



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of
École Luxton School

**Sept.
2026**

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Members of the École Luxton School Community,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are so happy to begin our second year together as the administrative team at École Luxton School. It was wonderful to see everyone's smiling faces this week, and we are looking forward to another great year with our students, families, and community.

A Fragrance-Free Environment

First and foremost, please be reminded that our school is a fragrance-free environment. Several of our staff members experience severe reactions to scented products. We respectfully ask that families, friends, and community members refrain from wearing scented products when visiting the school. Thank you for helping us keep all members of the École Luxton School community safe and healthy.

Balanced School Day

We are pleased to share that the Province of Manitoba has approved our request to continue with the Balanced School Day for the 2026–2027 school year. After reviewing the feedback we received in the spring, we will be moving the lunch period 30 minutes earlier this year. Please see the end of this message for our daily schedule.

Introducing PowerSchool

Starting this school year, the Winnipeg School Division has transitioned to a new student information management system called PowerSchool. The PowerSchool platform will provide families and students with access to an information portal, student attendance information, provincial and divisional reporting, and more. We are still learning the new system ourselves, but we will continue to provide families with information and updates as the year progresses.

École Luxton School is Growing!

Our school community continues to grow! While we do not have our official enrolment numbers yet, as we are still receiving registrations, we anticipate having more students than we did last year.

With our increased enrolment, every room on the upper level is now being used as a classroom. Room 3 in the basement has been converted into a band room. We will continue to have our regulation room on the main level in Room 11. The Family Centre will be used on Days 1, 3, and 5 to accommodate our French Literacy Support teacher.

For a complete list of our teachers and the grades they teach, please visit our school website. We are excited to continue growing and to welcome more students and families to École Luxton School!

Free Supervised Lunch Program

All students are welcome to stay at school for our free, supervised lunch program. Students should bring their own lunch, including utensils, and please ensure that their lunch does not require reheating.

Information about how to register for the lunch program will be sent home next week. Registration is important as it allows us to know which students will be staying for lunch and ensures that we have enough staff available to safely supervise everyone.

Looking Ahead

We are excited about the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring. As we continue to build a strong and welcoming school community, we look forward to working in partnership with our students, families, and community. Thank you for your continued support, communication, and commitment to making École Luxton School a wonderful place to learn and grow. We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and successful 2026–2027 school year!

Warmly,

Madame Kerry Kutcher & Ms. Gilman

École Luxton School Daily Schedule Update

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

Nursery / Kindergarten

- **Morning Class:** 9:00am – 11:30am
- **Afternoon Class:** 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Grades 1 to 6

- **9:00am – 10:35am:** 1st Learning Block
- **10:35am – 11:05am:** Recess
- **11:05am – 12:30pm:** 2nd Learning Block
- **12:30pm – 1:25pm:** Lunch Break
 - **12:30pm – 1:00pm:** Grades 1–3 eat lunch | Grades 4–6 go outside
 - **1:00pm – 1:25pm:** Grades 1–3 go outside | Grades 4–6 eat lunch
- **1:25pm – 3:30pm:** 3rd Learning Block

Grades 7 & 8

Follows the **Grades 1 to 6 Schedule**, with **one exception**:

-  **No morning recess** (Learning continues through 10:35am – 11:05am)
- **Lunch split:** Eats lunch from 1:00pm – 1:25pm (outside from 12:30pm – 1:00pm)

****Credit goes to the PAC for creating the above infographic! Thank you!**

NEW STAFF PROFILES

Gillian Adair – Room 12, Grade1



Hi there! My name is Gillian Adair, and I'm excited to join the Luxton School community as a Grade 1 teacher!

I joined the Winnipeg School Division last year after spending the previous 10 years teaching in school divisions primarily outside of Winnipeg. Throughout my teaching career, I've had the opportunity to work in a variety of school communities, including teaching on Hutterite colonies.

Outside of school, I love spending time with my family. I have two little boys, ages 5 and 3, so "spare time" can be hard to come by! When I do find some, I enjoy spending time at my cottage, travelling, and being around animals—I'm a huge animal lover. I'm also a big Winnipeg Blue Bombers fan!

I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students, families, and staff at Luxton and becoming part of the school community!

Ms. Adair

Luke Deibert – Room 23, Grades 4/5

Tansi, Bonjour, Hi!

My name is Mr. Luke Deibert and I will be teaching grades 4/5 in room 23. I have called many places in Manitoba my home, from Selkirk, The Pas, Stonewall and most recently Thompson where I taught high school. I've been involved in schools for almost 20 years as an educational assistant with Interlake School Division, substitute teacher, student mentor and teacher. I'm excited to join the Luxton community and look forward to having rich, rewarding experiences and fun with my new students.

In my non-teaching life, I was a competitive swimming coach either full-time or part-time for 30 of the last 40 years. I like to spend my time puttering on various projects at home and will be making an effort to find the hidden treasures of Winnipeg as a new resident.

Mr. Deibert



Kim Ellana – Room 19, Grades 7/8



Hello Luxton Community,

If we haven't met yet, my name is Ms. Ellana! I am very excited to be back at Luxton to teach grade 7/8 Math and Science.

A little bit about me: this year marks my 6th year of teaching, almost 3 of those years have been at Luxton! I enjoy working out, cats, the Winnipeg Jets and singing.

I am looking forward to this school year and connecting with you all!

-Ms. Ellana

Lauren Fehr – Room 2, Music



Hello! Bonjour! My name is Lauren Fehr and I am very excited to be the new N-6 music teacher at École Luxton School.

In 2025 I graduated from the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba, having previously completed my music degree there as well. This past year I taught at École Waterford Springs School where I was the K-4 music teacher.

As a life-long musician I've been involved in many different choirs and musical theatre productions and still am to this day. I am looking forward to being able to share my love of music with my students this year.

Aside from school and music, I enjoy spending lots of time outside, hiking, traveling, reading, and puzzling.

Looking forward to a great year with everyone!

Ms. Fehr

Cassandra Friesen – Room 16, Grades 1 / 2 French Immersion

Bonjour, hello! I am Mme Friesen and I will be teaching 1/2 French Immersion at École Luxton this school year! I taught in Manitoba for 9 years before heading to Saskatchewan for 4 years and now am very happy to be back in Manitoba! I have taught all early years grades from K-4 with some years in French Immersion and some on the English side. I am very passionate about land-based learning and hands-on based approaches like play-based and inquiry-based learning. I am looking forward to a year of exploration and discovery!

In my time outside of school, my family and I enjoy being outside; hiking, biking, visiting parks and exploring! I am looking forward to the 2026-2027 school year!

Mme Friesen



Kyle Kempe-Collins – Room 15, Grade 3 French Immersion



Bonjour! Hello! My name is Kyle Kempe-Collins and I am very excited to be joining École Luxton School as a third-grade immersion teacher.

This will be my first year as a full-time teacher after graduating from the University of Winnipeg this past June. Most recently, I taught Basic French at St. Mary's Academy.

Outside of the school, I am currently coaching football at École secondaire Kelvin High School. When I'm not in the classroom or on the field, I enjoy writing and travelling. I am eager to join the École Luxton School community and look forward to collaborating with students, families, and staff alike.

Mr. Kempe-Collins

Steve Shylo – Room 18, Grades 7/8

I am very excited to be joining the Luxton School community and look forward to becoming part of such a welcoming and meaningful place. Although I am new to Luxton as a teacher, my family has deep roots and strong ties to the school. Luxton is where my mother and all my uncles attended school, and it is also where my aunt began her teaching career. Because of this history, returning to Luxton feels especially meaningful to me.

I have been teaching for 22 years and have had the opportunity to work with students across all grade levels and with a variety of curricula. Throughout my career, I have always enjoyed taking on new challenges and embracing change as an opportunity for growth and learning.

Reflection is an important part of both my personal and professional life. I frequently ask myself questions such as, “How do I respond when I am faced with a new challenge?” “What values and principles do I want to be known for?” and “What have I done to improve myself or support those around me?” I look forward to encouraging my students to develop their own reflective thinking skills and to incorporate meaningful opportunities for self-reflection into their learning.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family and taking part in the many activities that come with having kids. We also enjoy camping, playing games together, and making the most of our time as a family.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of École Luxton School and am looking forward to getting to know the students, families, and staff and contributing to this wonderful community.

Stay safe and healthy,

Steve Shylo



Margaret Woodason – Clerk II

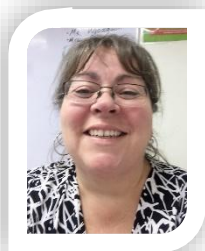
Greetings!

My name is Margaret and I am the new morning clerk here at Luxton.

I have been with the division since the end of Feb 2022. I have mainly been a substitute clerk in several offices, but I have also held a couple of term positions.

I am a people person, so I love meeting new folks - big and little (haha). I look forward to meeting and working with you all this school year.

Margaret Woodason



Keren Omame Mensah – Educational Assistant

Hello everyone, I am excited to join the École Luxton School community as an Educational Assistant. I have experience working with children and supporting students with diverse learning and developmental needs. I am passionate about creating safe, inclusive and encouraging environment where every learner feels valued and supported. Outside of my work, I enjoy mentoring, volunteering and learning new things, and finding meaningful ways to support children and young people.

Thank you very much.

Ms. Keren



Babajide Bakare – Educational Assistant



Hi everyone, my name is Babajide Bakare and could be called 'Jide' or 'Mr B'. I am so privileged and excited to be a member of École Luxton School community as an EA. I had all my educational school career back in Lagos, Nigeria, where I earned a Master's degree in Agricultural-Economics from one of the Premier and Prestigious universities in Nigeria named University of Ibadan.

I had several teaching experiences in various secondary schools in Nigeria, and I am currently an online Lecturer at Lagos State Cooperative College, where I still take an online class on Cooperative Management. In Winnipeg, I started as a substitute EA, where I worked at various schools within the Winnipeg School Division. Sometime in

March, I was also opportune to work at Luxton School as a substitute EA.

It is really my pleasure coming back to work and join this wonderful and friendly community!

Regards to everyone,

Mr B.

Grade 2 /3 English Rooms 9 and 13



Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to an exciting new year.

This month we will be talking about daily and seasonal changes, weather, and school routines. We will be reviewing math skills, as well as letter sound and sight word reading. We will also be learning our phone numbers and home addresses as part of our Social Studies unit and for personal safety.

We will talk about Terry Fox and his impact on our thinking.

Truth and Reconciliation will be an ongoing theme throughout the year, and we will focus on listening, understanding and reflecting for Orange Shirt Day at the end of the month.

Ms. Howard & Ms. Drewniak



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.

The Luxton CC AGM will be on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 PM at the Centre.



FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Welcome Back Everyone!

I hope everyone had a restful and fantastic Summer. It's very hard to believe that school has started up again. I will be setting up the Family Centre the first week back, so starting September 14th, I am able to welcome back families to our program and Family Centre every second day (school days 2, 4 and 6) Coffee and tea will on again!

Please watch for updates when our Tuesday Morning Literacy program starts again. Once I am made aware, flyers will be sent out with the Nursery and Kindergarten students, it will also be posted on the front door, as well as bulletin board by the Family Centre.

Have a wonderful first day back, I am looking forward to meeting familiar and new faces again this school year.

Angie Houston

Room: 66 / Family Centre



PAC – FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

Welcome back to school!



Back by popular demand our first fundraiser of the year is the Peak of the Market Veggie Fundraiser.

Orders are live and can be made here:

[HTTPS://PEAKFARMTOSCHOOL.COM/SHOP/BUYBUNDLE](https://peakfarmtoschool.com/shop/buybundle)

Make sure to select Ecole Luxton School and put the student's name in the order box to help with organizing the orders.

Last day to order online is **Wednesday, September 23rd**.

Paper forms will be available in the office in the week of September 14th and need to be returned by **Monday, September 21st** with cash or cheque payment. Please make cheques payable to **École Luxton School PAC**. If you would like a form emailed to you earlier contact Jill Stockwell at JILL.A.STOCKWELL@GMAIL.COM.

All orders will be delivered to the school for pick up on **Wednesday, October 7th from 3:30-4:30 PM** in the school gym. If you are able to volunteer to sort the vegetable orders, please contact Jill Stockwell.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADE 1 – GRADE 8

Welcome Back!

We're kicking off the year in Phys Ed by getting students moving, learning routines, and building teamwork!

September Focus:

- ☒ Safe movement in the gym & outside
- ☒ Basic skills: running, hopping, skipping, jumping
- ☒ Cooperative games & teamwork
- ☒ Fitness circuits (Grades 4–8)

 What to Bring:

- Indoor running shoes (Not Crocs or Sandals or Slippers)
- Water bottle

 Why It's Important:

This month lays the foundation for the year! Students will:

- Build essential movement skills
- Learn how to play safely & respectfully
- Begin working on fitness and teamwork

Thanks for your support! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mr. Kay, Phys Ed Teacher, École Luxton School

LIBRARY NEWS – COME *CHECK IT OUT!*

Welcome back! Hope everyone had time to read over the summer.

I am very excited to be in the Luxton library full time. Please remember that I will also be attending Library Technician classes every Tuesday and Thursday morning, so there will be training for library visits beginning on your class's first visit to the library.

I am excited to share that we have new furniture in the library. There are 2 benches for the outside of a reading circle and 20 hive cushions for people to use when they sit on the floor. Please remember to respect the furniture so it will last a long time.

Arlene Bell

Library Technician.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 / Day 1 School Reopens NO CLASSES	9 / Day 2 First day of classes for grades 1 – 8 N/K Individual Appointments	10 / Day 3 N/K Individual Appointments	11 / Day 4 Staggered Start N/K	12
13	14 / Day 5 First full day of classes for N/K Farm to School Fund Raiser Begins	15 / Day 6	16 / Day 1 First day of Practical Arts at St. John's (grades 7 & 8)	17 / Day 2 Meet the Teacher Grades 1 to 8 5:30 to 6:30 PM	18 / Day 3	19
20	21 / Day 4 Farm to School Paper orders due	22 / Day 5	23 / Day 6 Farm to School online orders due Terry Fox walk/run	24 / Day 1 Rooms 24 & 25 going to WSD Pow Wow Practical Arts (Grades 7/8) PAC Meeting in the library 6:30 PM	25 / Day 2	26
27	28 / Day 3	29 / Day 4 Orange Shirt Day	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No school)			
UPCOMING DATES October 1: Dental Screening October 2: Picture Day October 6: Divisional Inservice – No School October 7: Farm to School Order pickup October 12: Thanksgiving – No School October 20: Grade 6/8 Immunizations AM October 23: Non-Instructional Day – No School			SCHOOL CLOSURE/PD DAYS 2026-2027 - Tuesday, September 8: PD day - 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			

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](#)



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

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](#)

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Clinic

This CRA clinic offers one-on-one help. Register to reserve a spot. You can register by phone, online or at any Winnipeg Public Library.

This clinic helps with the following services only:

- Applying for benefits (CCB, CGEB, DTC)
- Answering personal tax questions (no trusts, business or farming)
- Updating information (address, direct deposit, contact information)
- Printing letters or Proof of Income Statements (Option C)

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to event date at 10 a.m. You can register for one CRA clinic only at a time. On the day of the CRA Clinic, the order of when you are seen will depend on when you check in at the branch. Check in starts 30 minutes prior to the clinic start time, or when the branch opens at 12 p.m.. Limited walk-ins will be taken if time allows, or if spots are not yet filled.

Bill & Helen Norrie Library 204-986-4936

Tuesday, September 8: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Charleswood Library 204-986-3072

Tuesday, September 29: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday, October 23: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Henderson Library 204-986-4314

Friday, September 25: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thursday, October 29: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Louis Riel Library 204-986-4573

Friday, September 4: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thursday, October 22: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Millennium Library 204-986-6489

Wednesday, September 2: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
*Drop-in only. No registration.

Osborne Library 204-986-4775

Friday, September 11: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday, October 16: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pembina Trails Library 204-986-4369

Tuesday, September 22: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sir William Stephenson Library 204-986-7070

Monday, September 21: 12-4 p.m.

St. Boniface Library 204-986-4331

Wednesday, September 9: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday, October 9: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. James-Assiniboia Library 204-986-3424

Wednesday, October 28: 12-4 p.m.

St. John's Library 204-986-4689

Monday, September 14: 12-4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Transcona Library 204-986-3950

Wednesday, September 16: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, October 19: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Windsor Park Library 204-986-3950

Friday, October 2: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Unable to register or have an urgent need? CRA offers services by phone.

- General Enquiries: 1-800-959-8281 (for general questions)
- Benefits Enquiries: 1-800-387-1193 (for questions related to CGEB and CCB)
- Business Enquiries: 1-800-959-5525 (for questions related to businesses)
- canada.ca/taxes-help (to find someone to get your taxes done for free)



Scan to
register.



Canada Revenue
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