



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of
École Luxton School

April
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear École Luxton School Families,

In the month of March, school staff dealt with issues arising from students having Pokémon cards at school. Allowing students to bring Pokémon cards to school can create unnecessary distractions and conflicts that interfere with learning. Looking at cards can become a focus during instructional time, making it difficult for students to stay engaged in lessons. Additionally, disagreements over trades, lost or damaged cards, and perceived unfairness can lead to arguments and hurt feelings among students. These situations require staff time to resolve and can take away from valuable learning opportunities. **As a result, moving forward, we are asking all students to keep Pokémon cards at home.**

Last month, we invited members of our city's emergency services departments to come to speak to some of our students. On March 11, representatives from the City of Winnipeg's Fire Department presented to students in rooms 20, 23, 25 and 26 about fire safety and arson awareness. They shared with students the importance of having working smoke alarms as well as a fire evacuation plan at home. They informed students of a free residential smoke alarm installation program offered by the City of Winnipeg. For more information or to sign up for your FREE battery-operated smoke alarm installed by WFPS crews, visit the following website or call 311. <https://legacy.winnipeg.ca/fps/CommunityRelations/SafeFamily.stm>

On March 24, Winnipeg Police Service constables presented to students in Grades 5/6 and 7/8 on the topic of online safety. During their presentation, students were asked whether they had limits on their online use. School staff were surprised by the number of students who indicated they had largely unrestricted access, with very few rules or guidelines governing their use of electronic devices. While the internet offers many valuable learning opportunities, unsupervised access can expose children to significant risks, including inappropriate content, cyberbullying, online predators, and excessive screen time. We encourage parents and guardians to have ongoing conversations with their children about safe online behaviour and to establish clear boundaries and monitoring practices to help ensure a safe and positive digital experience. The two constables will return this month to present on the topic of bullying.

In addition to the above-mentioned presentations, we are committed to keeping our students safe with the installation of new doors at the front of the school. Crews were working over Spring Break on the front door project, but there is still a lot to do. Working in old building like ours brings unexpected surprises and challenges. As per the email sent just before Spring Break, crews will be on-site intermittently during the week of April 6-10, 2026. To accommodate the tradespeople, the main front doors will be closed from April 6-10. All classes that typically enter and exit through the main front doors will instead use the alternate front doors located further west, near the small play structure. Students in Room 9 (Ms. Tolentino's class) will use the doors by the gym to help reduce congestion at the alternate entrance. Thanks for your patience during this time.

Respectfully,

Madame Kutcher & Ms. Gilman

BALANCED SCHOOL DAY FEEDBACK REQUESTED

We are currently gathering feedback from parents/guardians, students, and staff regarding the Balanced School Day. We invite all parents and guardians to share their input as we consider whether to continue the balanced school day schedule for the upcoming school year. Please note, Nursery and Kindergarten students do not follow the balanced school day. To complete the survey, please visit the link below by Monday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. <https://forms.gle/fyxUHueJPHLFSFWW8>

FRENCH IMMERSION NEWS



A huge congratulations to our divisional finalist, Eleanor Rempel. On March 24, Eleanor participated in the Winnipeg School Division's Concours d'Art Oratoire - French Public Speaking competition. She competed in the Speech category against 20 other finalists from all over the division.

We are so proud of her hard work and accomplishments! Bravo to everyone who participated in the Concours Club this year. It was our first year, and it was a wonderful experience.

Mme Meinders
Gr. 4-8 French Immersion

MUSIC NEWS - MS. DREWNIAK

Last month we welcomed Mr. DeGroot, a Teacher Candidate from Brandon University to our music room. The students have been very receptive to his creative music classes, participating with enthusiasm and excitement.

Primary students have been working on a bumble bee theme. They are learning about high and low tones and pitches as well as circle passing games. Students love passing the stuffed bee named "Buzz" and displaying their buzzing bee melody in class.

Grade 3 /4 classes continue to build their recorder skills and are practicing musical pieces to perform getting recorder belts as they progress. They will work on playing in duets.

Composing- students will begin to create their own short rhythms and melodies.

Grade 4-8 students explored echo patterns on the drums and will continue to create questions and answer patterns using body percussion. Students will support their learning using orff instruments.

The upper middle years students will continue to develop their guitar skills using chords, playing along with well-known songs. The goal is for students to find and practice their own songs with chords and successfully perform to others.

We look forward to Mr. DeGroot and his musical ideas throughout the month of April.

PHYS. ED. NEWS

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. As we return to school, we are excited to get back into our Physical Education routines and make the most of the spring season. This month, badminton will be starting up for our Grade 7 and 8 students. It's a great opportunity for students to develop hand-eye coordination, strategy, and teamwork while enjoying a fast-paced game. We are also happy to announce that intramurals and running club will be starting up right away. Our running club will have a strong focus on preparing students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 for the upcoming Kids Fit Run in June. We're looking forward to seeing students set goals, build endurance, and feel proud of their progress. As the weather continues to improve, we are excited to begin taking more of our Phys Ed classes outside. Once the field has dried up, students can look forward to enjoying fresh air, open space, and a variety of outdoor activities.

Thank you for your continued support, and as always... Keep Fit and Have Fun!

Best regards, Mr. Kay Phys Ed Teacher

SPRING TALENT SHOW

We are pleased to announce that the Middle Years students will showcase their talents in a Spring Talent Show on Thursday, May 14 at 2:15pm. This showcase will be a student-driven, voluntary performance-based event. Stay tuned for more information!

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER - Ms. Zeglinski

Risky Play

A quick web search will yield numerous articles outlining the benefits of risky play. Here is one article from the Canadian Paediatric Society: <https://cps.ca/en/documents/position/outdoor-risky-play>
That said, risky play presents obvious safety & liability concerns for schools, and a collision (excuse the pun) of child-rearing values—some caregivers value and permit risky play; others don't. No matter our personal philosophies, schools necessarily must adhere to safety guidelines and prevent rough play in Phys. Ed and at recess to prevent injury. Please speak to your child about risky play at school and discuss alternatives. Safe, risky play starts at home: tickle fights, pillow fights, play fighting, piggy back rides, climbing & jumping, etc. <https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/behavior-and-development/risky-play>

Some level of physical contact may be acceptable in the context of organized sport, depending on the age and the sport. The Canadian Paediatric Society Injury Prevention Committee has prepared the following paper on concussion in children and youth: <https://cps.ca/en/documents/position/sport-related-concussion-and-bodychecking>

If you are comfortable with the risks vs benefits the Pan Am boxing club offers free youth programs: <https://www.panamboxing.com/youth-classes>

For additional extra-curricular activities in Winnipeg, click the following hyperlinks:
[Leisure Guide](#) (For fee assistance: [City of Winnipeg Fee Assistance Form](#))

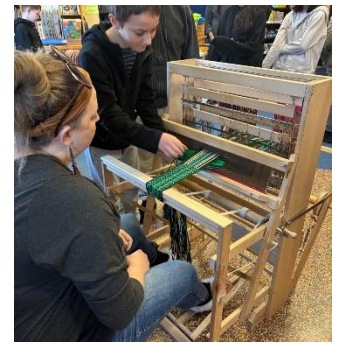
[Priceless Fun](#)
[BGS Winnipeg](#)
[Y-Winnipeg](#) (For fee assistance: [Member Access Program](#))

As well, many community centres offer their own programming in-house. (Luxton, Sinclair Park, Turtle Island, Freight House, Ralph Brown, etc.) Here is a listing: <https://www.gcwcc.mb.ca/community-centres-programs/>

MICHIF LANGUAGE PROGRAM

In honour of Louis Riel Day, students in the Michif Language Program engaged in meaningful learning about the significance and purpose of the Métis sash, also known as sayncheur flayshii.

The Métis sash holds deep cultural importance within Métis communities. Traditionally, it served many practical purposes, including use as a belt, rope, and carrying strap, while also representing pride in Métis identity and heritage.



Under the guidance of Casandra Woolever, students from Rooms 16, 20, 23, and 26 had the opportunity to create a sash using a loom. The completed sash incorporated our school colours—green and gold—along with additional colours including white, black, and a lighter shade of green.

Following the completion of the loom, a small group of students from Room 20 met with Casandra to reflect on the significance of the colours used. Students shared thoughtful interpretations: light green represents the diversity of personalities within our school community; dark green symbolizes strength, much like the strength of trees; black honours our ancestors; gold reflects school pride; and white represents new beginnings, as each school year brings new opportunities for growth and learning.



Through this learning experience, students developed a deeper understanding of Métis culture and the values the sash represents. The Métis sash reminds us of the importance of supporting one another, celebrating diversity, respecting identity, and resolving challenges with kindness. Just as the threads of the sash are woven together, our community is strengthened when we act with care and respect toward one another.

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS



Hopefully everyone had a fantastic and wonderful relaxing Spring Break, and enjoyed your time off with your family and friends.

With Spring upon us, the Tuesday Morning Literacy Program will be doing Spring crafts and reading books on the season. If the weather will cooperate with us we might go outside to explore the Spring changes.

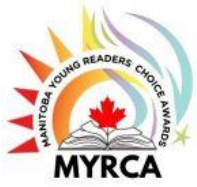


I'm still hopeful that I might run a few activities in the Family Centre before we go on Summer holidays. Please keep watching for updates.

As usual the coffee and tea is always on from 9AM to 2PM. Come in and join us for a cup or two. Always remember that the smiles are always free!

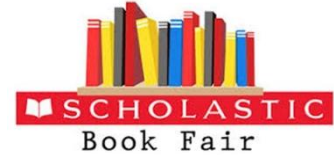
Angie Houston
Family Centre, Room 66

LIBRARY NEWS - COME CHECK IT OUT!



Our MYRCA club is going strong. Most of our members have read at least 3 Sundog titles or Northern Lights titles and have voted. Official voting starts on April 9th and closes on April 19th which does not give us much time to get all 20 books read, but I know our club can do it.

Thank you to the families that attended the Scholastic Book Fair in the library during Student Led Conferences, the staff and the Mary Kardash Daycare. Our sales exceeded our expectations, reaching a total of \$6640. This gives us Scholastic rewards that we can use towards improving our library collection and other literacy needs. A special thanks goes out to Angie, Clark and Shaunti - our amazing volunteers - who helped set up, run and tear down the book fair. Congratulations to Ms. Howard and Norah for winning the Family Night Draw of \$25 of books for a student and their classroom.



Here is my usual friendly reminder, please remember to return all library books on time because there may be another student waiting for the one you have out. If you happen to find a ripped page or pages falling out of a book, bring it back to the library immediately for me to fix. Do not try to repair it with scotch tape because that just damages the book more.

Happy reading,
Arlene Bell,
Library Technician

LUXTON COMMUNITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Luxton Community Centre runs a **free breakfast program** every school day from 8:00AM to 10:00AM at 210 St. Cross Street. **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.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

We have organized a 50/50 raffle sale to raise money to put towards our grade 8 farewell celebration on June 26. Tickets are now available for purchase and can be purchased here: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/luxton>

Please help us spread the word and share the ticket link with friends and family. The draw will be on Friday, April 10 at 9:10am. Together we can help give them a fun farewell celebration!

The next PAC meeting will be on April 29 at 6:30pm in the library. Childcare is available in the Family Centre.

In May, we are trying to organize a fun hot lunch. Once details are finalized, we will send home a note with all students.

Sincerely,
École Luxton PAC

NO-FEE LUNCH PROGRAM

The Luxton No Fee Lunch Supervision Program continues and is going well. For those new to Luxton, if your child needs to stay at school for lunch, please register them at <https://forms.office.com/r/bWHHMds1dg> or scan the QR code below.

Please remember that the lunch program provides supervision, but not food. Students must bring their own lunch and there are no microwaves available. Also, we ask you to **please remind your children that students are not to be sharing their food at lunch. Also, please send your children with the cutlery they need as the nutrition program has a limited budget for these items.**

The following are the Student Rules/Expectations for the No-Fee Lunch Program:

- I will show respect, responsibility, and cooperation with staff and other children, both inside and outside the school building.
- I will sit down properly at the lunch table.
- I will use a calm, indoor voice.
- I will not throw food, squirt drinks, grab at, or share other children's food.
- I will clean up after myself, which includes all my garbage on my desk and surrounding floor.
- I will return equipment to its proper place if I borrow it during the lunch period.
- I will not leave the school grounds.
- I understand that BITING, SLAPPING, SPITTING, KICKING, PINCHING, FIGHTING and other forms of PHYSICAL AGGRESSION AND BULLYING are not acceptable behaviors and will not be tolerated. I understand that VERBAL ABUSE such as SWEARING and TEASING are also unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- I understand attending Lunch Program is a privilege.

* Please note that these rules/expectations are aligned with the Winnipeg School Division Student Code of Conduct.



Children will have 30 minutes of outdoor play during the lunch hour. Please dress for the weather conditions.

Students not registered must leave the school grounds and not return to the school grounds before 1:55pm. Remember the lunch hour is from 1:05 to 2:00pm this year. If a student not registered for the lunch program needs to stay for lunch *occasionally*, please phone the school.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please see the image below for details about a fundraiser taking place this month. The Dr. David Crawford Memorial Fund will provide a book award to a Grade 8 student at our school's farewell ceremony in June. The goal of this fundraiser is to grow the fund so it can continue supporting both Luxton and St. John's students in years to come.

The Dr. David Crawford

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Memorial Fund



North End Perogy Supper

Supporting student awards at St. John's High School & Ecole Luxton School with future contributions to CancerCare Manitoba

Saturday April 18th 2026

St. John's Presbyterian Church
251 Bannerman Avenue

- Doors open at 4:30
- Supper Served at 6:00



Dinner includes: perogies, meatballs, cabbage rolls, kielbasa, coleslaw and bun with all the fixings (plus dessert!)

An evening of community & connection featuring:

- Live music by Brad Micholson
- Original art for purchase
- Refreshments available for purchase (cash bar)
- Evening Fundraising Draws

Tickets \$35 at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) OR contact Gillian for cash purchases at 204-771-9278



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 DRDAVIDCRAWFORDMEMORIALFUND

Please remember that École Luxton School is a scent-free school. Please do not wear scented products when visiting our school!

SCENT FREE ZONE

Help us keep the air we share
healthy and fragrance-free

The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions.

PLEASE

DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

USE unscented personal care products.



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6/ Day 4 School Re-opens Future Cities Engineer to visit room 18 *School of Choice registration opens	7/ Day 5	8/ Day 6	9 / Day 1 Grades 7/8 to Practical Arts at St. John's	10 / Day 2 Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL	
	13 / Day 3	14 / Day 4	15/Day5 Bus Ridership	16/Day6 Future Cities Engineer to visit room 18	17/Day1 Grades 7/8 to Practical Arts at St. John's	
	20 / Day 2 Winnipeg Police Service presentation on bullying – grades 5 to 8	21/Day3	22 / Day 4	23/Day5	24 / Day 6 Rooms 12 & 13 to Oak Hammock Marsh Future Cities Engineer to visit room 27 *Kernels Popcorn fundraiser pick-up in the Family Room from 3:30 to 5:00pm	
	27 /Day1	28/Day2 Room 26 to Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex	29 / Day 3 PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library	30 / Day 4		

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, April 10: Professional Development Day - no regular classes
 Friday, May 8: Non-Instructional Day - no regular classes
 Thursday, May 14 at 2:15pm (in the gym): Middle Years Talent Show
 Friday, June 26: Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony - 12:00pm in the gym
 Monday, June 29: Non-Instructional Day - no regular classes