



# The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of  
École Luxton School



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In February, we recognize and celebrate the lives and contributions of Black Canadians during Black History Month. We embrace cultural and linguistic diversity at our school and stand against racism in all its forms.

To launch our celebration of Black History Month, we have booked an interactive African drumming celebration on February 1 by the Drum Café. Throughout the month, we will highlight the contributions of Black Canadians alongside *I Love to Read Month*.

Several classrooms are choosing to go on field trips in February, including the Children’s Museum (rms. 8, 9, 24, 25), the Assiniboine Zoo (13, 18), and Festival du Voyageur (rm. 15, 16, 18, 24, 26). These hands-on and cultural experiences are key to student engagement and learning. We are so pleased to be able to offer these opportunities, funded in part by your child’s school fees and the generosity and fundraising conducted by the



Luxton Parent Advisory Council. Teachers and students here thank you for the support!

Please note that there is no school on Friday, February 2 (Inservice), nor is there school on Monday, February 19 (Louis Riel Day)

-Warren Nickerson, Principal/Directeur

**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open House**  
 5:30 - 6:00 PM  
 For all grades  
**Welcome to Kindergarten**  
 For all new Kindergarten students  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

## SCHOOL PATROLS

**Schedule:**

January 29 – February 2	Squad A
February 5 – 9	Squad B
February 12 – 16	Squad C
February 20 – 23	Squad A
February 26 – March 1	Squad B

# FEBRUARY 2024



I LOVE TO READ MONTH!

**Our Voices are Unique**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Prepared by: Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg Please visit: <a href="https://rcgw.weebly.com">https://rcgw.weebly.com</a></p>				<p>1 Read or view on YouTube, <i>I Am Me: A Book of Authenticity</i> by Susan Verde.</p>	<p>2 What does it mean to be unique?</p>	<p>3 Create a word splash of things that make you unique.</p>
<p>4 Write an "I Am" poem all about you!</p>	<p>5 Design a puzzle piece that shows who you are.</p>	<p>6 Tell a friend one thing you find unique about them.</p>	<p>7 Write a pen pal letter to someone outside of your community.</p>	<p>8 Buddy read with someone younger or older than you.</p>	<p>9 Start a gratitude journal.</p>	<p>10 Visit your local library and take home a new book.</p>
<p>11 Read a book with a family member.</p>	<p>12 Read or view on YouTube, <i>Only One You</i> by Linda Kranz.</p>	<p>13 Paint a rock to represent you!</p>	<p>14 Share Valentine's Day cards with people you care about.</p>	<p>15 National Flag of Canada Day! Create your own Canadian flag.</p>	<p>16 What does kindness mean to you?</p>	<p>17 Complete 3 random acts of kindness in your community.</p>
<p>18 Listen to an audiobook by a new author.</p>	<p>19 Celebrate Louis Riel Day by reading with someone you love.</p>	<p>20 Watch "We Are All Different – And that's Awesome" by Cole Blakeway on YouTube.</p>	<p>21 What questions would you ask Cole Blakeway?</p>	<p>22 Read <i>Remarkably You, Out of My Mind</i>, or <i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i>.</p>	<p>23 What advice would you give someone about being authentic?</p>	<p>24 Volunteer to help someone in your neighbourhood.</p>
<p>25 Create a bookmark showing all of your favourite things.</p>	<p>26 Read <i>It's Okay to be Different</i> by Todd Parr.</p>	<p>27 Design a new book cover for <i>It's Okay to be Different</i>.</p>	<p>28 If you could create another book page for <i>It's Okay to be Different</i>, what would it say?</p>	<p>29 Celebrate the Leap Year by reading your favourite book!</p>		

## I LOVE TO READ MONTH

We recognize February 2024 as “I Love to Read Month.” We celebrate the importance and joy of reading. This year’s theme is “**Our Voices are Unique.**” According to the [Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg](#), the theme helps readers “develop a deeper understanding of different perspectives” and “understand the importance of being their true selves.”

Each Friday in February, we will celebrate *I love to Read* with dress-up days:

**February 9:** Read my Shirt

- Wearing a shirt with appropriate writing on it!

**February 16:** Hats off to reading

- Wear your favourite hat!

**February 23:** Dress as your favourite character

- Come to school dressed as your favourite character from your favourite book!



Luxton’s Parent Advisory Council has created a **Readathon** fundraiser.

During the month of February, students keep track of the number of minutes that they read. The challenge is to record 500 minutes during the month.

In addition, each Friday, we will have a “Mystery Reader.” Students will tune in to the reading of a picture book by a guest from the Luxton school community.

## MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

*“I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy, but, most importantly, music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning.” Plato*

Happy New Year, Luxton Families! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break!

January was definitely a busy month here, in our Music class. Students continued to learn a verity of songs. They performed them with a vast enthusiasm and passion! Some of the examples of the songs are: “Footprints in the Snow”, “Mousie in the Snow”, “Hey, Winter!”, “The Little Snowflake”, “Winter Song”, “Perfect Winter Day”, “Snowman, Where’d You Go?” and many more!

Additionally, we continue to learn how to play recorders, read written music notation, and play songs that include notes A, B and G in multiple rhythm patterns and values (1,2,3,4 beats notes and rests). There is so much to learn, and students polish and perfect their musical skills during every practice!

Choir continues to meet every day 6, and a little bird told me that they can be heard all the way to the third floor from the basement 😊 They are such a brilliant, talented and dedicated team!!! Way to Go!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ella

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

I am supporting classes with delivery of the Winnipeg School Division mandated, "Kids in the Know" personal safety curriculum. Sometimes, this may include personal storytelling from my childhood growing up in the 1900s, as one student put it! Ha Ha! (I was born in 1970, so I suppose this is an accurate statement.)

Here is a helpful link to the Parents' area of the KIK website:

<https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/app/en/parents>

In sensitive and age-appropriate ways, I will be introducing/reviewing the "Seven Root Safety Strategies"

[https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/pdfs/KIK\\_7RootSafetyStrategies\\_en.pdf](https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/pdfs/KIK_7RootSafetyStrategies_en.pdf)

and the "Common Lures" [https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/pdfs/KIK\\_CommonLures\\_en.pdf](https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/pdfs/KIK_CommonLures_en.pdf)

If you would like to get a sense of some of the lesson materials by grade level, please visit:

[https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/app/en/program-electronic\\_resources](https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/app/en/program-electronic_resources)

If children come home with big feelings, thoughts and stories stemming from the "Kids in the Know" group discussions, please do not hesitate to reach out: [kzeglinski@wsd1.org](mailto:kzeglinski@wsd1.org)

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**École Luxton School Counsellor**

## LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BREAKFAST



Luxton Community Centre runs a **FREE Breakfast Program** every school day from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

**All children, youth and their families are welcome to attend.**

Breakfast supervisors will remind children when it is time for school.

For more information please contact the Luxton Community Centre at 204-582-8249

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Winter Adventures Unleashed!

As the winter chill wraps around us, our Phys Ed program is heating up with exhilarating activities. Here's a snapshot of the recent happenings and what's in store for the end of January and the beginning of February!

## Indoor Soccer Blitz:

During the recent cold snap, we opened up the gym at recess to keep our soccer fans in action. The indoor soccer sessions are a hit, providing a warm and active environment for our young athletes.



## Broom Ball on Ice:

Exciting news! Thanks to the community centre in our backyard, we've gained access to the outdoor rink. Students will be enjoying thrilling sessions of broomball and other ice activities. It's a frosty blast of fun right at our fingertips!

## Volleyball Showcase at École Waterford Springs School:

Our Volleyball stars are gearing up for another showcase! In early February, our students will proudly display their skills at a tournament hosted by École Waterford Springs School. It's an excellent opportunity for our teams to demonstrate sportsmanship and teamwork.



## 3 on 3 Basketball Extravaganza:

Hold onto to your basketballs! We're exploring the possibility of attending a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the end of February. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting event, promoting teamwork, skill development, and friendly competition.

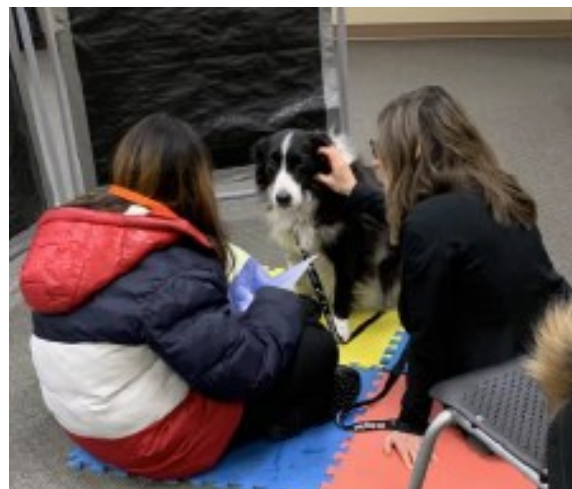
## Bundle up for Winter Fun:

Even though temperatures have been pleasant, please ensure your child comes prepared with warm layers and appropriate winter gear for outdoor activities. Safety and comfort are paramount as we embark on our winter sports adventures.

William Kay  
Phys Ed Teacher

# SEE SPOT READ

Six students from Rooms 20 and 24 have been spending Friday afternoons at West Kildonan Library participating in an animal companion literacy program called *See Spot Read*. Students get the opportunity to read aloud to dog ambassadors, gaining a greater confidence in their reading skills and bonding with their dog. Bonnie Belle, Tikki and Winnie are amazing listeners as the students read multiple books to them during each session.



# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL CORNER

## STAY IN TOUCH

Follow PAC online and through social media to stay on top of current information regarding fundraising, events, and meetings: Website: [www.ecole-luxton-pac.ca](http://www.ecole-luxton-pac.ca)

Instagram: @luxton.pac

Facebook: Ecole Luxton School Parent Advisory Council Email: [Luxton.pac@gmail.com](mailto:Luxton.pac@gmail.com)

## MEETINGS

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the school library. Childcare will be provided in the Family Centre. There will also be coffee and baked goods for all those who attend.

## PAC FUNDRAISING



**École Luxton School PAC  
& Santa Lucia Pizza  
Pizza Fundraiser**

Every Wednesday in January and February  
\$5 from every regular price 15' pizza will  
be donated to PAC

Dine in  
&  
Pick up  
only

**Code Luxton  
Fundraiser  
when ordering**



1473 Main Street  
Location only



**École Luxton School PAC  
& The Manitoba Moose  
Have teamed up**

Sunday April 14 at 2 pm against Iowa

**Tickets are 21.99 each  
(regular price is \$37)**

**Buy your tickets here:**  
[École Luxton School \(fevo-enterprise.com\)](http://fevo-enterprise.com)

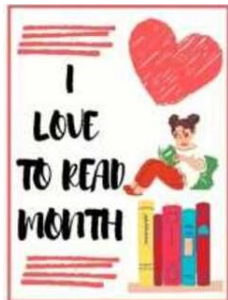


**\$10 from each  
ticket goes to PAC**

## Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser



Cheese will be available for pick up on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** from **3:00-4:00 PM** in the **Family Centre**.



I love to read-a-thon will run the entire month of February.

Students can collect pledges in 2 ways - flat amount pledge for reading or a per page read pledge. Payment for pledges can be made through cash, check made out to Ecole Luxton School Pac or on our website <https://www.ecole-luxton-pac.com/>

We will add up our collective reading pages and celebrate our love of reading!

# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1   Day 1	2   Day 2 Non-instructional Day NO SCHOOL	3
4	5   Day 3	6   Day 4 Children's Museum Field Trip (rm 24 and 25) Drawing Club @ Noon	7   Day 5 Kuamini at lunch in Room 18	8   Day 6 Drawing Club @ Noon	9   Day 1 Read My Shirt!  Volleyball Tourney (gr. 5-6)	10
11	12   Day 2 Hats off to reading bookmarks	13   Day 3 Bothwell cheese Fundraiser order pickup in Family Centre 3:00 to 5:00 PM	14   Day 4 Kuamini at lunch in Room 18 	15   Day 5	16   Day 6 Hats off to reading! Children's Museum Field Trip (Rm 8, 9) Festival du Voyageur (Rm 15, 16)	17
18	19 Family Day NO SCHOOL	20   Day 1	21   Day 2 Kuamini at lunch in Room 18	22   Day 3	23   Day 4 Dress as your favourite character Mystery Reader	24
25	26   Day 5 N/K registrations for 25-25 accepted	27   Day 6	28   Day 1 Assiniboine Park Zoo Field Trip (Rms 13 & 18) PAC meeting 6:30 PM in the library	29   Day 2		

## UPCOMING DATES

- March 4 – Festival du Voyageur (School Activities)
- March 5 – T'bert Performance – 1:10- 2:10 PM
- March 6 – Rms.24 & 25 – St. B. Museum in AM
- March 6, 13 & 20 – Kuamini meeting at lunch in Rm 18
- March 7 – Open House and Welcome to Kindergarten 6 PM
- March 11 to 15 – Scholastic Book Fair
- March 12 – Report cards go home
- March 14 – Student LED conferences in evening
- March 15 – Student LED conferences in AM – NO SCHOOL
- March 21 – Rm 13 – MTYP & Children's Museum
- March 22 – Last day of school before Spring Break
- March 25 to 29 – Spring Break

