrome as they are getting over a viral illness, such as the flu or chicken pox. Reye’s Syndrome usually affects people from infancy through young adulthood; however, **no age group is immune**. Although Reye’s generally occurs when someone is recovering from any viral illness, it can develop 3 to 5 days after the onset of the illness. Its main targets are the liver and brain, it is noncontagious, and too often is misdiagnosed as encephalitis, meningitis, diabetes, poisoning, drug overdose, or sudden infant death.

Early diagnosis is crucial. An individual should be watched during the next 2 to 3 weeks following a viral illness for these symptoms, usually occurring in this order:

- Relentless or continuous vomiting**
- Listlessness** (*loss of pep and energy with little interest in their environment*)
- Drowsiness** (*excessive sleepiness*)
- Personality change** (*such as irritability, slurred speech, sensitivity to touch*)
- Disorientation or confusion** (*unable to identify whereabouts, family members or answer questions*)
- Combativeness** (*striking out at those trying to help them*)
- Delirium, convulsions or loss of consciousness**

Reye’s Syndrome should be suspected in anyone who vomits repeatedly. Phone your doctor immediately if these symptoms develop. Voice your concern about Reye’s Syndrome. If your physician is unavailable, take the person to an Emergency Room promptly. Two liver function tests (SGOT, SGPT) can be done to determine the possibility of Reye’s Syndrome. There is a 90% chance of recovery when the syndrome is treated in its earliest stages by physicians and nurses experienced in the treatment of Reye’s.

Studies have shown that using aspirin or aspirin-containing medications to treat the symptoms of viral illnesses increases the chance of developing Reye’s Syndrome. If you or a member of your family have a viral illness, **do not use aspirin or aspirin-containing medications**. In fact, you should consult your physician before you take any drugs, particularly aspirin or anti-nausea medicines, to treat flu, chicken pox or any viral illness. Anti-nausea medicines may mask the symptoms of Reye’s Syndrome.

The National Reye’s Syndrome Foundation (NRSF), the U.S. Surgeon General, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention recommend that aspirin and combination products containing aspirin not be taken by anyone under 19 years of age during fever-causing illnesses.

Aspirin is part of the salicylate family of medicines. Another name for aspirin is acetylsalicylate; some drug labels may use the words acetylsalicylate, acetylsalicylic acid, salicylic acid, salicylate, etc., instead of the word aspirin. Currently, there is no conclusive data as to whether other forms of salicylates are associated with the development of Reye’s syndrome. Until further research has answered this question, the NRSF recommends that products containing any of these substances not be taken during episodes of viral infections.

The NRSF is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with affiliates located in 45 states. The NRSF has pioneered the movement to disseminate knowledge about the disease in an effort to aid in early diagnosis and also provides funds for research into the cause, cure, care, treatment and prevention of Reye’s syndrome.

For More Information Contact the NRSF:

National Reye’s Syndrome Foundation, 462, N. Lewis Street, P.O. Box 829, Bryan, OH 43506-0829
Toll Free: (800) 233-7393 Local: (419)636-2679 Fax: (419) 636-9897
Web: www.reyessyndrome.org E-Mail: nsrf@reyessyndrome.org

Products containing aspirin or salicylate compounds.

THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST! Some medication labels may use the words acetylsalicylate, acetylsalicylic acid, salicylic, salicylamide, phenyl salicylate, etc., instead of the word aspirin. There is not data as to other forms of salicylate other than aspirin associated with the development of Reye’s syndrome, but until further research has answered this question, we recommend products listing these substances not to be used at all in children and adolescents, because a virus may already be present before symptoms appear. Product ingredients may be reformulated periodically, so always check the label. When in doubt ask your doctor or pharmacist.

NON-PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

Alka-Seltzer	Kaopectate
Aspirin	Maalox
Ascriptin	Midol
Bayer Aspirin	Norwich Aspirin
BC Powder	Rite Aid Aspirin
Bufferin	Pamprin
CVS Aspirin	Pepto-Bismol
Doan’s	Sine-Off
Dristans	St. Joseph
Ecotrin	Vanquish
Excedrin	YSP
Goody’s Aspirin	



PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

- Acuprin 81 Adult Low Dose Aspirin
- Aggrenox Capsules
- Butalbital, Aspirin, Caffeine & Codeine Phosphate Capsules, USP
- Carisoprodol and Aspirin Tablets
- Darvon Compound-65
- Disalid Capsules and Tablets
- Easprin Delayed-Released Tablets
- Endodan Tablets, USP CII
- Equagesic Tablets t
- Fiorinal Capsules and Tablets
- Fiorinal with Codeine Capsules
- Fiortal with Codeine Capsules
- Gelpirin Tablets
- Halfprin Tablets
- Helidac Therapy
- Lobac Capsules and Tablets
- Lortab ASA Tablets
- Magan Tablets
- Magsal Tablets
- Methocarbamol & Aspirin Tablets
- Mono-Gesic Tablets
- Norgesec Forte Tablets
- Norgesec Tablets
- Percodan Tablets
- Propoxyphene Compound 65 Capsules (CIU)
- Robaxisal Tablets
- Roxiprin Tablets
- Salflet Tablets
- Salsalate Tablets
- Soma Compound Tablets
- Synalgos-DC Capsules
- Talwin Compound
- Trilistate Liquid & Tablets

HIV/AIDS curriculum is a Washington State requirement. It is to be taught to 5-12 graders every year. In our district these are the staff members that teach this curriculum:

- 5th and 6th grade: Tom Barnes and Nancy Kiss
- 7th and 8th grade: Amy Kiss and Nancy Kiss
- 9th grade: Mark Coon
- 10th grade: John Kinney
- 11th and 12th grade: Rey Villegas

If you have any questions or concerns as to what our curriculum looks like please call the schools and we will make arrangements for you to see the materials.



WASL WATCH

2005-2006 Selkirk School District WASL Results

Grade Level	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
3rd Grade	100.0%	100.0%		
4th Grade	95.2%	71.4%	66.7%	
5th Grade	78.9%	52.6%		36.8%
6th Grade	68.0%	48.0%		
7th Grade	55.6%	50.0%	58.3%	
8th Grade	69.0%	51.7%		44.8%
10th Grade	97.2%	58.3%	94.4%	58.3%

The charts and graphs on these two pages indicate Selkirk School District trends on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).

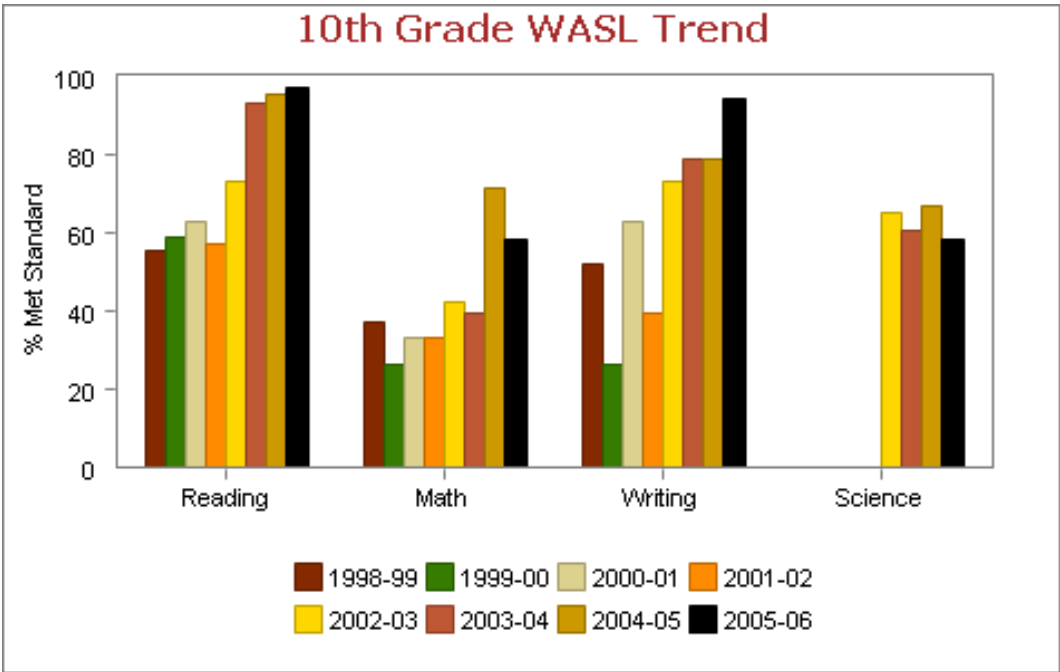
Results are reported in proficiency levels: Level 1 indicates *Below Basic Skills*; Level 2 scores indicate *Basic Skills*; Level 3 is the minimum level that students need to be considered “*Proficient*”; and Level 4 scores indicate *Advanced Skills*.

Beginning with this year’s juniors (class of 2008), students must attain Level 3 skills in reading, math, and writing areas on the tenth grade WASL as one of the four State requirements for graduation. The graphs above indicate the percentage of Selkirk students scoring Level 3 at all grades in and in all subjects tested.



10th Grade WASL

Year	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
1998-99	55.6%	37.0%	51.9%	
1999-00	58.8%	26.5%	26.5%	
2000-01	63.0%	33.3%	63.0%	
2001-02	57.1%	33.3%	39.3%	
2002-03	73.1%	42.3%	73.1%	65.4%
2003-04	92.9%	39.3%	78.6%	60.7%
2004-05	95.2%	71.4%	78.6%	66.7%
2005-06	97.2%	58.3%	94.4%	58.3%



This year’s junior class took the tenth grade WASL in March and April 2006. Results were sent to parents in June. School districts were provided some funds to offer summer remediation and test-preparation programs. Selkirk offered programs in writing and math. Results of students who “retook” certain sections of the WASL in August are expected to arrive in early November.

Will my child need to pass the WASL?

Beginning with the class of 2008, the State of Washington established the following four criteria for a high school diploma:

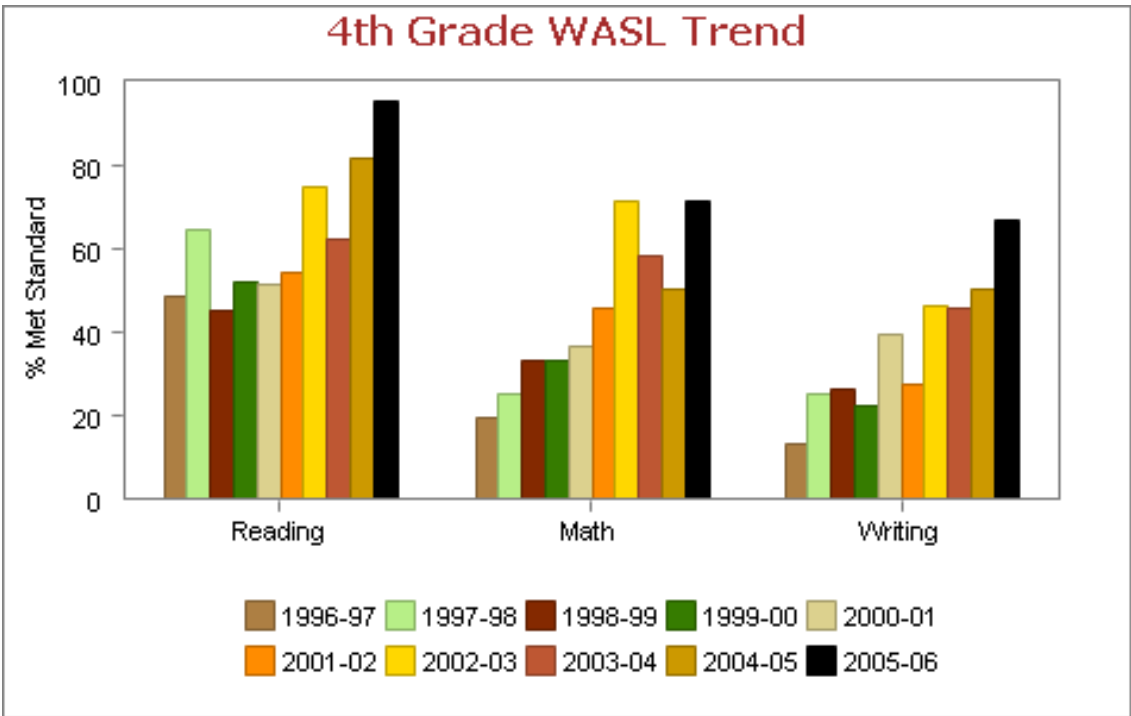
1. High School & Beyond Plan
2. Credit Completion
3. Culminating Project (Senior year)
- 4 Pass the WASL

The Selkirk School District does not use the WASL to determine whether a student moves to the next grade level. However, a written Student Learning Plan will be developed for all students in grades 4-12 that do not achieve a Level 3 score in order to help students access services needed to be successful. See your student’s principal for more information.

4th Grade WASL

Year	Reading	Math	Writing
1996-97	48.4%	19.4%	12.9%
1997-98	64.3%	25.0%	25.0%
1998-99	45.2%	33.3%	26.2%
1999-00	51.9%	33.3%	22.2%
2000-01	51.5%	36.4%	39.4%
2001-02	54.5%	45.5%	27.3%
2002-03	75.0%	71.4%	46.4%
2003-04	62.5%	58.3%	45.8%
2004-05	81.8%	50.0%	50.0%
2005-06	95.2%	71.4%	66.7%

Selkirk School District WASL Trends



Selkirk School District staff work hard to identify goals, resources, and professional development needed to build an educational program that not only challenges students but helps prepare them for post-graduation opportunities.

The Panorama Consortium Principal's group, led by Selkirk Jr/Sr High School principal, Larry Reed, coined the term P.R.E.P. to symbolize the new rural partnership formed with nine other area schools (*See page 1*). The focus is on building quality educational programs. P.R.E.P. stands for Panorama Rural Education Partnership and October 16 marked the first collaborative training day for those schools.

However, that P.R.E.P. day was not used to grade papers, prepare report cards, or make parent telephone calls. The P.R.E.P. inservice days will provide Selkirk staff with access to resources that are not usually available to small rural districts.

For example, this is the first year that Selkirk has offered an Advanced Placement class. The curriculum materials and training were provided through a P.R.E.P. grant and Karen Weir, AP English teacher, meets at least four times per year with other Panorama Consortium teachers who also teach AP English. The group has participated in training sponsored by the College Board, publisher of the AP curriculum and as well as the SAT and PSAT tests, and attended AP conferences designed to provide teachers with the resources and training necessary to offer a challenging curriculum that will prepare students for college-

The P.R.E.P. Consortium has also applied for a technology grant that would facilitate communication among regional schools. Currently, our equipment is out-dated, but with anticipated grant funding, we can upgrade our system to allow teachers who wish to continue collaborating and working together throughout the school year, the opportunity to video conferencing in 'eliminating the need for

In addition to exploring science and math curriculums (*See page 1*), the nine P.R.E.P. districts along with Colville, Kettle Falls, and Chewelah School Districts are also developing stronger partnerships with area industry. Through the Industrial Skills Panel hosted by Rural Resources, business leaders of *Colmac*, *Hearth and Home*, *Hewescraft*, and *Ponderay Newsprint* among others, are working with schools to identify skills necessary in those industries and providing information on the employ-



Above: Kindergarten teachers from the Panorama Consortium schools met on October 16 to discuss curriculum and teacher expectations.

ment opportunities available to graduates.

The Selkirk School District recognizes that students, families, and community members are counting on teachers to deliver quality educational programs that allow students to meet all four of the graduation requirements and have opportunities for success beyond graduation. The opportunities offered through P.R.E.P. will help us meet build that program.

The next P.R.E.P. inservice day is scheduled for March 9, which is a non school day for students.



Above: Language Arts teachers meet for Springboard curriculum training during the inservice day.

Below: Math teachers collaborate on October 16. Discussions center on curriculum, WASL, and college-prep expectations.

Below Right: Fourth grade teachers share strategies, strengths, and challenges.

The chart below indicates the number of students in Washington State that met the standard in 2006 for the grade levels and subject areas listed. In 15 of the 20 areas, Selkirk students out-performed the State average.

Washington State WASL Results



Grade Level	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
3rd Grade	68.2%	64.2%		
4th Grade	81.1%	58.9%	60.3%	
5th Grade	76.2%	55.8%		35.7%
6th Grade	66.6%	49.4%		
7th Grade	61.5%	48.5%	64.5%	
8th Grade	70.1%	48.8%		42.9%
10th Grade	81.9%	51.0%	79.7%	34.9%



\$\$ DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS \$\$

This year's gala dinner and auction to raise scholarship money will be held November 4th at the Western Star. The theme is Holidays and dinner will be succulent ham with pineapple sauce, turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, caramel carrots and pumpkin pie to top it off. Dinner is \$15.00. Social hour begins at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 and the spirited Auction at 7:00 pm. Reservations may be made by calling Sandy Haney 442-3774, Nancy Kiss 446-2182 or Shirley Botzheim 446-3943.

Food Handlers Class

Selkirk School District will host a Food Handlers Class on Tuesday, November 7th at 1:00 pm at Selkirk Jr/Sr High School. The class is open to all in the community. Please bring picture identification and the \$10.00 fee. Please phone the district office at 446-2951 to reserve a spot.

Selkirk Schools Holiday Concert Schedule

We Are Santa Elves Selkirk Elementary
December 11 - 7:00 p.m.
Sam Nicholas Gym - SHS

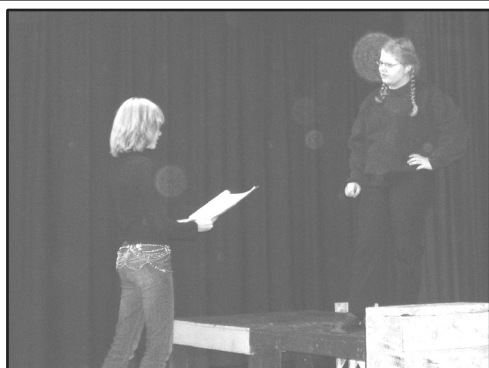
Candlelight Carols Selkirk Jr/Sr High
December 12 - 7:30
The Cutter Theatre

Yearbook Ads

The cost of yearbooks at Selkirk has remained constant for many years. How do we manage this with prices everywhere rising? The answer is that many local businesses generously support us with the purchase of ads in the yearbook. We make an effort to contact local businesses, but if you have a business and would like to purchase an ad, please call the high school or email Clarinda VanDyke at cvandyke@selkirk.k12.wa.us. Ads range in size from a \$25 dollar business card size to a full page for \$100. All ads are published in full color, and we would be happy to help out with design. You might even like to include an original photograph.

Thanks to all of our generous supporters over the years. We look forward to working with many more businesses and communities in the near future.

Left to Right:
ToriAnne
Davis and
Anna Hubert

**...SPECIAL EVENTS****HAMLET**

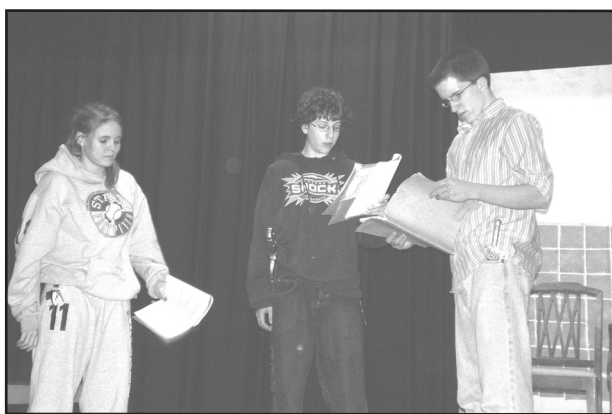
Selkirk Theatre Arts Presents Its Fifteenth Shakespeare Production

The actors of the Selkirk High School Theatre Arts will present *HAMLET* on November 20 & 21 at 7:30 pm in the Cutter Theatre. This will be the fifteenth annual Shakespearean production that Selkirk has presented under the direction of advisor Tara Leininger. Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for students and can be purchased at the door.

Brendan Vermeulen will portray Hamlet, with ToriAnne Davis as Ophelia, Chris Vermeulen as Horatio, Anna Rosa Hubert as Polonia, Rob Link as King Claudius, Jessica Red as Queen Gertrude, Darren Herman as Laertes, and Randi Taylor in multiple roles including the Gravedigger and Osric.

THE TRAGEDY OF HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENMARK is considered one of the greatest of Shakespeare's works, but the entire play when produced can last nearly four hours. Ms. Leininger took the example of an early movie version by Lawrence Olivier to cut the play into a manageable time for both the audience and the actors. The tragedy of *Hamlet* is not only in the title character's inability to avenge the murder of his father, but also in the web of madness and death that engulfs all the characters. By the final curtain, six of the seven lead characters are dead.

Rehearsals began in mid-September for the eight actors, some who have experience in other Selkirk productions, while a few are acting for the first time. Rehearsal time includes blocking and character development, as well as sword and fencing practice, a first for several of the actors. While the seven leads are engulfed in major line memorization, Randi Taylor has the unique task of becoming six different characters, including the wry and witty gravedigger.

Rehearsal Scenes

Above: Randi Taylor, Chris Vermuelen, and Brendan Vermuelen

Below: Chris Vermuelen, Vanessa Cousineau, Rob Link and Randi Taylor

**Veteran's Day Concert**

The annual Veterans' Day Concert theme is year is *HOME OF THE BRAVE*. The concert will include performances by: Concert Band, Concert Choir, Annemarie Cain, Sarah Dunn and 4th grade students from Selkirk Elementary. All five of the traditional Service Songs will also be performed with audience participation during this forty minute program.

Guest Speaker for this year's seventh annual concert will be Selkirk High School Mathematics teacher Pete Whittekiend.

Members of Kaniksu Post 144 of The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will serve as color guard.

Superintendent Nancy Lotze will welcome the audience that will include all Selkirk School District students K-12, staff and faculty.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

November 9 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Sam Nicholas Gym ~ Selkirk High School

SELKIRK JAZZ NIGHT - STARDUST

The 16th Annual Jazz On A Winter Night will be January 17, 2007 in the historic Cutter Theatre.

STARDUST will feature Selkirk music students in a variety of performances featuring the music of Hoagy Carmichael according to Selkirk music director Donivan Johnson. Performing will be: Selkirk Jazz Combo, Choir and soloists.

Carmichael's songs include such favorites as: Stardust, Georgia On My Mind, Lazy River, The Nearness of You, Lazy Bones, Rockin' Chair and Skylark.

Door prizes include: numerous jazz compact discs/cassettes, show tickets and novelty items. Following the concert will be a dessert reception in the Cutter Theatre green room. Suggested donation for this annual popular fund-raiser is \$7.00.

Please call Selkirk High School at 446 - 3505 for further information.

**Calendar of Events**

- Nov 6-7 Hamlet
- Nov 9 Veteran's Day Concert
- Nov 10 Veteran's Day Holiday/ No School
- Nov 22 Early Release
- Nov 23 & 24 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec 6 SIP In-Service/Early Release
- Dec 11 Elementary Holiday Concert
- Dec 18 Secondary Holiday Concert
- Dec 20 Jan 2 Christmas Vacation
- Jan 3 Return to School
- Jan 10 SIP In-Service/Early Release
- Jan 12 A Celebration of MLK
- Jan 15 MLK Holiday/Early Release
- Jan 17 Jazz on a Winter Night