

# École Lansdowne

OCTOBER 2024

## Message from Administration:

What a beautiful fall we have had this year! It is hard to believe that the first month of school is over, partly because it still feels like summer outside and partly because September has flown by so quickly and smoothly. Students are settling into their classroom routines. Teachers and educational assistants are building relationships and strong foundations for learning, setting students up for success for the rest of the school year. Thank you to all our staff and families for helping our students start this year off on a strong and positive note. Re-adjusting to school routines and early wake-ups after the summer break is not easy!

Our Lansdowne Parent Council community barbeque and meet-the-teacher event was very well-attended. It was wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces among our students, staff, and families. A strong partnership between families and school is essential to a child's success at school. We appreciate the support and involvement of all our families in your child(ren)'s school experience. Our teachers and administration are always ready to have conversations about student success so please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns.

A few reminders to help keep École Lansdowne running smoothly and safely:

- Please check your child's agenda and backpack daily for communication from the classroom or from the school.
- Please check your email daily for messages from École Lansdowne teachers and/or administration. Winnipeg School Division Transportation department will also send bus schedule changes by email.
- The parking lot near the portables on the northeast side of the school is a paid parking lot for staff use only. Please do not drop off or pick up students in the staff parking lot.
- Wiginton Ave in front of the school is a no pickup or drop off zone. The Northgate parking lot at the end of Wiginton Ave, on the north side of the school, is the safest pick-up and drop-off location for students. Crossing guards are placed on the back lane between the bus loop and the parking lot to assist in crossing safely to and from the school.
- If you are picking up your child(ren) during the day (before the end of the regular school day), please advise the office by phoning 204-338-7039. When you arrive at the school to pick up your child, please enter by the front door off Wiginton Ave and report to the office. Office staff will page the classroom to ask your child to come to the office to meet you.

We are excited to announce that a food security program is now available for École Lansdowne families. Every week, the school will provide some basic food items such as potatoes, onions, carrots, and bread free of charge to families who might need to supplement their groceries. Food items must be picked up every Wednesday between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. In our first week, we were able to help over forty families pick up some extra groceries. *Big thanks to Save-On Foods at Northgate for generously donating reusable bags for our first week of food pick-ups.* Going forward, please note that families must bring a reusable bag to carry the food home. École Lansdowne will not be supplying bags from now on.

There are many exciting events and activities to look forward to in October. Picture day, Thanksgiving, Halloween dance, spirit day, French activity day, Lansdowne clothing order, cross country, volleyball, soccer, and basketball, to name a few. Please see the calendar on the last page for dates and watch your email for further details from the school.

One last note; our school-wide goal for this year is to encourage students to speak more French in classrooms and around the school. While we understand that many parents and/or families do not speak French at home, please ask your child(ren) what they are learning *en français*. Engaging with their learning will encourage them to see themselves as proud, confident language learners. We believe that this focus will enhance their language skills and create a vibrant learning environment in our school.

*Joyeux automne!*

**Mme Mayor-Rodrigues, Principal**

**Mme Faria Sheikh, Vice-Principal**



# L.P.C. Executive 2024-2025



**PRESIDENT:** Andrea Harrison **Vice- President:** Wendy Zebrasky

**\* Positions available for Secretary and Treasurer\***



## L.P.C. MEETING DATES

Monday, November 4, 2024  
Monday, December 16, 2024  
Monday, January 27, 2025  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
Monday, April 21, 2025  
Monday, May 26, 2025 (A.G.M.)



## Interested in joining the Executive Committee?

We have positions available for this year's Executive Committee: Treasurer and Secretary. Members of this committee gain insights into the process of achieving LPC's goals of supporting and enhancing the student experience, and also gain useful skills and experience. Look forward to an email with details on our nomination process. If you have questions on these opportunities, please email [winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com](mailto:winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com)

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

Our Halloween Dance is coming back this year! This event is for Grades K-3, and will be held 5:30-7:30 pm. Look forward to more information on this popular event, including how to pre-order food. We have a need for parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping us the night of the event, please send an email to [winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com](mailto:winnipeg.lpc@gmail.com). Volunteers get free admission to the event!




## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to everyone who has already participated and donated to our school chocolate fundraiser! Your support helps us put on events like the Halloween dance, staff appreciation, buy new technology and resources, music instruments, and so much more!

This is the **ONLY** fundraiser we do each year, and without it, none of these things would be possible.

If you haven't picked up a box of chocolates yet, we still have just over 100 mixed boxes left. These boxes include almonds among other varieties. We are all out of just almond cases.

For each box sold, you'll receive an entry to win gift cards and other great prizes! We'll be sending home another form soon—please fill it out if you'd like to participate.

Exciting news! The class that sells the most boxes will win a pizza party for their class! Sell as many boxes as you can!

Thank you again to everyone who has already contributed—we truly appreciate it! Let's work together to sell out the remaining boxes and maximize the ways we can support our school this year.



# L.P.C. LUNCH PROGRAM

## 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 (just \$1.20 per day!), and less if there are more than 2 students per family. The **cost per day works out to \$1.20 per student.** Daily fresh milk can also be added at a monthly cost of just \$6.

## 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.

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.



**Mondays - Chicken Burger**



**Wednesdays - Mac and Cheese**



**Fridays - Grilled Cheese**

# October 2024



**ÉCOLE LANSDOWNE**

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**TRANSPORTATION:**

204-586-8800



**SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING :**

1-855-278-4513



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Day 2 <b>1</b>	Day 3 <b>2</b> <b>JH Cross Country at Grant Park</b>	Day 4 <b>3</b> / EDUCATIONAL TOURS 4 p.m.	Day 5 <b>4</b>
Day 6 <b>7</b>	Day 1 <b>8</b>  <b>Picture Day</b>	Day 2 <b>9</b> <b>NO SCHOOL (Admin. Day)</b>	Day 3 <b>10</b>	Day 4 <b>11</b>  <b>Bus Ridership</b>
 <b>NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)</b> <b>14</b>	Day 5 <b>15</b>	Day 6 <b>16</b>	Day 1 <b>17</b>	Day 2 <b>18</b> <b>Lansdowne Spirit Day</b>
Day 3 <b>21</b>	Day 4 <b>22</b>	Day 5 <b>23</b>	Day 6 <b>24</b> <b>Gr. 6 &amp; 8 Immunization</b> <b>Halloween Dance K-3</b>	Day 1 <b>25</b> <b>NO SCHOOL (Admin. Day)</b>
Day 2 <b>28</b>	Day 3 <b>29</b>	Day 4 <b>30</b>	Day 5 <b>31</b> <b>Halloween</b> 	<i>Looking Ahead:</i> <b>Mon., Nov. 11 - NO SCHOOL</b>  <b>Fri., Nov. 22. - NO SCHOOL</b>