



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of
École Luxton School

**MARCH
2026**

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear École Luxton School Families,

As mentioned in our last newsletter, February was an incredibly busy and exciting month at our school. We celebrated I Love to Read Month, Global Play Day, Festival du Voyageur, the 100th day of school, Black History Month, and Valentine's Day.

Many of our classes had the opportunity to attend Festival du Voyageur this year, and our I Love to Read Month committee organized engaging activities throughout the month. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the guest readers who visited our school throughout the month. We kicked things off with a school-wide assembly featuring Constable Kirsch of the Winnipeg Police Service. We were also pleased to welcome



Hon. Tyler Blashko reading to students

Tyler Blashko, MLA for Lagimodière, and Kyle Ross, President of the MGEU, who read to various classes. In addition, several community and family members generously shared their time with us. Thank you to Gillian Mozdzen, Riele Bailey, Veronica Rosin, Carissa Grandpre and her son James, Jamie Jurczak, and Kyle Seaton for helping us celebrate the joy of reading. (We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone.) We truly value having members of our community visit our school, especially to share their love of reading with our students.

Report cards will be sent home electronically on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. We look forward to welcoming families to the school for Student-Led Conferences on the evening of March 19 and the morning of March 20. These conferences provide a meaningful opportunity to celebrate our students' learning and growth together.

Yours in education,
Kerry & Anita



Constable Hirsch reading to students

GLOBAL PLAY DAY

On Wednesday, February 4th, Ecole Luxton School participated in Global School Play Day. Students were given time to play without the use of screens, structured games, or adult direction. Our students thrived while exploring their creativity and problem-solving skills, all while interacting with their peers throughout the day. Students in Room 13 had an incredible day of building cooperatively, creating art, laughing, and playing collaboratively. Also pictured are students in Room 6 enjoying their Day of Play!



As with last year, this day was dedicated to Julie Bachewich and we held her in our hearts and remembered her (especially her laughter and the way she loved working with students). We miss you, Ms. Julie!

We can't wait until next year's Global Play Day!

With thanks,

Ms. Howard

100th DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

Rooms 12 and 13 celebrated 100 Day on Tuesday, February 17th. In Room 13, we celebrated by participating in our own 100 Day Olympic games! We exercised, played table hockey, mini curling, bean bag toss, Olympic ring toss, and made mini ski jumpers that we launched with straws. We held our torches high and even made our own Olympic medals. We ate 100 snacks and made 100 fruit loop necklaces. It was an amazing day!
-Ms. Howard



GRADES 7/8 NEWS

Our Grade 7/8 basketball team is wrapping up an awesome season! Throughout the year, the players showed tremendous growth – not only in their basketball skills, but also in their teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Game after game, they supported one another, kept positive attitudes, and worked hard to improve. Their team spirit was evident on and off the court, and they represented our school with respect and integrity at every game.

We are incredibly proud of the effort, dedication, and character this group demonstrated all season long. Great work, team!

Cheers,
Jessica Brown (she/her)



The Luxton Bobcat came out to cheer on the team and boost school spirit!

FUTURE CITIES PROGRAM

Mme Ledger (room 27) and Mr Chalal's (room 18) classes are fortunate to have two local engineers mentor them as they apply Maths, Science, and Social Studies to **design and build a scale model of a city of the future**. These mentors are provided as part of the [Future Cities Experience](#) with a theme of "Farm to Table" this year. As our learners create and build to meet the challenge, we hope you can share your ideas with them about the theme - design a city that eliminates food waste from farm to table and keeps your citizens healthy and safe. A small group of these students will get feedback on our model city in May from panel of engineering experts during a virtual (digital) showcase. More details will be sent with the students in those classes. **Many thanks** to Geoff Wolk, Senior Project Manager (Mechanical) at Smith + Andersen and Stephanie Hladik, Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba for sharing their expertise with us through the engineering design process.



MARCH SPIRIT WEEK

During the last week of school before Spring Break, École Luxton School will have a spirit week. Remember: spirit week is completely optional!

Monday, March 23rd: Character Day: Dress as a character from a movie, wear a shirt with your favourite cartoon character on it, wear a video game shirt, etc.

Tuesday, March 24th: RAINBOW DAY- wear every colour of the rainbow OR wear one colour (e.g., all green, all red)



Wednesday, March 25th: Backwards/Inside Out Day- Wear your clothes backwards or inside out

Thursday, March 26th: Sports Day: Wear your sports gear- STAFF VS. STUDENTS game in the gym.

Friday, March 27th: PJ Day

Contributed by rooms 13 and 20

MUSIC NEWS

This past month we have worked on the dance "Boogie Wonderland" by Earth, Wind, and Fire. Many students have focused on their actions and have greatly improved their dancing skills!! We have discussed the history of the band Earth, Wind, and Fire, reflecting on their song "September" as our previous dance. We examined how their music genre, style, performances, and history contrasted with the music of Mozart. It has been fascinating to hear student views and ideas.

Students on the first floor played circle song games, dances, rhythms, and activities on different themes: Chickens, Llamas, and ending with Jigging with wooden spoon experimentation.

Students on the second floor worked on reviewing and rehearsing for recording their version of "The Gingerbread Man" story. Next, students will work on creating their own words to music.

Music helps our brains to be innovative and think outside of the box. We look at traditional musical elements through imaginative perspectives, encouraging improvisation, spontaneity and risk-taking. My wish is for students to be curious in the process, build confidence, and find their own creative journey with endless options for success!

Ms. Drewniak

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Hello everyone,

February was a fantastic month for sports and activity in our gym! With an Olympic feed playing in the background during classes, students were inspired by athletes from around the world while continuing to build their own skills and fitness.

Our Grade 7 and 8 Boys Basketball Team has had a tremendous season filled with growth, teamwork, and perseverance. It has been great to see their improvement and commitment throughout the year. Sadly, the season is coming to an end, with our final game scheduled for March 2nd. We are very proud of their hard work and sportsmanship.

Our Grade 7 and 8 students also had the opportunity to showcase their speed and endurance at the Track Attack Meet at the University of Manitoba. They represented our school very well and demonstrated great effort in every event.

In addition, our Grades 4, 5, and 6 students displayed their running, jumping, and throwing skills at the Athletics Manitoba Elementary Relay at the University of Manitoba. It was wonderful to see so many students stepping up to challenge themselves and try their best.

We also had several Grade 5 and 6 students show off their “Baller” skills at the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Machray School. They played with confidence and teamwork, and it was great to see them enjoying the game.

As we welcome the warmer weather in March, we look forward to sending a few of our Grade 7 and 8 students back to the final Track Attack meet on March 12 at the University of Manitoba.

Thank you for your continued support of our Phys. Ed. program. As always, remember to keep fit and have fun!

Best regards, Mr. Kay Phys. Ed. Teacher

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER

During Black History Month, classes had many discussions about celebrating diversity and highlighting the accomplishments of black people in Canada. Inevitably, the subject of racism came up in our discussions. A quick survey during a class discussion with middle years students, and the majority raised their hands in answer to the question “Do you over-hear, use, or experience racist language daily at school?” Students rated racism as a big problem.

We are all humans in this beautiful, shared community; let’s celebrate our unique identities. “Take every opportunity to challenge racism, demonstrate kindness and stand up for every person’s right to be treated with dignity and respect.”

From Unicef Canada *Talking to your kids about racism* <https://www.unicef.ca/en/blog/talking-your-kids-about-racism>.



CBC Kids *What is racism?* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_uz5BcMzqZs

Sesame Street *What is racism?* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XopxsSdecbc>

Sesame Street *Wondering about skin color* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dk_HYAiS26l

OCASI Ontario *Break the behaviour: Racism is no joke* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85EDXJ7eIdY>

Join the conversation!
Please consider joining in this important conversation *Building Equitable Schools: Advancing Anti-Racism in Education* hosted by the *Newcomer Education Coalition* and sponsored by the *Manitoba Teachers' Society*.
March 18, 2026
5-7 pm
191 Harcourt Street
To register, click the link below:

**Building Equitable Schools:
Advancing Anti-Racism in Education**
March 18th, 2026. 5pm-7pm

Educators, school leaders, community advocates and parents join us for an interactive conversation focused on strategies for creating a welcoming, inclusive, and anti-racist school communities



Join a conversation guided by the expertise of Enid Lee, a renowned anti-racist education leader, professional development specialist, leadership coach, and author. Enid is excited to reconnect and work with the Winnipeg school community again.

Hosted at McMaster House MTS building
191 Harcourt Street. Dinner is provided

Please register using the QR code



Hosted by Newcomer Education Coalition (NEC)
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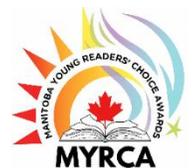


A Union of Teaching & Learning for more information contact Hiwot Amare at nec@spcw.mb.ca

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMW2fm0lbn2why4PWc82s4jAbILzVrt0Fs7XitluDTNti/cw/viewform>

LIBRARY NEWS - COME CHECK IT OUT!

There were so many things going on in the library in February with the presentations for I Love to Read and the Michif language teachings. Let us not forget our amazing MYRCA book club with our outstanding 21 readers attending at lunch on Monday and Fridays.



Coming up in March, we will continue to have MYRCA book club on Monday and Fridays during lunch. The Scholastic Book Fair will be springing into the Library from March 16th to 20th. Students and Staff will be able to preview the books before Student LED conferences and make purchases starting Thursday evening. Please check out the flyer that will be coming home shortly.

I would like to remind everyone that if you find a damaged library book, please bring it to the library for me to repair. DO NOT use scotch/transparent tape to repair the book. It is easier for me to repair the book if it has not been taped up.

Have a great day,

Arlene Bell
Library Technician

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

February was I Love to Read month, and the Family Centre celebrated with a FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY to all the classrooms. There were a lot of happy faces leaving with books that found new homes. We also had a Valentines celebration in the Family Centre for the staff and parents. It was another great turn out. Thank you to everyone who stopped by.

Our Tuesday Morning Literacy Program celebrated Valentine's Day with a small party with games, prizes and homemade heart-shaped pizzas for our class. All the kiddos and moms had a fantastic morning.

In March we will be doing St. Patrick's Day crafts and reading a story about the Leprechaun looking for his lost pot of gold.

As usual, the coffee or tea is always available from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Come on in and enjoy a cup or two. We would love to see you and as always, the SMILES are FREE!



Angie Houston

Family Centre, Room 66

Clothing Needs at Luxton



While our youngest students generally bring their own change of clothes to school, or their teachers keep an emergency stock, many of our Grades 1-8 students have occasional clothing needs that arise.

That said, we do not have an endless supply, and just as at home, the decision to provide a change of clothing is on a case-by-case basis. In some cases, natural consequences must be experienced to develop self-regulation and future decision-making skills, especially in dressing for the weather.

If your child is sent home in clothing that does not belong to them, you may keep the item if you have need of it. or you may wash/return the item back to school in good condition, so that we may return it to our Family Centre's emergency clothing stock.

Please regularly check the lost-&-found (main hallway and gym foyer) and remind your child to bring home their clothing that may be piling up in lockers, cubbies or coatrooms. If you wish to donate, our most-needed items are children's mittens, leggings and sweatpants (elastic or drawstring waist), sizes 7-14.

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

Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month. All families are encouraged to attend. Childcare is available at every meeting. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30pm** in the school library.

Get in touch with PAC through our social media:

Instagram: @luxton.pac

Facebook: Ecole Luxton School Parent Advisory Council

Or through our website: <https://www.ecole-luxton-pac.com/>

Meeting minutes will soon be posted on the school's website. If you cannot make a meeting but would like to know what was discussed, please head to the website: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/luxton/parent-advisory-council>

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 <https://forms.office.com/r/bWHHMds1dg> *****All students need to be registered for this school year, especially students new to our school.**

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

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.

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 / Day 2 Grades 7/8 Basketball Game at Luxton 4pm	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5 Future Cities Engineer visit in room 18	6 / Day 6	
	9 / Day 1 Grades 7/8 at Practical Arts	10 / Day 2 Class Pictures	11 / Day 3 Arson awareness presentations to rooms 20, 23, 25 and 26	12 / Day 4 Track Attack (grades 7/8) at U of M	13 / Day 5 Future Cities Engineer visit in room 27	
	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1 Report cards emailed home Grades 7/8 at Practical Arts	18 / Day 2	19 / Day 3 Student-Led Conferences 4:00pm to 7:30pm --- Scholastic Book Fair in library	20 / Day 4 NO REGULAR CLASSES Student-Led Conferences (AM) --- Professional Development Inservice (PM)	
	23 / Day 5 Future Cities Engineer visit in room 18 Character Day (Spirit Week)	24 / Day 6 Rainbow Day (Spirit Week)	25 / Day 1 Grades 7/8 at Practical Arts Mobile Vision Clinic Backwards/Inside Out Day (Spirit Week)	26 / Day 2 Sports Day (Spirit Week)	27 / Day 3 Last Day of School Before Spring Break Future Cities Engineer visit in room 27 PJ Day (Spirit Week)	
	30	31	April 1 st	April 2	April 3	
SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES						

Please note: March will be the end of Gym Night on Thursdays.

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, April 10: Professional Development Day - no regular classes
 Wednesday, April 15: Tentative date of middle years variety show
 Friday, May 8: Non-Instructional Day - no regular classes
 Friday, June 26: Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony - 12:00pm in the gym
 Monday, June 29: Non-instructional Day - no regular classes

Please remember that École Luxton School is a

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.