



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of
École Luxton School

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2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Luxton Families!

At the beginning of the year, our staff reviewed our strengths and the opportunities this year would present, and we set goals about *building community*. During the month of October, we have had a number of initiatives to develop a sense of belonging at Luxton. Here are some examples:

- celebrating learning in the classroom
- intermural soccer
- dance and drawing clubs
- Kuamini leadership club
- field trips to the inner-city science center
- swimming

There are many more examples. Collectively, we want students, staff, and parents at Luxton to develop a strong community of learning.

We're looking forward to communicating with caregivers in person about students' progress and achievement in the upcoming Triconferences. Triconferences are meetings between the teacher, parent/guardian, and the student. Please remember that Luxton is fragrance free!

Please note that there are slight changes in the way we will be writing report card comments. In the past, teachers had been told not to assign

performance levels that were low on the scale if children were not reading or doing math at grade level, but instead to write a separate learning plan. We will continue to write a plan for student success, but will also use the whole grading scale. These changes are consistent with direction from Manitoba Education and Early Learning. Ask your child's teacher if you need to clarify the change.

In November, we will have a Remembrance Day service in the gym. The service will focus on the theme of Canada's role in UN Peacekeeping efforts, the "blue helmets."

We are working together at Luxton to share clear, consistent and positive expectations for student behaviour. For the new play structure at the front of the school, we shared with students ways to be **respectful** (e.g., leave wood chips on the ground, keep hands and feet to self (especially in hamster hole)), **responsible** (e.g., call an adult if you find something sharp), and **mindful** (e.g., take turns on the new twirly thingamajig).

Sincerely,

W. Nickerson, Ph.D.

Directeur / Principal

PAJAMA DAY

November 1st is Pajama Day! Stuffies welcome!

SCHOOL PATROLS

Schedule:

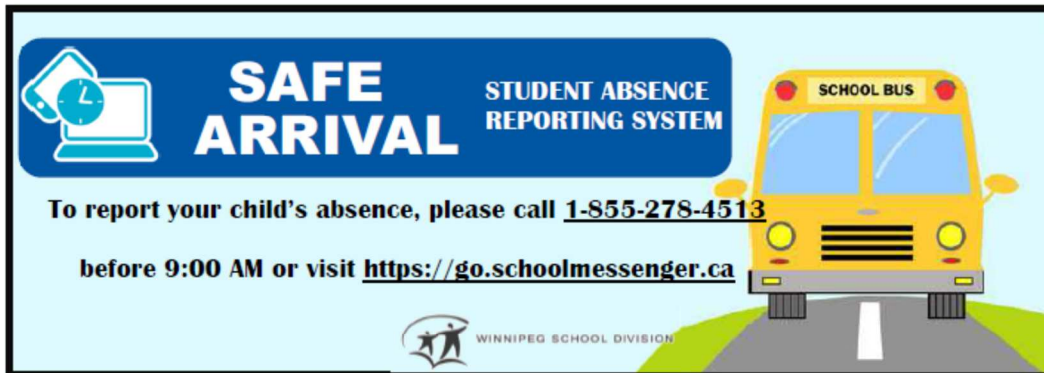
November 6 – 10	TROOP B
November 13 – 17	TROOP C
November 20 – 24	TROOP A
November 27 – Dec 1	TROOP B

UPCOMING DAYCARE CLOSURE – NOV. 13

For those parents with students in the Mary Kardash Daycare, please note that the centre will be closed on Monday, November 13th. There will be no before and after school care for children that day, and no lunch supervision. However, the school is open that day. If you normally have children in before and after school care, please remember that on November 13:

- Do not drop children off before 8:45 AM (9:15 AM for Nursery – Kindergarten)
- Pick up children for lunch at 11:45 AM and return for the afternoon at 12:40 PM
- Pick up grades 1 – 6 children at 3:30 PM

Sounds like a great opportunity to take the family out for lunch!



Instructions for Parents/Guardians:

Safe Arrival is an absence reporting system that:

- makes it easy for you to report your child's absence
- increases student safety by allowing staff to respond to unexplained absences more efficiently.

You are asked to report your child's absence using one of the following convenient methods:

Phone	1-855-278-4513	Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
Website	https://go.schoolmessenger.ca	Set up your Parent Portal account then log in.
Mobile App	Safe Arrival app	Set up your Parent Portal account, download the Apple or Android app, then log in.

Planned absences may be reported in advance.

All methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

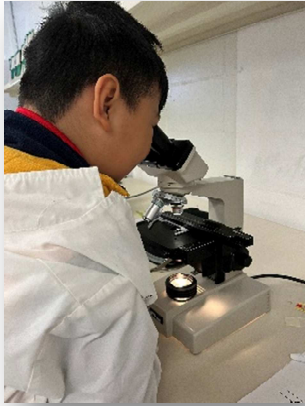
If you report an absence before the 9:00 AM morning bell time on the morning of the absence you will not receive a call in the morning.

We will be using the School Messenger automated notification system to contact parents/guardians if a child is absent and the absence was not reported in advance. SchoolMessenger attempts to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact numbers until the designated contact(s) is/are reached.

If you report your child absent using the toll-free number, Parent Portal website or Safe Arrival app, you will not receive these calls.

Using the Parent Portal website, you may also update your login information and review messages sent through School Messenger.

GRADE 5/6 AT INNER CITY SCIENCE CENTRE!



Our Grade 5 and 6 students visited the Inner City Science Centre located in Niji Makhwa School in October. We practiced our classification skills using animal tracks, worked with plastic animal scat (poop), swabbed areas around the school for a bacteria analysis and used microscopes for the first time!

It was a fun-filled morning, and we are looking forward to our next visit in November!

Kim Ellana and Trudy Prince

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER – MS. ZEGLINSKI

I am passionate about the work of Dr Gordon Neufeld & Dr Gabor Maté. Their book, *Hold On To Your Kids*, talks about the importance of transferring the caregiver attachment to everyone that is caring for our children: babysitters, extra-curricular activity instructors, daycare providers, teachers, extended family, etc. What they're saying is that children need us – parents and teachers – to model trusting, positive relationships: greeting one another warmly, learning each other's names, asking about the weekend, wishing one another a great day.



From the bus driver, to the daycare staff, to the school personnel, let children witness a warm transfer of attachment wherever possible. Children need to see the adults who care for and teach them modelling warmth to feel a sense of security.

More info on secure attachment may be found here:

<https://neufeldinstitute.org/resources/free/>

<https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-an-attachment-disorder-4580038>

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Orders for *Peak of the Market* are due by **Wednesday, November 1st by 3:30PM**. Order pick up is on Tuesday, November 14th between 3:30 and 5:00 PM in the gym. There is no where to keep orders that are not picked up.

Sneak peek at the next PAC fundraiser... Order all your decorative needs from Shelmerdine's and help support the school. Official launch of this fundraiser is Monday, November 13th and you can order until Tuesday, November 28th. You can either choose to pick up your order from the Green House or have it shipped to the school for pick up on Tuesday, December 5th. Now for the spoiler alert -- the link went live early, so feel free to beat the rush and order today. Remember we are listed under E for Ecole Luxton School when selecting the school. <https://fundraisers.shelmerdine.com/shop-fundraisers/>.

Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30 PM in the school library. Babysitting is available in the Family Centre.

PAC is still looking for a Vice Chair. If you are interested please email luxton.pac@gmail.com or attend the next PAC meeting.

SHELMERDINE *Winter Fundraiser Program*

POINSETTIA \$20



2 OPTIONS AVAILABLE

PICK UP AT ORGANIZATION
Available in 4 dazzling colours. Shelmerdine grown poinsettias come in 6.5" pots and are festively decorated with an elegant pot cover!

REDEEM A VOUCHER IN STORE

Purchase a Poinsettia Voucher and choose your own from our large selection of colours and varieties. Redeem in store before December 23, 2023.

DOOR SWAG \$40



2 OPTIONS AVAILABLE

PICK UP AT ORGANIZATION
Fragrant, fresh and finished with a bow! These door swags are 24"-30" long and contain Shelmerdine's signature blend of pine, balsam, cedar and fir. When used outdoors, they will last through the holiday season!

REDEEM A VOUCHER IN STORE

Purchase a Door Swag Voucher and redeem in store before December 23, 2023.

WREATH \$45



2 OPTIONS AVAILABLE

PICK UP AT ORGANIZATION
Fragrant, fresh and finished with a bow! Complete with pine cones, this mixed greens wreath is perfect for decorating your front door or to hang anywhere outdoors. The wreath form is 14" and outer diameter of greens is approximately 23".

REDEEM A VOUCHER IN STORE

Purchase a Wreath Voucher and redeem in store before December 23, 2023.

GIFT CARD \$25, \$50 & \$100



Shelmerdine Gift Cards never expire and can be used towards almost everything in the store - from plants to decorative pots, gifts, garden tools, fountains and fashion.

Gift cards will be distributed by your organization.

Available in \$25, \$50 & \$100 increments.

ONLINE ORDERING Buy poinsettias, door swags, gift cards or vouchers online! Simply share the link to your organization's fundraiser with family and friends. Secure payment is taken right on our website.



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LUNCH PROGRAM

Please remember to send appropriate cutlery with your child's lunch. **November Fees: \$28.00**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Our Phys. Ed. journey was filled with exciting activities and skill development in October. We kicked off the month with our soccer intramurals, building upon the techniques we learned in our soccer unit. As we transitioned from using our feet to our hands, we dedicated our time to exploring our throwing and catching abilities. To add a touch of Halloween fun, we concluded the month with a Spooktacular gym class featuring various climbing equipment. Here is a photo of Luxton's climbing wall:



With November on the horizon, we eagerly anticipate diving into our fitness and volleyball units, promising more learning and fun physical activities ahead.

KUAMINI

Hello!

Kuamini, our grade 5 and 6 leadership group, has met a few times now!

Congratulations to Vaughn, Roseheart, Liam, Avery, Drew, Genevieve, Zoie, Raeanne, Lillian, Aubree, Aleah, Hanna, Kirabel, Carter, Aelil, Rosa, Chloe, and Avery for being difference makers!!

The group chose to begin the task of working for change locally, by focusing on animals in need. The global focus for this term will be on helping wildlife across the globe in some manner. Action plans are being created in the next few weeks! More news to follow in subsequent École Luxton School newsletters. What an inspiring group of people!

Cheers,

Ms. Howard, Ms. Ellana and Mrs. Chan



KUAMINI

A word in the Swahili language
that means "to believe."



WE WELCOME YOU
TO JOIN THE

LUXTON FAMILY PROGRAM

A ROCK AND READ STYLE FAMILY PROGRAM FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND THEIR PRE-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE LITERACY OF FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY

WHAT WE OFFER:

- READING/CIRCLE TIME
- SONGS AND DANCE
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- HEALTHY SNACKS
- SOCIALIZATION

STARTING SEPTEMBER 26TH
Ecole Luxton School
111 Polson Avenue
Family Centre room 66

Questions? Email us!
luxtonfamilyprogram@gmail.com

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
930-1130



LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BREAKFAST NEWS



Luxton Community Centre runs a **free breakfast program** every school day from 8:00am to 10:00am.

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

Breakfast supervisors will remind children when it's time for school.

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

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30	31 HALLOWEEN (costumes welcome, no props or toy weapons)	1 PYJAMA DAY! Kuamini (noon) Peak of the Market Orders due by 3:30 PM	2 Rm 24 Field Trip to Inner City Science Centre	3	4
5	6	7	8 Kuamini (noon)	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Daycare closed; school is open</i> Shelmerdine Winter Fundraiser begins	14 Report Cards go home Peak of the Market order Pick up 3:30 to 5:00 PM	15 Kuamini (noon)	16 Triconferences (Evening)	17 School Closure Triconferences (Day time)	18
Scholastic Book Fair						
19	20	21	22 Kuamini (noon)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Picture Retakes (AM Only) Kuamini (noon)	30		

UPCOMING DATES

- December 6 – Kuamini – Last meeting for 2023
- December 14 – Winter Concert – 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM
- December 22 – Last day of School before Winter Break