



APRIL 2026

ADMIN MESSAGE

Chères familles de l'école Lansdowne,

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing Spring Break! It's hard to believe we're already entering the final term of the 2025–2026 school year. In the weeks ahead, our students will experience many exciting learning opportunities, special events, and plenty of time enjoying the arrival of warmer weather.

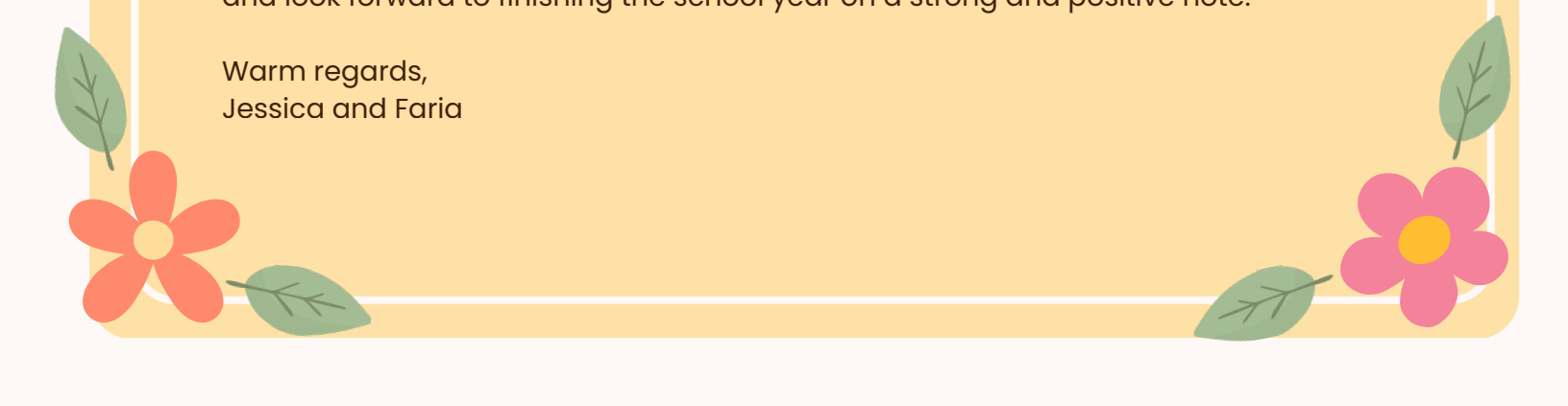
April is a busy and meaningful month for the École Lansdowne community. We are looking forward to participating in the Day of Pink on Wednesday, April 9, a special day dedicated to raising awareness about bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. This is a great opportunity for our students to show their support by wearing pink and engaging in conversations about respect, empathy, and caring for one another. We are also excited to learn and reflect during a presentation put on by our leadership students, who will guide us in thinking about how we can create a positive and inclusive school community.

Another highlight this month is our Celebration of Learning Evening on Thursday, April 17, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Families are warmly invited to attend this special event, where students will proudly share what they have learned throughout the year. Teachers will be present to support and supervise, but this evening truly belongs to the students—they will take the lead in showing you their projects, progress, and achievements. We hope to see all of you there to celebrate our students' hard work!

With the arrival of spring, we are excited to take learning beyond the classroom walls. Warmer temperatures mean more opportunities for outdoor learning, play, and exploration. We encourage students to come prepared for changing weather so they can fully enjoy their time outside. Please ensure your child has a set of dry clothes, including socks, at school while the ground is wet.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our École Lansdowne community. We are grateful for your partnership in your child's learning journey and look forward to finishing the school year on a strong and positive note.

Warm regards,
Jessica and Faria





April Newsletter



Assigned Doors

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

N/K • 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

Grade 5&6 • E back doors beside gym

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

Reminder

NO STOPPING in front of École Lansdowne!



YOU MAY BE FINED!

Safe Arrival

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.

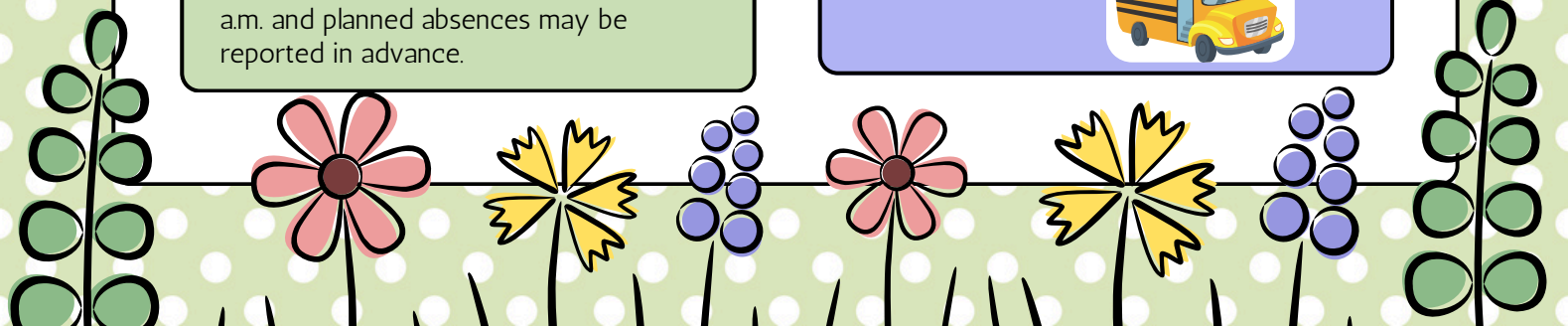
You may also visit

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or download the app to report absences.

Absences must be recorded before 8:30 a.m. and planned absences may be reported in advance.

School Bus

IF YOU WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD WHO USUALLY TAKES THE SCHOOL BUS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE **BEFORE 2:00 P.M.**



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L.P.C Executive 2025-2026

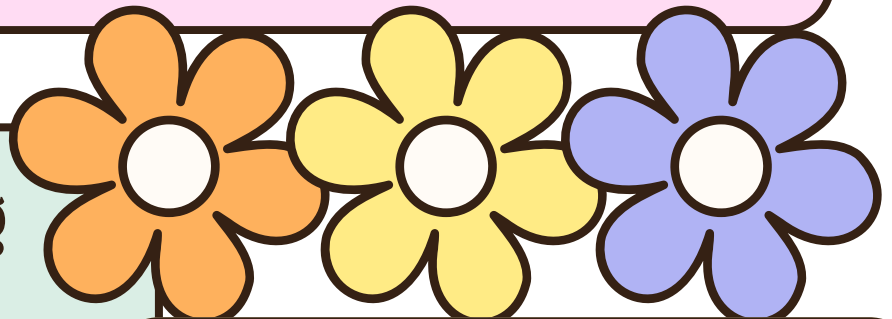


PRESIDENT: Andrea Harrison
VICE-PRESIDENT: Wendy Zebrasky
SECRETARY: Dimple Roy
TREASURER: Bradley Parrenas

Parent Led Meeting

- Wednesday, Apr. 8, 2026 at 6pm
- Wednesday, May 6, 2026 AT 6pm

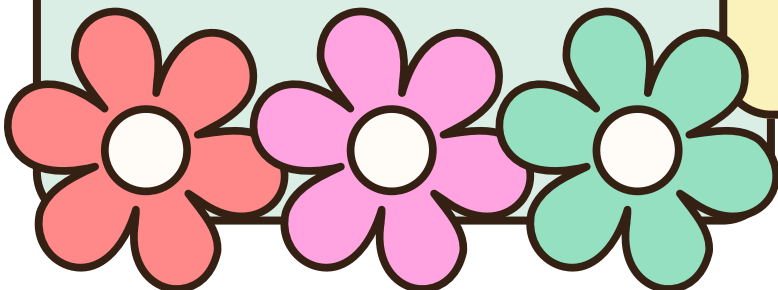
WILL MEET IN THE MUSIC ROOM



L.P.C. Meeting dates

- Monday, Apr. 20, 2026 at 6pm
- Monday, May 25, 2026(A.G.M.) AT 6pm

WILL MEET IN THE LIBRARY





APRIL 2026



Reminders

École Lansdowne's
Got Talent May 1, 2026
at 12:40pm



Daily Schedule

- **8:20 a.m.:** Outdoor Bell Rings
Students line up outside,
teachers greet students and
walk them to their classrooms
- **8:25 a.m.:** O Canada and
Announcements
- **11:30 a.m.- 11:55a.m.:** Students
eat in their classrooms
- **11:55 a.m.-12:25p.m.:** Students
outside for recess
- **2:55 p.m.:** Final Bell Rings
Students walk to the bus or
picked up at their assigned
doors



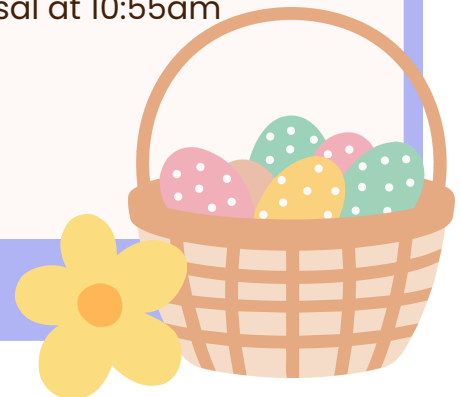
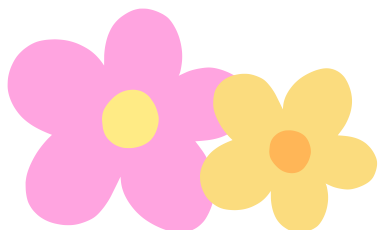
Upcoming Events May

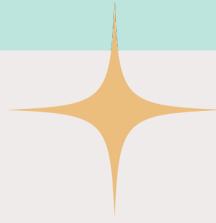
- 1 - École Lansdowne's Got Talent
- 6 - Bus Ridership
- 7 - French Advisory Meeting 6:30pm
- 8 - Babysitting Course (Gr. 6 & 7)
- 8 - No School (Admin. Day)
- 15 - Walk-A-Thon
- 18 - No School, Victoria Day
- 20 - Sports Banquet
- 21 - Activity Day
- 25 - L.P.C. at 6pm
- 26 - Grade 6 & 8 Immunizations
- 28 - Grade 7 & 8 Band Concert at 6pm
Dress Rehearsal 12:30pm
- 29 - École Lansdowne Spirit Day



Upcoming Events June

- 5 - Rooms 122 & 135 Little Mountain Park
- 12 - Rooms 139, 132 & 135 to Little Mountain
- 22 - No School (Admin. Day)
- 23 - Grade 8 Farewell at 9:30am
- 24 - School BBQ/Picnic
- 25 - School BBQ/Picnic Rain Date
- 29 - École Lansdowne Spirit Day
- 29 - Last Day for N/K Students
- 30 - Last Day of School
Early Dismissal at 10:55am





CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE

We are extremely proud of our students and staff for their dedication and support throughout this year's concours d'art oratoire (French speech contest) for Grades 3–8.

Congratulations to all students who participated at the school level, as well as those who advanced to the Divisional level—an impressive achievement!

A special congratulations to our student who will be moving on to the provincial level.

Bravo to our participants:

Grades 3/4:

Olivia C., Ella G., Paulyne F., Althea G., Odin K., Ilaria S.

Grades 5/6:

Gabrielle C., Xaira V., Hunter S-T., Ikah A., Princess M., Deilyn E., Chadi M.

Grades 7/8:

Cedric F., Jaymee S., Ryan P., Nina B., Naomi M., Jeremy T., Jaden M., AC Z., Jian J., Inayah M.

We are so proud of each and every one of you—bravo!



Ready, Set, Learn!

Babysitting Course -École Lansdowne School

For many years, we delivered the Red Cross Babysitting Program to school groups. While the course has value, we found that it's 2003 structure, built around an eight hour, booklet based format, did not fully meet the needs of today's young learners or reflect the realities of modern babysitting.

In response, we created our own updated and interactive program: Ready, Set, Learn! Babysitting Course. Instead of reading from a one hundred page manual, students learn through movement, hands-on activities, and real life scenarios. Our course also shifts the focus from infant care to working with toddlers, who students aged eleven to thirteen are much more likely to babysit, while still covering all essential safety, responsibility, and first aid fundamentals.

The result is a more engaging, relevant, and practical learning experience that prepares students to confidently babysit in 2025 and beyond.

The Babysitting Course offers learners basic caregiving skills and first aid training:

- How to be responsible and demonstrate leadership.
- How to make good decisions and manage challenging behaviours.
- Information on children's developmental stages and specific strategies for each stage.
- How to feed, diaper, dress, and play with children and babies.
- How to recognize and prevent unsafe situations, make safe choices, promote safe behaviours.
- First aid skills:
 - Check, Call, Care (includes phoning EMS/911), glove removal, recovery position, conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone), CPR (baby/child), illness, asthma (includes the use of inhaler and spacer), anaphylaxis (includes the use of EpiPen), poisoning, insect stings, wound care (i.e. minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, burns), head, neck and back injuries, broken bones, seizures.
- The business of babysitting.
- 7 hours (participants must attend the entire course)
- ages 11 - 13 (completion of Grade 5)
- babysitting manual, mini first aid kit, and diaper, completion certificate
- Cost: \$60 plus GST



Each participant will need to bring a doll or stuffed animal to the course and something to write with.

Location: École Lansdowne School -Babysitting

Program Date: Friday, May 8, 2026 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Registration opens: Friday, April 17, 2026

Registration closes: Friday, May 1, 2026

Two Steps to Register:

Step 1: Create an account

- Please go to <https://aquaessence.ca>:
- Click on the "Enroll Today" button down below to create an account (Registration)

Do not click on "Enroll in Classes" or select classes.

*If you do, the account sign-up won't go through

Once you complete the form, you'll receive a confirmation email that you have created an account.

Step 2: Enroll in the course.

- You can then log into the customer portal at the top right-hand corner of the class.
- Then click "École Lansdowne School -Babysitting"

Questions? Contact Aqua Essence at courses@aquaessence.ca for assistance.



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PLANT
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**École
Lansdowne
Quebec
Trip 2027**

2026 SPRING FUNDRAISER

Place orders until April 15th
Shop early for best selection!

This year's spring fundraising campaign will be a sale of excellent quality and competitively priced bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and container gardens. Gift Cards are also available. Fall Garden Mums can be easily ordered now in the spring for delivery shortly after Labor Day in the early Fall.

As a customer, you can **follow these simple steps** to shop and pay online at www.glenleagreenhouses.com.

1. On their homepage select **Spring Fundraiser**.
2. After you are finished shopping, **go to the cart page** and select **"to support & pick up at a fundraiser group"**
3. Please select from the fundraiser group list **École Lansdowne Québec Trip 2027**.
4. The next field "name of seller" can be left blank.
5. Lastly, **check the checkbox** to indicate all of the information is correct and click check out & pay.
6. Input your name, email and preferred payment method. (Visa or Mastercard or by INTERAC e-transfer to Glenlea Greenhouses.)

An email confirmation will be sent to the email address you provided at checkout, confirming the delivery date and location as well as the products ordered. Please check your spam folder if you can not locate it.

**Online orders will be
accepted until April 15th.**

Paper Orders Due

Tuesday April 07, 2026
to the office.

Issue Cheques To

École Lansdowne

Delivery Date

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Pickup time TBD, school will contact all
who ordered closer to delivery day.

Delivery Location

École Lansdowne

(715 Wiginton St. Winnipeg MB)

Thank you for your support



PIRLS 2026

The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study

Information for Parents/Guardians and Students

What is PIRLS?

The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international assessment that **measures the knowledge and skills of Grade 4 students in reading**, sponsored by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). More than 50 countries will be participating in PIRLS 2026.



What is the purpose of PIRLS?

The information obtained through PIRLS is valued by policy-makers, administrators, schools, teachers, and researchers. This data helps to **determine how prepared Grade 4 students are for future academic challenges and to enable evidence-based decisions for educational improvement.**

Thank you in advance for taking part in PIRLS 2026!

When you take this assessment, you will be helping us make education better for all students in Canada.



Who will take part in the PIRLS main study?

The PIRLS main study will be administered from April 20 to May 29, 2026. Canada's participation will consist of seven provinces: British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. **Approximately 1,000 schools in Canada will be taking part in the PIRLS main study.**

Do students need to prepare for PIRLS?

No. **Students do not need to study for this assessment.** Normal classroom activities in language arts provide ample preparation for this assessment.

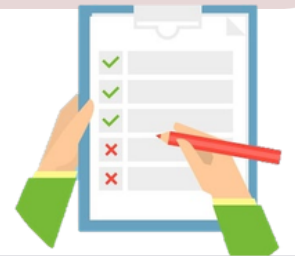
Will the results affect students' marks?

No. **The results of this assessment will not affect students' academic records in any way.** The results will be compiled only at the provincial and pan-Canadian levels.



What will participating students have to do?

Students will complete a **computer-based test** that assesses their **knowledge and skills in reading**. The test takes 80 minutes to complete (two 40-minute parts, separated by a short break). An additional 30 minutes will be required for students to complete a contextual questionnaire intended to collect information on students' characteristics and attitudes toward learning. **The parents/guardians, teachers, and school principals of the participating students will also be asked to respond to a questionnaire.**



What are the benefits of participating?

PIRLS provides school administrators, teachers, and students with an opportunity to be involved with a high-quality assessment that **will influence how reading is taught and learned in the future.**



More information on PIRLS is available on the web at:

<https://cmec.ca/399/Overview.html>

FC NORTHWEST GRASSROOTS 2026

U8-U10

Where *Fun* and *Development* Meet!



BUILT ON THE GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT MODEL

OPEN REGISTRATION

No tryouts. No rankings.

All eligible players welcome.

- Rotate. Learn. Play with everyone in your group.

REGISTER:

fcnorthwest.com/content/fcnw-grassroots

FAQ: fcnorthwest.com/content/grassrootsFAQ

Aligned with Canada Soccer Grassroots standards.





FCNW GRASSROOTS U8 TO U10

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FCNW Grassroots is a structured U8 to U10 development program aligned with Canada Soccer, Manitoba Soccer Association, and Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association standards.

The program emphasizes technical development, confidence, creativity, and enjoyment within a professionally organized environment.

Station based training | High ball contact | Equal playing time | Player rotation | Festival style matchdays | Development before results

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WHERE PLAYERS WILL PLAY

Vince Leah area | Garden City area | Tyndall Park area | West St Paul area

Final schedules and locations depend on registration numbers and available field and facility space.

TRAINING & MATCHDAY STRUCTURE

FCNW Grassroots 1

- 1 training session a week
- 1 festival style matchday a week
- 1 WYSA Jamboree a block

FCNW Grassroots 2

- 2 training sessions a week
- 1 festival style matchday a week
- 1 WYSA Jamboree a block

GAME DAYS

- U8 Boys and Girls: Sunday
- U9 Boys and Girls: Tuesday
- U10 Boys and Girls: Thursday

Some festival matchdays are scheduled in coordination with WYSA. These events may determine the location of play within the city.

COSTS



FCNW Grassroots 1 - \$300 (1 block) | \$575 (2 blocks)

FCNW Grassroots 2 - \$350 (1 block) | \$675 (2 blocks)



<https://www.fcnorthwest.com/content/FCNW-Grassroots>

April

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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 GOOD FRIDAY | 4 |
| | | S P R I N G B R E A K | | | | |
| 5 EASTER  | 6 DAY 4 SCHOOL RE-OPENS | 7 DAY 5 | 8 DAY 6 PINK DAY | 9 DAY 1 4e année à WSO 12h20-2h30 | 10 DAY 2 NO SCHOOL ADMIN. DAY | 11 |
| 12 | 13 DAY 3 | 14 DAY 4 | 15 DAY 5 ROOMS 133 & 122 TO ASSINIBOINE PARK ZOO LES 3 MOUSQUETAIRES PRESENTATION | 16 DAY 6 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING 4-7:30PM | 17 DAY 1 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 DAY 2 LPC 6PM | 21 DAY 3 | 22 DAY 4 GRADE 8 BAND FESTIVAL PM | 23 DAY 5 ROOM 122 TO HISTORICAL THINKING SYMPOSIUM @MB MUSEUM | 24 DAY 6 ÉCOLE LANSLOWNE SPIRIT DAY | 25 |
| 26 | 27 DAY 1 | 28 DAY 2 NORTH DISTRICT 6:30PM | 29 DAY 3 GR. 7 & 8 CAMP MANITOU ALL DAY GR. 1 OAK HAMMOCK MARSH | 30 DAY 4 |  | |

SPRING BREAK ENDS APRIL 5TH ; FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL IS APRIL 6TH (DAY 4)
HAPPY EASTER