

École Lansdowne

DECEMBER 2023 MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION:



Congratulations to our grade 7/8 competitive girl's volleyball team who won the divisional championships! Allez les Lions!

We would like to thank the Lockyer Boys who presented live to our N-7 students on November 20th. The students had a wonderful time singing along to original and main stream songs. We would also like to thank the Royal Winnipeg Ballet who did an amazing job, with their in-person performance for our grades 1-6 students. We feel truly blessed to be provided with these opportunities that expose our students to the Arts.

Un grand "merci" to all of our families, staff and students who participated in our tri-conferences on November 16th and 17th. We believe that an ongoing partnership between school and home is essential in your child's continued growth, and your active involvement in your child's learning has a profound effect on their academic progress throughout the year. We would also like to express our appreciation for your support of our book fair. This year, we raised over \$ 2,000 to be put towards the purchase of new books for the school library.

Please make sure to mark you calendars, our winter concerts are coming up! The students and staff have been working tirelessly for what's sure to be an amazing experience. The Nursery and Kindergarten concerts will be held during the school day on Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. for the morning classes and at 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon classes. Performances will be held in the gym and students will then return to their class once the concert is finished. Should you wish to take your child home after the performance, we ask that you please notify the teacher ahead of time.

Our grades 1-3 students will be performing twice on Thursday, December 7th. One performance during the school day at 12:30 p.m., and an evening performance at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Families are welcome to attend either concert. With an increased number of students performing this year we ask that a maximum of 2 or 3 family members attend the concert per student as seating/space is limited. There will be child care (Lansdowne Leadership students) available during the concert. Please note that students performing are expected to attend both shows and are expected to stay for the duration of the performance. For safety purposes, we also ask that you refrain from posting the concert videos and photos online.

The Lansdowne Leadership team has been hard at work collecting Coats for Kids, and now non-perishables items for Harvest Manitoba. The food drive will continue to take place until December 15th. Should you wish to contribute, please send the items with your child(ren). This year, the class that collects the most items wins a movie/popcorn party!

Lansdowne's annual Spirit of Giving Bazaar will take place on December 18th and 19th. This year we are raising funds to donate to families who are experiencing challenges. We are asking for the donation of items that you no longer want (gently used) for our students in grades 1-6 to purchase and give to a family member as a gift. Items that would be greatly appreciated are; kitchen knickknacks, costume jewelry, decorations, trinkets, books, tools, clothing, wrapping papers, tissue paper and gift bags (no food please). There will a table by the office starting on December 1st where students and families can place their donations. As always, we appreciate your generosity and support!

Please note that the school start time is 8:20 a.m. and the end time is 2:55 p.m. It is very important that students are dropped off and picked up on time. There is no supervision on the school grounds (outdoors) prior to 8:00 a.m. and after 3:05 p.m.

While our November weather was mild, the temperatures will soon be dropping and we are sure to see more snow in the forecast. Please remember to send your child(ren) to school dressed appropriately for the weather as we strongly encourage outdoor play and ALL students will be going outside unless the weather conditions are extreme.

With the Winter Break approaching, we would like to wish our families all the best as we begin the new calendar year. On behalf of all of us at École Lansdowne, we hope you have a safe and happy holiday season! We look forward to seeing the students on January 8th, 2024!

-Mme Jessica Mayor-Rodrigues, Principal

- Mme Ashley Morrison, Vice Principal



LANSDOWNE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:20 am: First Bell Rings

- Students line up outside, teachers greet students and walk them to their classrooms

8:25 am: O Canada and Announcements

11:15 am: LUNCH

- Students eat in their classrooms

2:55 pm: Final Bell Rings

- Students line up and are walked to the bus or picked up at their assigned doors



Reminders

NO STOPPING
in front of
École Lansdowne!



YOU MAY BE FINED!

If you will be picking up
your child who usually takes
the school bus, please notify
the office **before 2:00 pm.**



ASSIGNED DOORS

Students will enter and exit from their assigned doors as follows:

N/K • NE back doors to the grade 4 hallway

Bussed N/K • N bus loop doors

Grade 1/2 • SE back doors to the grade 1 hallway

Grade 3 + Rm133 • NW front doors to the library hallway

Grade 4 • NE back doors to the grade 4 hallway

Grade 5/6 • E back doors beside gym

Grades 7 & 8 • SW front doors on Wiginton (main entrance)



DECEMBER

The full version of our newsletter is sent to all families electronically. Please make sure the school has your current email address on file so that you don't miss out on important information!



SAFE ARRIVAL

ABSENCES

If your child(ren) will be away from school for any reason, please call **SAFE ARRIVAL** at **1-855-278-4513** to report the absence.

You may also visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or download the app to report absences.

Absences must be recorded before 8:30am, and planned absences may be reported in advance.

Winter Concert information

Tuesday, December 5th

Nursery/Kindergarten

- **10:00 am** for the morning classes
- **1:30 pm** for the afternoon classes
- Performances will take place in the gym

Thursday, December 7th

Grades 1-3

- **12:30 pm** and **6:00 pm** in the gym
- Doors open at 5:30 pm
- **Performers need to arrive at 5:45 pm at the latest**
- Childcare available

Students are asked to dress their best!

Spirit of Giving Bazaar

This year we are raising funds to donate to families (in the community) who are experiencing challenges through a Spirit of Giving Bazaar on December 19th and 20th. We are asking for any type of donation (clean and in good condition) for our students in Grades 1-6 to purchase and give to a parent or guardian as a gift. Ideas of items you can begin to set aside are: kitchen knickknacks, jewelry, decorations, trinkets, books, and tools (NO food, clothing, or cosmetics please). Don't forget that students have to carry these items home in their backpacks, so nothing too heavy! There will be a table by the office for donations starting on December 1st. Thank you for your support!



HARVEST

Harvest Manitoba feeds over 90,000 Manitobans a month. They collect and distribute food all over Manitoba. This year, our Leadership students decided they want to help. Please help us collect for our food drive for Harvest Manitoba to make sure families have healthy food for the holidays.

We will be collecting the suggested items below throughout the next 4 weeks. Let's see how much food Lansdowne can collect. The class that brings in the most food will win a popcorn movie day.

Week 3 (Nov. 27- Dec. 1st): Pasta, pasta sauce, instant noodles, and Kraft Dinner, rice.

Week 4 (Dec. 4th-8th): Canned tuna, canned ham, canned vegetable, and beans

Week 5 (Dec. 10-15th): Bring an item of your choice.



Spirit Week

Monday Dec. 18th to Friday Dec. 22nd

Monday: Wear **Red** and **Green**

Tuesday: Twin Day

Wednesday: Jersey Day

Thursday: Christmas/Holiday Sweater Day

Friday: PJ Day



*****Thank you from the Leadership Team!*****



L.P.C. EXECUTIVE 2023-2024

PRESIDENT: Andrea Harrison

EMAIL: winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT: Rick De Guzman

Positions available for **Secretary and Treasurer***

The next LPC meeting is on **Monday, December 4th**

The next LPC meeting will be held in person in the Library.

Elections for Treasurer and Secretary will be held on this evening.

Please use the front doors of the school when you come.



Interested in joining the Executive Committee?

Our Treasurer and Secretary positions remain open. These positions are a great way to connect with other Lansdowne Families. Contact the winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com if you're interested or would like more information--we'll be happy to have you on board!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

On behalf of the Lansdowne Parent Council we would like to wish all the families at Lansdowne a safe and wonderful holiday season!





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WHAT IS LUNCH PROGRAM?

The Lunch Program is a **non-profit small business** that is administered by the Lansdowne Parent Council. The L.P.C. is a **volunteer group of parents** who have been given the mandate by the Winnipeg School Division to oversee the Lunch Program. As such, L.P.C. employs a Lunch Program Coordinator and Supervisors. L.P.C. pays E.I., W.C.B., C.R.A. taxes, pension, and vacation pay. Some parent councils within the school division have their lunch programs administered by outside agencies. This allows those parent councils to focus on council work vs. running a business with all the associated responsibilities.

All students staying at school at lunch must be registered.

WHAT MAKES ÉCOLE LANSDOWNE'S LUNCH PROGRAM DIFFERENT?

Many lunch programs cap registration to a specific number of children - some on a first-come, first-served basis and some strictly on need (only those who can prove this need are permitted to enroll, for example both parents work and no one is able to pick up their child). **No other school in the W.S.D. has a Lunch Program with no registration cap and a coordinator onsite 6 hours per day, 5 days per week.**

The École Lansdowne Lunch Program is the **cheapest within the W.S.D.** with no rate increase in over 4 years. **The monthly cost is \$24 per student.** Daily fresh milk can also be added at a monthly cost of just \$6.

LUNCH PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS:

Please be advised that microwaves will not be available. Milk is to be consumed within the lunch hour. Please do not bring milk home that has been sitting in lunch kits. As well, milk is not to be shared by students.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All payments are due on the 20th of the preceding month (this aligns with the Child Tax Benefit payment).

Lunch Program fees cover program costs only. They do not cover food, snacks, or drinks from the canteen. These must be purchased separately.

A \$5.00 late fee will be applied at the end of the first week of non-payment and a flat \$10.00 fee will be applied after that. Late fees must be paid with the monthly fees.

CONTACT INFO

Lunch Program Coordinator: Mary Sutton
204-338-7039
lunchprogramsuttonm1@gmail.com

L.P.C. MEETING DATES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Monday, January 22, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

Monday, May 27, 2024 (A.G.M.)

YOUR PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In its mission to enhance the student experience at École Lansdowne, the LPC is a volunteer organization that runs the lunch program, conducts fundraising activities which support school programming, and works with school administration on common needs and interests of families. Input in the form of feedback, suggestions, and volunteering are always appreciated, especially in these new times - you don't have to be a member of the executive either. Feel free to engage the LPC at winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com - we would love to hear from you!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Lunch Program Coordinator makes every effort to contact parents regarding payment and late payments. The L.P.C. understands that unexpected things happen which could cause short-term financial difficulties. Please contact the Coordinator to discuss options, as arrangements can be made. Refusal to acknowledge letters or phone calls will result in removal of the child(ren) from the Lunch Program.

All concerns related to the program must first be discussed with the Coordinator before involving the L.P.C.

December 2023

ÉCOLE LANSDOWNE

715 WIGINTON STREET, R2X 2G2
204-338-7039 FAX: 204-334-3561

TRANSPORTATION:

204-586-8800

SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING:

1-855-278-4513



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				Day 3 1 Grilled Cheese 🧀
Day 4 4 LPCC The Spirit of Giving Bazaar Donations Begin Chicken Burger 🍔	Day 5 5 N/K Winter Concert (10:00 am & 1:30 pm) 	Day 6 6 Grades 1-3 Concert Dress Rehearsal @ 12:30 pm Mac & Cheese 🍝	Day 1 7 Grades 1-3 Winter Concert (12:30 pm & 6:00 pm) 	Day 2 8 Grilled Cheese 🧀
Day 3 11 Chicken Burger 🍔	Day 4 12	Day 5 13 Mac & Cheese 🍝	Day 6 14	Day 1 15 Winnipeg Harvest Food Drive Ends Last Day for The Spirit of Giving Bazaar Donations Grilled Cheese 🧀
Day 2 18 The Spirit of Giving BAZAAR (Grades 1-6) Chicken Burger 🍔	Day 3 19	Day 4 20 Mac & Cheese 🍝	Day 5 21	Day 6 22 Last Day of School Before Winter Break Grilled Cheese 🧀
25	26	27	28	29
<p>Spirit Week see page 4</p> <p>WINTER BREAK</p> <p>Happy Holidays & Best Wishes from everyone at École Lansdowne!</p> <p>School Reopens Monday, January 8, 2024</p>				



The Spirit of Giving BAZAAR (Grades 1-6)



Last Day of School Before Winter Break



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2023-2024

DECEMBER

- 5- N/K Winter Concert (10:00am & 1:30pm)
- 7- Gr. 1-3 Winter Concert (12:30pm & 6:00pm)
- 16- Lansdowne Spirit Day
- 22- Last Day Before Winter Break**
 - Lansdowne Spirit Day

JANUARY

- 8- School Reopens**
- 26- Lansdowne Spirit Day

FEBRUARY

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

- 2- NO SCHOOL (Admin Day)**
- 19- NO SCHOOL (Louis Riel Day)**
 - Festival Week Begins
- 22- Festival du Voyageur Activity Day
- 23- Lansdowne Activity Day

MARCH

- 11- Report Cards Sent Home
- 15- NO SCHOOL (Admin Day)**
- 22- Last Day Before Spring Break**
 - Lansdowne Spirit Day

APRIL

- 1- School Reopens
- 10- International Day of Pink
- 15-18- Mobile Vision Clinic
- 18-Student Led Conferences (4:00- 7:00 pm)
 - Used Book Sale
- 19- NO SCHOOL (Admin Day)**
 - Student Led Conferences (8:30-11:00 am)
 - Used Book Sale
- 26- Lansdowne Spirit Day

MAY

- 6- NO SCHOOL (Admin Day)**
- 13- Gr. 4-6 Concert Rehearsal
- 14- Gr. 4-6 Music Concert (12:30 pm & 6:30pm)
- 17- Walk-a-thon
- 20- NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)**
- 22- Gr. 7/8 Band Concert (6:00 pm)
- 24- Lansdowne Spirit Day

JUNE

- 7- NO SCHOOL (Admin Day)**
- 24- NO SCHOOL (Admin Day)**
- 25- Gr. 8 Farewell (9:30 am)
- 26- Report Cards Sent Home
- 27- Last Day for N/K Students
 - Lansdowne Spirit Day
- 28- Last Day of School**
 - Early Dismissal at 10:55 am