



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of
École Luxton School

**Oct.
2026**

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Members of the École Luxton School Community,

It has been a wonderful start to the school year, and we are grateful for the energy, enthusiasm, and sense of community that our students and families bring to our school each day. One special moment this month was coming together for our school's first outdoor assembly as we honoured the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Gathering as a school community gave us an opportunity to reflect, learn, and recognize the importance of continuing our journey toward truth and reconciliation. As we move forward, we would love to hear from families about your ideas and suggestions for how we can continue to advance the Calls to Action for Truth and Reconciliation as a school community. Your voices and perspectives are an important part of this ongoing work.

We would like to remind families that toys (including slime and squishies) and Pokémon cards are not permitted at school. While we understand that these items can be fun and exciting for children, bringing them to school can sometimes lead to disagreements, distractions, lost or damaged belongings, and other challenges. To help keep our school environment focused, inclusive, and positive for everyone, please leave toys and Pokémon cards at home. Thank you for your support and partnership in helping us create a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students.

Additionally, please note that energy drinks are not permitted at school. We have noticed some students in the older grades bringing them to school, and we ask for your support in ensuring they stay at home, as their high caffeine and sugar content can negatively affect students' health, focus, and learning.

Finally, if your child is going to be away, be sure to indicate their absence in the SafeArrival Absence Reporting System. More information about this system can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.

Warmly,

Kerry and Anita

🔔 École Luxton School Daily Schedule Update 🔔

Here is a quick reference guide for our daily schedules this school year.



Nursery / Kindergarten

- Morning Class: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
- Afternoon Class: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM



Grades 1 to 6

- 9:00 AM to 10:35 AM First Learning Block
- 10:35 AM to 11:05 AM Recess
- 11:05 AM to 12:30 PM Second Learning Block
- 12:30 PM to 1:25 PM Lunch Break
 - ❖ 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM Grades 1 to 3 eat lunch / Grades 4 to 6 go outside
 - ❖ 1:00 PM to 1:25 PM Grades 1 to 3 go outside / Grades 4 to 6 eat lunch
- 1:25 PM to 3:30 PM Third Learning Block



Grades 7 and 8

- Follow the Grade 1 to 6 schedule with the exception of no morning recess – their First Learning Block goes from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
- Lunch Break
 - 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM, go outside / 1:00 PM to 1:25 PM eat lunch.

FRAGRANCE-FREE SCHOOL

Please note that École Luxton School is a fragrance-free school. We have staff that are severely allergic to scented products. Please do NOT wear any scented products when you are visiting the school. Even a brief visit to the office by someone wearing a scent can have adverse effects on our staff. Thanks for your cooperation in helping to keep all our school community safe.



**FRAGRANCE
FREE
ENVIRONMENT**

LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTRE FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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.



NO-FEE LUNCH PROGRAM

The Luxton No Fee Lunch Supervision Program is running again this year. If your child needs to stay at school during lunch time, please register them at [École LUXTON School Lunch Program Registration Form 2026-2027 – Fill out form](#) or scan the QR code. *****All students need to be registered for this school year.**

Please remember that the lunch program provides supervision, but not lunch. Students must bring their own lunch and there are no microwaves available. **Students must bring their own utensils.**

École LUXTON School Lunch
Program Registration Form 2026-
2027



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 behaviours 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.

Children will have 30 minutes of outdoor play during the lunch hour. Please dress for the weather conditions. During the colder months, we will stay inside only when the windchill reaches -25 C.

Students not registered must leave the school grounds and not return to the school grounds before 1:25pm. Please remember the lunch hour is from 12:30pm to 1:25pm this year.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

SCHEDULE:

Students will eat at tables in the hallways and will be supervised by educational assistants.

- Grades 1 to 3 will eat lunch between 12:30 PM & 1:00 PM and go outside from 1:00 PM to 1:25 PM
- Grades 4 to 8 will go outside between 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM and eat lunch from 1:00 PM to 1:25 PM

Several children and staff at Luxton have life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Our goal is to provide a safe classroom and school for all students. Please assist us in ensuring that your child's lunches and snacks are nut-free.

**THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE**



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Room 8

We are busy learning and growing in Room 8! Grade 1s are reviewing French letter sounds and practicing counting forwards and backwards. Grade 2s are being introduced to early French reading strategies using entry-level books and are exploring some common French verbs.



We are also reviewing sight words and getting ready for the Halloween season by learning new Halloween vocabulary in French. As we approach Thanksgiving, we will take time to discuss this special celebration and share what we are thankful for. We are excited to continue building our French language skills through reading, speaking, and lots of fun learning!

Mr. Slobodian

Room 9 and 13

Hi Families,



We have had a wonderful start to the school year in Room 9 and 13. Students are learning the routines and getting to know each other.

We were fortunate to participate in Truth and Reconciliation learning at the Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest at St. John's Park. Thank you to all that attended on Tuesday, September 29th. Students learned about how we need to always be aware of being kind, respectful, and understanding to all. Each student in room 9 and 13 was able to paint a rock with their ideas and inspirations in support of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Books and stories were read and shared about others' history and recollections, relating to Orange Shirt Day.

We will continue to look to the skies and evaluate the weather, the changes around us, and what each season brings to us. We look forward to making wind chimes in Science as the weather gets colder as our design project!

We will continue to work on our community in Social Studies and all about our "self": our address, phone numbers and where we fit in our community. We will explore the area around us and how we relate to our world.

Room 9 will do work on coin counting, money, and how it relates to skip counting. It is wonderful to see students that have conversations to share with their experiences with money. Room 13 has been working on increasing and decreasing patterns as well as skip counting patterns. We are enjoying finding patterns all around us!

With thanks,

Ms. Drewniak and Ms. Howard



STUDENT VOTE 2026

École Luxton School students in grades 4-8 are participating in Student Vote on October 26-28. [Student Vote](#) uses an election, such as the upcoming municipal election in Winnipeg, as a teachable moment. After learning about government and the electoral process, students will cast ballots for official candidates running in Winnipeg's elections on Oct. 28. The results of the students' votes, as compared to the actual votes, will be shared after the general election. Looking forward to seeing democracy in practice in the halls of École Luxton School.



Mme Meinders and Mrs. Horsman

ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL PAC

Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at school, or have a great idea to make our school community even better? Here is your chance to get involved!

Please join us for our **Parent Advisory Council AGM & Elections:**

Date: Thursday, October 29th | Time: 6:30 PM | Location: School Library (2nd Floor)

Whether you want to take on a leadership role, share your voice, or just listen in, all parents, guardians, and family members are welcome. This meeting is a wonderful space to bring your questions, comments, and fresh ideas to help support our students and staff.

All Executive Positions Are Open for Election!

We are looking for enthusiastic team members for the following roles:

- ★ Chair ★ Vice-Chair ★ Secretary ★ Treasurer
- ★ Fundraising Coordinator / Fundraising Committee members ★ Communications Coordinator ★

No prior experience is necessary— if you care about our school and students, you're qualified! Come out, enjoy the evening, and help us make this school year amazing. We can't wait to see you there!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE FROM PAC

Don't forget—Peak of the Market order pickup is set for **Wednesday, October 7th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM** in the school gym.

Want to help out? We need volunteers to help sort through the produce orders. If you have some time to spare, please email Jill at JILL.A.STOCKWELL@GMAIL.COM.

Crisp autumn air means one thing: **soup season is here!**

We're excited to launch our next PAC fundraiser with **Mitchell's Soup Co.** Funds raised will support a school movie night and help cover hot lunches for students facing financial barriers. Delivery will happen later in November and will be sent home with students.



Paper order forms will be available in the office and due back with payment Tuesday, October 27th.

Place your online order here by **Monday, November 2nd:**

<https://raise.mitchellssoupco.com/ecoleluxtonschoolpac/ecoleluxtonschoolpacf26?a=17&at=1788281124356&as=k>

LIBRARY NEWS – COME *CHECK IT OUT!*

The students and staff seem to be really enjoying the new furniture in the library. It is nice to see that it is being respected so it will last a very long time.

Students from Grade 1 to 8 have library book exchange once during the school day cycle. During this time, they are asked to look for books that they would like to read and check them out of the library before they leave. In the future we will invite the parents/ caregivers of Nursery and Kindergarten students to visit the library and sign out books for their children as well. Unfortunately, currently our library computer program is undergoing some maintenance and I am unable to sign out books to the young ones.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to École Luxton School in November during the week of the Triad Conferences. Please check student backpacks for notes and flyers for more information about the book fair which will be set up in the library from Monday, November 16th to Friday, November 20th.

Arlene Bell
Library Technician

Family Centre News

Well, the first month of being back at school sure flew by fast. Here we are in October with colder weather on the way and leaves falling all around us. It sure is a beautiful site with all the colours changing.

There is not much news to report on when our Tuesday Morning Literacy will start up. We are still waiting for the School Division to give the approval for when the program to start. Please keep watching for updates, and as soon as I know I will post flyers on the front door.

I will be in the Family Center on days 2, 4 and 6 serving coffee, tea and some sweets for families and staff, so please pop in just to say “Hi” or even enjoy a cup or two with my husband, Clark, and myself.

The smiles are always free and the conversations are plenty. I cannot wait to welcome you all back.

See you soon,

Angie Houston
Family Centre, Rm. 66



VOLUNTEERING AT LUXTON

As we look ahead to another wonderful year of learning, we are sharing with you information about volunteering at our school. At École Luxton School, we greatly value the contributions of our volunteers. They play an important role in enriching our students' learning experiences. Whether supporting field trips, special events, classroom activities, or extracurricular opportunities, your time and commitment help create meaningful experiences for our students.

As some of these requirements can take some time to process, we encourage families who may be interested in volunteering at any point during the next few years to complete the requirements now. Having your documentation on file in advance will allow you to take advantage of volunteer opportunities as they arise throughout the school year.

To volunteer the following requirements must be completed:

- Complete a Volunteer Application Form
- Complete Respect in Schools (RISC) training and submit a copy of your certificate
- Complete the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) requirements (click on the link)
- Complete Child Abuse Registry Check (attached)
- The forms may be completed digitally; however, all signatures need to be handwritten.

Attached you will find all required links and forms needed to become a volunteer.

There are additional requirements for Community Volunteers and Coaches:

- Complete Criminal Record Check w/ Vulnerable Sector

Please note that applications for volunteering are valid for three years. If you have any further questions about becoming a volunteer, simply contact us via email or phone.



OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 / Day 5 Dental Screening	2 / Day 6 Picture Day 	3
4	5 / Day 1	6 / Day 2 Divisional Inservice – No School	7 / Day 3 Peak of the Market pickup 3:30 to 4:30pm	8 / Day 4	9 / Day 5 Grades 5/6 soccer tournament	10
11	12 Thanksgiving – No School 	13 / Day 6 Bus ridership	14 / Day 1	15 / Day 2 Fun Lunch	16 / Day 3	17
18	19 / Day 4	20 / Day 5 Grade 6/8 Immunizations AM	21 / Day 6	22 / Day 1	23 / Day 2 Non- Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 / Day 3	27 / Day 4	28 / Day 5	29 / Day 6	30 / Day 1	31 

UPCOMING DATES

- November 11 – Remembrance Day; NO SCHOOL
- November 9, 10, 12 – Hearing screening
- November 16 – 20 Scholastic Book Fair
- November 19 – Triad Conferences - evening
- November 20 – Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL. Triad Conferences - AM only
- November 24 – Fun Lunch
- November 25 – Photo Retakes

SCHOOL CLOSURE/PD DAYS 2026-2027

- Tuesday, October 6: PD day
- Friday, October 23: PD day
- **Friday, November 20: Tri-conferences**
- Monday, January 18: PD day
- Friday, February 5: PD day
- **Friday, March 19: Student-Led Conferences**
- Friday, April 16: PD day
- Friday, May 7: PD day
- Friday, June 4: PD day

SafeArrival Absence Reporting System

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we now use a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

Please note, if you as a parent or guardian have questions about SafeArrival or School Messenger, please contact the school office directly.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then select **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then select **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

[Communicate - Parent Guide - Mobile App WD.PDF](#)

[SchoolMessenger_SafeArrival_Family_FAQ.pdf](#)

STUDENT SUPPORT PROCESS

Restorative practices can help strengthen relationships among students, families, and staff when concerns arise at school.

Let's work together to resolve matters and make sure everyone has a safe learning environment.



1

Speak with your child about the situation to gain their perspective.



2

Contact the classroom teacher. Teachers are directly involved with students and offer the best insight.

3

If concerns are not addressed, reach out to the school principal for support.



4

For ongoing issues, call the Superintendent's Department at 204-775-0231. Indicate the school you are calling about. WSD leadership will respond.

5

If challenges persist, contact the Board and Community Liaison Officer at 204-789-0469. They work with families and the Board of Trustees to reach a solution.

More information: [Restorative Practice Policy](#)



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