

École Lansdowne

MARCH 2024

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION:

As the days are getting longer, the sun is shining brighter and temperatures are slowly getting warmer, we are hopeful that Spring is on the way! Once the weather improves, we encourage all of our staff, students, and families to spend some time outdoors every day. We truly believe that getting some fresh air and engaging in movement outside is beneficial for our physical and mental health.

February was a very busy month filled with many exciting activities; I Love to Read Month, Festival du Voyageur, Black History month, The Contemporary School of Dance presentation, a junior high courtyard bonfire/marshmallow roast and a variety of field trips. Even though February was I Love to Read month, we want to continue our love of reading by extending our positive reading habits into March!

We would like to take a moment to thank of our families for their kind words, treats and the amazing staff appreciation lunch. On behalf of the entire Lansdowne staff we want to let you know how much your support and generosity means to us. Merci beaucoup!

Our grades 3-8 students and teachers are working endlessly for our annual Concours D'art Oratoire competitions. The school wide competition will take place during the morning of March 7th, and the Division-wide competition will take place on March 21st. This is an initiative that École Lansdowne proudly participates in annually as it promotes French oral and written language acquisition. Allez les Lions!

Teachers are currently preparing term two report cards, which will be sent home on Wednesday, March 20th. This year, conferences will look a little differently. On April 18th, we will be hosting a celebration of learning drop-in evening between the hours of 4pm and 7:30pm. This time will allow students a chance to "show off" their progress, achievements and work for this term. More information will be coming out shortly and should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Parent engagement matters! Research shows that children whose parents take an active role in their child's educational and personal growth reap great benefits. Practicing speaking, listening, reading, and writing in French at school and at home helps students put their newfound knowledge and skills to use, strengthening their comprehension of their additional language. There are many online resources, apps, movies, games, television shows, radio programming, and books that are free and accessible.

We are still accepting registrations for families who are new to the school or have children registering in Nursery or Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Please see Lansdowne-registration for details on how to register your child.

The Lansdowne Leadership Team is once again organizing a spirit week which will be held the week before spring break. More details about the spirit days and how your child can participate will be sent out shortly. While participation is always voluntary, we encourage all of our staff and students to show their support and partake in the fun activities planned for this last week of classes, as it's an easy way to generate positive energy and enthusiasm.

Please note that classes will resume after Spring Break on Monday April 1st, 2024.

As always, we continue to work to support healthy, positive learning experiences for our students. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school office.

Wishing you all a happy Spring and a smooth transition into the warmer weather to come!

~ Jessica and Ashley~

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

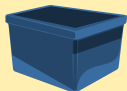
NO STOPPING
in front of
École Lansdowne!



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**.

LOST ITEMS



If you have lost an item, please check the lost and found bin located outside the office.



MARCH

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!



ASSIGNED DOORS

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

N/K/1 • 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 and Portables

Grade 5/6 • E back doors beside gym

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



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.



L.P.C. EXECUTIVE 2023-2024

PRESIDENT: Andrea Harrison

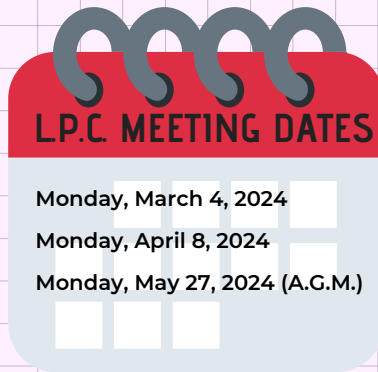
EMAIL: winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT: Rick De Guzman

SECRETARY: Wendy Zebrasky

Position available for Treasurer

The next LPC meeting is on
Monday, March 4th



Interested in joining the Executive Committee?

Our Treasurer position remains open. This position is a great way to build skills and gain experience. Contact Winnipeg.LPC@gmail.com if you're interested or would like more information--we'll be happy to have you on board!

WE ARE HIRING! **LUNCH PROGRAM SUPERVISORS**



We are always looking for Lunch Supervisors.

The position is from **Monday to Friday (11:00 am- 12:15 pm)**, **\$18.75 a shift**. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying, please email or call:

Andrea Harrison, L.P.C. President

winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com OR lansdowne@wsd1.org

OR

204-338-7039



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.

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.

Hot Lunch can be purchased on

Mon- Chicken Burger

\$3 Wed- Mac and Cheese

Thurs- Pancakes NEW

Fri- Grilled Cheese



CONTACT INFO

Lunch Program Coordinator: Mary Sutton

204-338-7039

lunchprogramsuttonm1@gmail.com



The Lansdowne Leadership Team will be organizing a Spirit Week to be held in the last week of March before Spring Break! As always, participation is completely voluntary, however, it is an excellent way to show some school spirit!

Monday: Formal day

Tuesday: Twin day

Wednesday: Dress like a celebrity or athlete

Thursday: Anything but a backpack day

Friday: PJ day

Your paragraph text



The Babysitting Course will be offered to our eligible **Grade 6-8 students on Friday, March 15th**. This training covers childcare, first aid, and safety skills. Permission slips have been sent out and are available at the office. **All forms must be submitted to the office prior to March 4th.**



LANSDOWNE'S GOT TALENT

Do you have the voice of an angel? Can you play an instrument? Are you in dance or gymnastics? Or maybe you have a martial arts routine or a magic act you'd like to share! For all of our talented grade 6 to 8 Lansdowne students, this is the perfect way to showcase your abilities and share your special gifts with your classmates!

AUDITIONS:

- Date: April 12th
- See Mme Carlson, or M. Hrechkosy for sign-up forms

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL

- 1- School Reopens
- 10- International Day of Pink
- 12- Lansdowne's Got Talent
- 15-18- Mobile Vision Clinic
- 18- Celebration of Learning (4:00- 7:30 pm)
- 19- **NO SCHOOL (Admin Day)**
- 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



Thank you to everyone who have already enrolled in École Lansdowne's upcoming educational tour: Quebec, Montreal & Ottawa in May 2025!

If your child is in grade 6 or 7 they are still invited to join us on a trip of a lifetime with their peers!

Please email Ashley Morrison or call the school for more information!

**amorrison @wsd1.org
204-338-7039**



Help Keep Batteries Out of Landfills!

When batteries are not recycled properly, they can end up in landfills where they not only add to solid waste but can also potentially release harmful materials into the environment. **The Recycle Your Batteries, Canada!** program collects and recycles over 4 million kg of batteries each year. That's more than the weight of 500 African elephants! You can do your part to make sure more batteries are recycled by participating in the Battery Blitz School Mission!

Your Mission is to recycle as many used batteries as you can by bringing them into your school and disposing of them in the Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! collection box.

Your school could win an amazing cash prize!



Join the Battery Blitz Challenge! Students are being asked to bring in their used batteries to school to help the school win an amazing cash prize!



Did you know recycling batteries can recover valuable metals such as lithium, cobalt, and nickel, which can be used to make new products? Any battery under 5 kg (with the exception of wet-cell batteries) can be brought in.

Refer to www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest for guidelines on how to prepare household batteries for recycling.

To find the nearest Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! collection site please visit www.RecycleYourBatteries.ca

Generously supported by:



Good news!

We are fortunate to have the Mobile Vision Clinic coming to our school again this year. The Mobile Vision Clinic will be at our school on April 15th and April 16th, 2024. The clinic consists of eye care professionals who will:

- a) test your child/children's eyes
- b) provide your child/children with glasses, if needed.



There is no cost for the eye exam and the Mobile Vision staff can request money from your insurance to pay for glasses. Families who do not have insurance and cannot pay for glasses, can receive free glasses.

Additional information and the consent form will be sent home, with your child, in March.

If you have any questions, please contact Mme Sebastyanko at the school.

More Good News!

We're excited to share news about a new fitness trail being built on École Lansdowne property. The trail will be located on the existing green space and will be fenced in, providing a safe area for all ages and abilities. It will include a 200-meter rubberized track, mini soccer fields and four fitness stations.



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TRANSPORTATION:

204-586-8800

SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING:

1-855-278-4513

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				Day 3 1
Day 4 4 LPC Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Day 5 5	Day 6 6	Day 1 7 Swimming Counts Grade 4 	Day 2 8
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Day 2 18 Formal Day  Lifetouch Spring Portraits	Day 3 19 Twin Day	Day 4 20 Dress like an Athlete or a Celebrity  Report Cards Sent Home	Day 5 21 Anything but a Backpack Day Hot Dog Lunch 	Day 6 22 Pj Day  Last Day of School Before Spring Break
25 SPRING BREAK BEGINS School Reopens Monday, April 1st	LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL: Monday, April 1- School Reopens Monday, April 8- LPC Meeting at 6:30 pm Wednesday, April 10- International Day of Pink Friday, April 12- Lansdowne's Got Talent Thursday April 18- Celebration of Learning 4pm to 7:30 pm Friday, April 19- NO SCHOOL (Admin Day) Friday, April 26- Lansdowne Spirit Day			

