

Selkirk School Board Report

April 2016

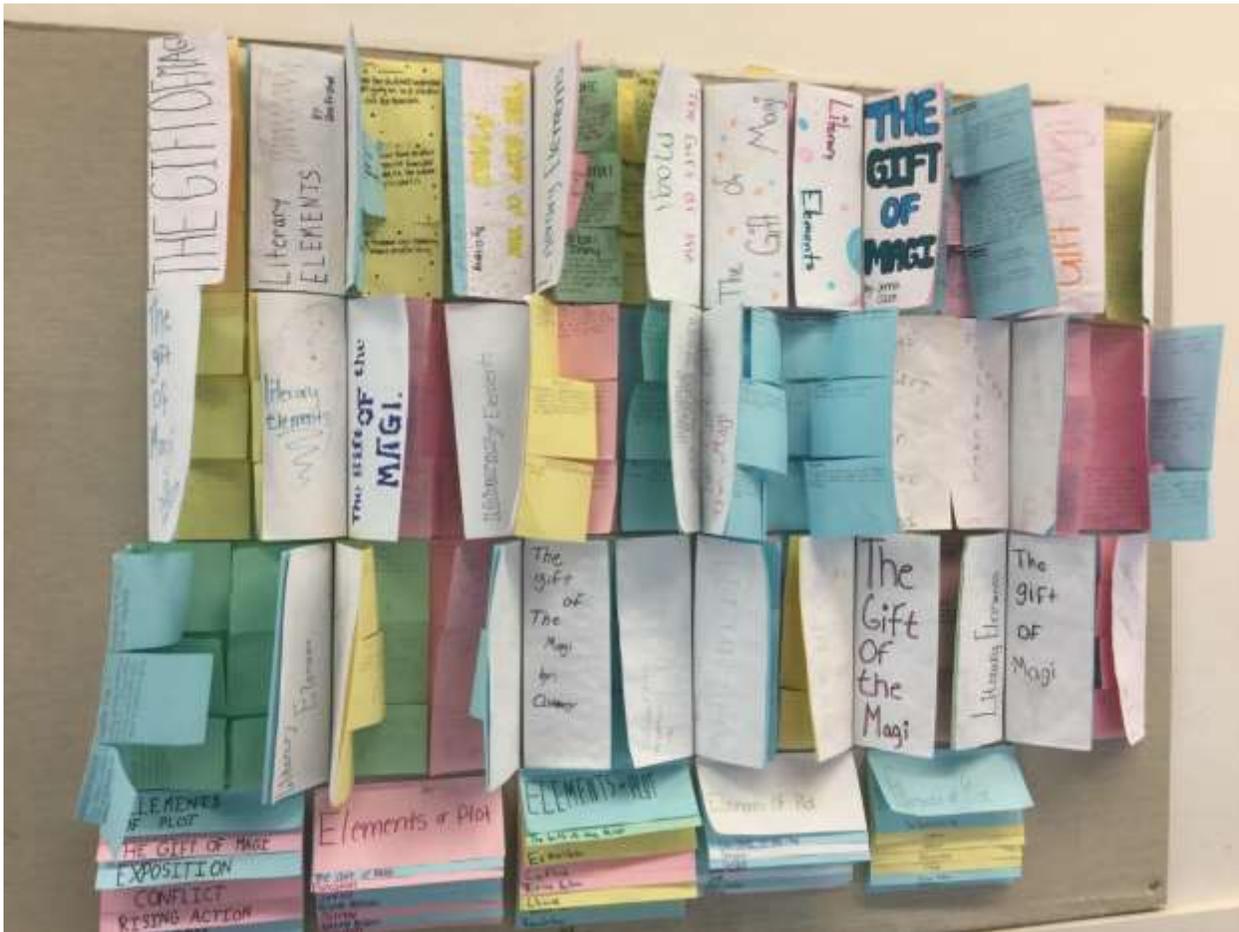
High stakes testing has started at the high school. Selkirk has an excellent tradition of authentically preparing students to demonstrate their skills on the state tests. Currently, the graduation requirement is passing the English and Math test. This year's juniors face an added requirement of the Biology test. They took that test last year. This year's freshmen have a graduation requirement of passing Smarter Balance Exam based on the Common Core Curriculum. Freshmen take this test their sophomore and junior year. The Smarter Balance Exam is designed to ensure students are college and career ready. Middle school students are also testing, but graduation is not on the line for them yet. I would rather show you a picture of students testing, but that is not allowed. I do think this image of the complexity of the testing schedule is important information for the board to consider. Statewide, last year there were many issues. This year Mrs. Dunbar has facilitated the testing effort and testing has been very smooth.

Selkirk Testing Schedule **April May June 2016** *Revised 4/13/2016*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
April 18	19 1,2,3 Computer Lab ELA 1, 6th Van Dyke	20 1,2,3 Computer Lab ELA 1, 8th Van Dyke	21 1, 2,3 Computer Lab ELA 1, 7th Van Dyke	22
23	24 1, 2, 3 Computer Lab Math1, 8th Reeve	27 1,2,3 Computer Lab Math1, 7th Reeve	28 1,2,3 Computer Lab Math1, 8th Reeve	29
May 2	3 1, 2, 3 Computer Lab Math2, 7th Reeve	4 1,2,3 Computer Lab Math2, 8th Reeve	5 1,2,3 Computer Lab Math2, 6th Reeve	6 1,2,3,4 Music Room APUSH Exam 11/12 N. Kiss/ K. Goodnight
9	10 1, 2, 3 Computer Lab ELA 2, 6th Van Dyke	11 1,2,3,4 Music Room AP Eng Exam 11/12 grade N. Kiss/Dunbar	12 1,2 Computer Lab Science, 8th K. Johnson	13
16	17 2,3,4 Computer Lab ELA 1, 10th Goodnight	18 1, 2,3 Computer Lab ELA 2, 8th Van Dyke	19 2,3,4 Computer Lab ELA 2, 10th Goodnight	20
22	24 1,2 Computer Lab ELA 1, 11th Larsen/Dunbar	25 1, 2,3 Computer Lab ELA 2, 7th Van Dyke	26 1,2,3 Computer Lab ELA 2, 11th Larsen/Dunbar 1,2,3,4 Trailer Math EOC 10th Parapro?	27 School Holiday
28 School Holiday	21 3,4 Computer Lab Math1, 11th Kinney/Mendes	June 1 1,2,3 Room 6 Biology EOC 10th Kinney	2 3,4 Computer Lab Math2, 11th Kinney/Mendes	3

The tennis court retaining wall is failing. John Cain has recruited the help of an engineer to evaluate the condition. The engineer gave us bad news and fears the wall could collapse. I have ordered the tennis court to be closed.





Mrs. Goodnight's English class used a pedagogy called "Foldables". This technique helps students form long term memories by engaging students to a higher degree than normal text based information exercises. Informing students that their work will be displayed increased the engagement as well.



Mrs. Cain's Foods and Fitness class did their part to keep our school and highway litter free!



Student led conferences went well. They were held before spring break. There is not an official count, but most teachers reported 90-100% attendance.

Parents received a letter explaining reported loose lug nuts from students on April 4th. Students and staff were called that night advising them to check their wheels. A parking pass has been implemented, to assist in generating a list of student to call, should tampering with cars ever be suspected again. The investigation is ongoing and video surveillance tape has not provided any evidence of car tampering. Kim Larson, Debby Krabbenhoft and Pam Zimmerman deserve special thanks for their work on this issue, gathering information, and communicating with staff and students in a timely manner!



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April 20, 2016

Dear Parents,

As you might have heard, three students reported loose lug nuts on their drive home from school on April 19th. The school has already spent many man hours reviewing security video, but to this point no evidence of car tampering has been observed. We are pursuing an ongoing investigation to determine the cause of this incident.

Because of the gravity of this safety issue we have implemented the following:

1. Calls to parents with students who drive cars warning of possible loose lug nuts on the night of April 19th.
2. Increased supervision of the student parking lot.
3. A new student parking pass.
4. Forfeiture of the parking pass if students are found accessing cars without direct supervision during the school day.
5. An assembly for high school students in cooperation with Pend Oreille County Sherriff to instruct students of the dangers and legal implications of this act

If you have parked in the school parking lot, I urge you to inspect your wheels for loose lug nuts. If you have questions or information regarding this issue please contact me at the number above.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent safety matter.

Sincerely,

Greg Goodnight
