

IT Services Newsletter – February 2020

Security Awareness Winner

With more than 140 reported suspicious emails, we have found our winner. Congratulations goes to **Helen Worth (CE Coordinator, Grand Forks)** for forwarding your email and explanation to ITsecurity@selkirk.ca. Some phishing attempts are amateurish and filled with broken grammar and misspellings, so they are easy to spot. However, as you have noticed, some contain identical copies of familiar websites such as your financial institution to trick you into complying with the requests for information. Keep up the great work!

Spam Filtering Rules

Recent increases in spam and phishing attacks have required IT Services to build and deploy new spam filtering services to augment our existing ability to protect College staff, students and data.

The following are a few examples of rules for spam filtering that will block incoming and outgoing email. Please refrain from their use to ensure your email is sent in a timely fashion.

Email Example

George Second Resume.pdf

GeorgeSecondResume.docx.pdf

.bat,.exe,.cmd, etc

Blocked because....

because there are gaps/spaces in name

because double extension-interpreted as hiding the real extensions

because they are executable

Ricoh Training

Staff and students have been utilizing the Ricoh printers and card readers for about four months now. If you require an update or refresher on any of the functions, please remember that a Powerpoint presentation and training video are available at <https://my.selkirk.ca/staff/dept/it/trainingandmanuals/>

Project Initiation Update

IT Services new Project Initiation Services is off to a strong start. We have already met with several departments and schools to discuss their projects and are excited to hear your ideas and get started. If you have a project that you would like to kick off in the next few months, please follow the link below and fill out our project form to get started. <https://forms.selkirk.ca/view.php?id=59095>

REPEAT (Just in case you missed it)... Discovery Day Update

IT Services has invited special guest, Mr. Hugh Burley, Director of Information Security at TRU, to our 2020 Discovery Day! Hugh Burley has kindly volunteered to present in two sessions on the topic of Privacy and Security Awareness.

We highly recommend staff enroll in his sessions as they will have a great deal of information related to privacy and being aware of the current cyber threat landscape.

Thanks for Reading

We leave with you this motivational quote from Best Selling Author and Spiritual Teacher, Eckhart Tolle: Instead of asking, “what do I want from life?” a more powerful question is, “what does life want from me?”.