



Update

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Principal's Message

Mr. Friberg

December is just around the corner and there will be many happy celebrations and time with family and friends ahead. But at Selwyn, staff are continuing to work on inquiry plans to move their students forward in the areas of numeracy and literacy. As part of our school improvement plans, staff are using *success criteria* ahead of an assigned task and then use teacher or peer *descriptive feedback* on tasks in order for students to improve their work. Students will be working towards the intended *learning goals* [where am I going?] and using the success criteria [how am I doing?] as they continuously strive to do *better than their best*. You will hear and read this vocabulary as your child moves through Selwyn and onto middle school.

The students of the *We Club* have been working to inform and engage the students and staff of Selwyn about those less fortunate as us locally and globally. We collected over 250 food items for the Daily Bread Food Bank in our *We Scare Hunger* campaign. We are now embarking on our *We Create Change* campaign to help build schools for children in developing nations. Our Spirit Days this year will be our main fundraising events from Crazy Head Day to our upcoming Candy Gram and Backwards Day. All contributions are voluntary but are also very appreciated.

As the cold wind and threat of snow slowly creeps upon us, please ensure that your child is coming to school prepared with the appropriate clothing. Proper winter jacket, gloves, hat and boots are essential for each Selwyn student (we need to keep the nose, toes, and fingers toasty). Students will go outside for recess unless the weather provides an unsafe risk for our staff and students. Please also remember to send your child with indoor shoes that they can leave at school. In the event of a fire drill, students will not have time to put boots on in order to exit the building. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Remembrance Day Assembly... On Nov. 11th, the school met in the gym for our Remembrance Day Assembly. During the thoughtful and engaging ceremony, I had the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to be able to live in a community that values not only peace, but goodwill and empathy towards others. Thanks to the staff and students for putting on a ceremony that I received many positive comments from the parents who attended.



December Activities...

Winter Concert – We will be holding a Winter Concert on **Thursday, December 12th** in 2 sessions. **Our kindergarten classes** will perform at **6:00 p.m.** in the Gymnasium for their parents and guests. The **Grade 1 – 5 classes** will perform at approximately **6:30 p.m.** after the kindergarten families have departed. Kindergarten guests will be able to enter the gym when the **doors open at 5:45 p.m.** Parents who have children in both kindergarten and other grades will be welcome to stay for the second performance while their children are supervised in the school. Please try to limit the number of family members who attend as our gym fills quickly. **Stay tuned to purchase great seats at the front! Money raised will support our school initiatives.**

After 4 Band will be performing at 2:45 p.m. and **After 4 Drama** will be performing at 3:45 on **Mon. Dec. 16th**

TDSB After 4 Programs 3:35 – 4:35 p.m.

Monday – **Drama**

Wednesday – **Band**

Thursday – **Sports Club & Craft Club**

Week of January 13th – Week of March 24th

Registration will be held outside the school office on:

Monday, Dec. 2nd and Tuesday, Dec. 3rd

from 8:40 – 9:15 a.m. and from 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Payment must be made at registration in **cash only**.

External Company Enrichment PROGRAMS

U GOT DANCE MONDAYS 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: January 13th to March 24th

Cost : \$50.00 for 8 weeks

Register online at www.ugotactivekids.com

TENNIS TUESDAYS 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.

Dates: January 14th for 8 weeks

Cost: \$144.00 for 8 weeks

Register online at www.wilmingtontennis.ca

UKULELE (Gr. 1 – 5) TUESDAYS lunch time

Dates: January 14th start

Cost: \$159.00 for new students / \$134.00 for returning students. Register online at www.ukulelekids.org

DINOSAURS (Gr. 1-3) WEDNESDAYS lunch time

Date: January 15th start

Cost: \$105.09 for 8 weeks

Register online at www.thekidsfunfactory.com

WOODWORKING (Gr. 4-5) THURSDAYS lunch time

Date: January 16th start

Cost: \$108.48 for 8 weeks

Register online at www.thekidsfunfactory.com

We Club Spirit Days & Upcoming Activities

The We Club will be selling Candy Grams at recess from **Dec. 9-13**. For 50 cents students can purchase a card and candy that they can fill out for a friend and it will be delivered in the last week of school to classes.

On **Thursday Dec. 19th** we will have a Backwards Spirit Day. On this day students can dress "backwards." We encourage 25 cents to participate. All money goes to the We Create Change fundraiser.

Important Dates to Know

Tues. Dec. 2nd - School Advisory Council /H & S meeting
9:05 a.m. Selwyn Staffroom

All are welcome to attend

Thurs. Dec. 12th – Winter Concert 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Dec. 19th – Spirit Day – Backwards Day & Pizza!

Thurs. Dec. 19th – Last day of school before break

Fri. Dec. 20th – Sun. Jan. 5th – Winter Break

Mon. Jan. 6th School resumes back

SELWYN HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Karen Pennington

It's hard to believe that as I write this, one month today will be Christmas Day!! The time is flying by so quickly!!!

Seeing how the holidays are upon us, this is the perfect time to remind everyone about our **Hamper Program**. Each year we collect non-perishable food and toys for families in our community who may not be able to provide the necessities for their children over the holiday season. Boxes will be set up in the main entrance where you may drop off your donation if you wish.

We are holding a **Gift Card Bonanza** this holiday season. You can do all your holiday shopping for those hard to buy for people. Gift cards are the perfect gift for babysitters, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, neighbours and teachers! Each purchase will earn Selwyn School a percentage that will be put towards our Field Trip Fund. This fund will help offset class field trips by subsidizing buses or entry fees. **Orders are due to the school no later than 3pm on Thursday December 5.** Cards will be delivered to the school the following Thursday or Friday (December 12th or 13th).

We will be serving hot **pizza on Thursday December 19th** in honour of the holiday season. Look for the form coming your way soon.

The Home & School will be hosting a **bake sale** during the **Holiday Concert on Thursday December 12th**. If you would like to donate some home-baked holiday treats, please contact the Home & School by email at selwynhomeandschool@yahoo.ca or leave a note in the office. Proceeds from this bake sale will go towards our Holiday Hamper Program. We will also have available tickets for the Holiday Basket Draw. Ticket prices are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Our next **Home & School Meeting/School Advisory Council Meeting** will take place **Tuesday, December 3 at 9 a.m. in the Staff Room**. All are welcome to attend. We are still seeking parents to fill positions in 2014-2015 as many of our members will be moving on as their children graduate to Middle School. If you are interested, consider coming to our meeting to find out how you can get involved.

The Selwyn Home & School Executive would like to extend warm holiday wishes to each and every family.

Selwyn Home & School Executive

President - Karen Pennington

Vice President - Cindy Snider

Treasurer - Diane Bowie

Co-Secretary - Tracy Cairns-Sharpe/Lisa Grant

Members at Large

Martina McGuffin

Susan Ronan

Tonya Alexander

Vanessa Huizinga

Welcome to Spike & Lizzie our new school Geckos!

They will be housed in various classes this year as students take care of them.

