



ÉCOLE LAVÉRENDRYE

December

2023

NEWSLETTER

We wish you a happy and peaceful
winter with your loved ones.





Principal's Message

December is here! It is hard to believe that winter vacation is only 3 weeks away—where has the start of the school year gone?

A friendly reminder to please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Students go outside to play three times a day—morning and afternoon recess for 15 minutes, and then 30 minutes over the lunch hour. All students are expected to go outside unless the windchill is colder than -28 degrees Celsius. Boots, hats, mittens, ski pants, parkas, etc. will help keep your child warm and dry during our winter months.

November was a busy month for us at LaV. Teachers were busy planning events such as our Remembrance Day service, writing report cards, and running tri-conferences. EAs and clerical staff were busy supporting student needs and learning, keeping the office going, and hosting/running our in-person book fair. Students were busy learning and playing! Our Remembrance Day service was held November 10 and teachers and students worked hard to prepare for this important day. Many families and community members joined us for this service, and we had a special guest—Mr. DeRoo—present at our assembly. Thank you for making our service memorable.

December is a short month, but we have lots of fun things on the go. You can look forward to the Holiday Bazaar, an N/K concert, a Winter Gallery Walk and family movie night, a door decorating contest, and a school sing-along that families will be invited to! We will be sending out more information regarding these events this week. Make sure to watch for it!

We will not be having a grade 1-6 Winter concert this year. Instead we will have a Winter Gallery Walk and Family Movie night December 14th, and a school sing-along (families invited) the afternoon of the 22nd. We will be sending out more information this week.

Our Nursery and Kindergarten Winter concert will take place Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00pm in the gymnasium. Students in Mme Zmit and Mme Carty's classes have been working hard preparing their songs. More information will be sent out to Nursery and Kindergarten in the next few days.

A gentle reminder for families to not park and/or drop students off in the staff parking lot. Staff need to be able to access their paid for spots upon arrival. We also ask this for safety reasons, as the more cars pulling in and out of the parking lot, with students walking through it, has the potential to lead to an accident—something none of us want to see happen.

I want to thank all volunteers for helping out these past few months, we truly appreciate it. Having you in our building helps us and our students.

A big thank you goes out to our Parent Council. They work diligently behind the scenes to support the school and they help to make events, such as the Holiday Bazaar and hot lunches, possible.

I want to end by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday, filled with time spent with family and friends.

Warm wishes, Amanda Capina

OFFICE NEWS

TAX SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

BY THE END OF JANUARY 2024, FAMILIES WHO PAID FOR LUNCH PROGRAM FEES FROM JANUARY 2023 - DECEMBER 2023 WILL RECEIVE RECEIPT OF PAYMENTS TO HELP WITH TAX RETURNS.

AT THIS TIME PLEASE ALLOW MME. CARRIE TO PREPARE AND ORGANIZE THE RECEIPTS

COLD WEATHER POLICIES

RECESS: On days when the wind chill hazard is -28 or below, all students will be staying inside for recess

BUS CANCELLATIONS: Buses will be cancelled when the wind chill is -45 or more.

Parents are responsible to check the wsd website for bus cancellations. Please remember to call the school if your child will be absent due to bus cancellations.

PATROLS

Patrols must report for their shifts wearing proper clothing for the existing weather conditions. In the winter, this includes mitts/gloves, hat, a warm coat, and suitable footwear. Patrols will work collaboratively and respectfully to perform their duties to provide safety crossing.

- -17 TO -26 PATROLS ARE AT THEIR POSTS AS USUAL
- -27 TO -33 PATROLS ARE AT THEIR POSTS FOR 5 MINUTES
- -34 OR COLDER THERE WILL BE FOR OUTDOOR PATROLS. PATROLS MAY BE REASSIGNED TO INDOOR DUTIES

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who
participated in the book fair!

It was a huge success and we surpassed
our goal of \$2,000!

We will be purchasing new books for
our classrooms and library!



NURSERY & KINDERGARTEN

WINTER CONCERT

Join room 8 and 13 students for an evening of winter songs and cheer!

Where? École LaVérendrye Gymnasium

When? Wednesday, December 13th
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Notes -

- Please arrive by 5:45 and drop your child off to the music room.
- Seats are first come, first serve.



GRADE 1 - 6

WINTER EVENT

You're invited to join us for a cozy winter evening at LaV

Thursday, December 14th at 5:30 PM

5:30 - 6 :00 P.M. - Gallery walk & voting on holiday themed
decorated doors

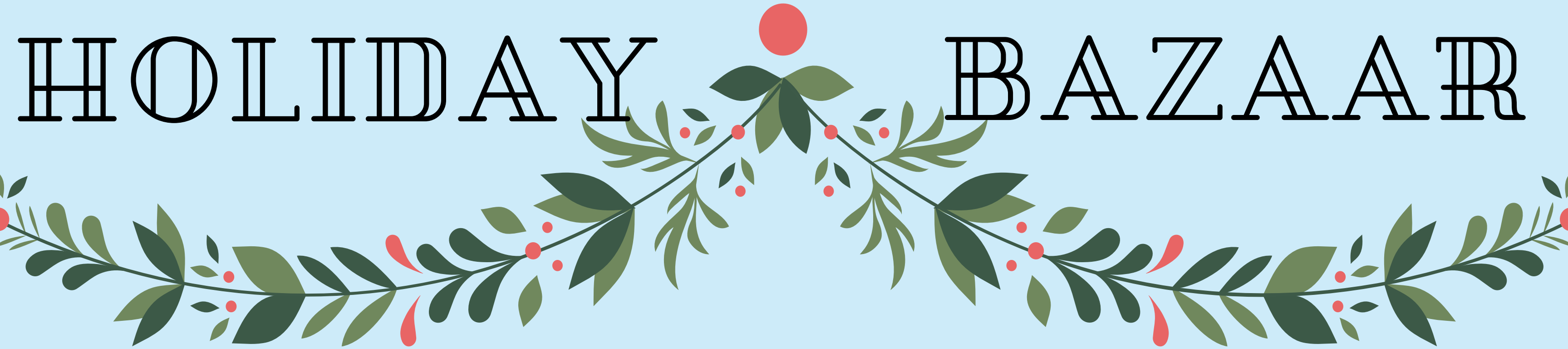
6:00 - 8:00 P.M. - Movie the gym

Bring a tin for the bin!

If your household is able, please bring a non-perishable item to donate to our
hamper!



HOLIDAY BAZAAR



We are excited to announce that LaV will be hosting the Holiday Bazaar on December 19th, giving all the students an opportunity to shop for their family household members. Shop for one or shop for all!

Shopping station donations:

- TOYS
- BOARD GAMES
- STUFFED ANIMALS
- CRAFT MATERIALS
- JEWELLERY
- SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
(NON-BREAKABLE)

Wrapping station donations:

- WRAPPING PAPER
- TAPE
- SCISSORS
- PAPER BAGS
- TISSUE PAPER
- CARDS/GIFT TAGS

LARGER DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MAIN OFFICE
SMALLER DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CLASSROOM

We need volunteers to make this event a success! If you are able to volunteer, please contact
Gihan (Gihan.hodroj@gmail.com)

We'll be running this event on Dec 19th during school hours. Students can bring a list of names and "shop" for their household members. This is entirely by donation only, the suggested donation value is \$5.00 but feel free to donate more in the spirit of giving.

Donations can be given to classroom teachers.

The student leadership committee will be donating the proceeds to United Way.

ATTENTION: Clothing, food and makeup will not be accepted

LOST & FOUND

Please help us return lost items to your child/ren. Please label clothing and personal items



If your child/ren are missing any belongings you are welcome to stop by the school to check out the lost and found located in the link way.

Parent advisory council (PAC)

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday, December 18th, 2023

YOUR 2023-2024 PARENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE IS AS
FOLLOWS:

Chair : Marina Marchand

Treasurer : Melissa Dupuis

Secretary : Sara Thrift

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Hot lunch: Renée Lagimodiere

Vive le vert : Tanja Hutter (lavvivelevert@gmail.com)

French district : Martin Hunt

South district : Lauren Sawchuk

ALL MEETINGS ARE LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FROM 7:00 - 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETINGS ALSO AVAILABLE, CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR THE LINK

CONTACT US AT LAVCOMMOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM

POLAR BEAR CLUB

Winter is upon us again with those colder temperatures. When the temperature falls below -27 degrees with the windchill, we are supposed to stay inside for recess. Living in Winnipeg, this can be day/weeks at a time, so at École LaVérendrye we created a Polar Bear Club providing students the opportunity to get movement and fresh air in the cold of winter. Polar Bear Club will be going outside until -40 degrees C with the windchill as reported by Environment Canada at the Forks.

We started Polar Bear Club for those students who want/need more movement for recess. This is voluntary recess and students will not be required to go outside even if they are signed up. Your child's teacher will be sending out a google form to give your child permission to be part of Polar Bear Club.

If you have any questions, you can contact M. Carter at mcarter@wsd1.org

Please make sure to send your child with all the appropriate winter gear !



Leadership

The Leadership Club has been busy with their "Koats for Kids" initiative. We are amazed at the amount of winter clothing that we were able to donate to families in need! Bravo to the families who donated the items, as well as the Grade 5/6 students from the club who did presentations to classes, made daily intercom announcements, and bagged up all the winter clothing. They did such a great job reading on the announcements that they will soon start reading our land acknowledgement over the intercom each morning.

This December, the Grade 5/6 Leadership Club has once again organized a "Twelve Days of Kindness". For the last 12 school days of December, we are encouraging students to show acts of kindness at home and at school with daily challenges, such as complimenting someone, holding the door, inviting someone new to play at recess, etc. In the coming week, families will receive an English version of our "Twelve Days of Kindness" calendar by email, as well as a hard copy of the French version. This year, check out the extra challenges on the back of the page, including donating to a local charity and making a Christmas card for a grandparent or senior. We all know that a little extra kindness can go a long way!



Knitting club

Knitting club is back! This year, we are setting a goal to make and donate at least 25 items. We are looking for yarn donations to help with our goal. If you have donations, please have your child drop them off in the bin outside of room 26 (upstairs) or in the office. Knitting club will be on Mondays and Fridays until the end of January and is open to any Grade 4-6 students who are interested in joining. We are practicing knitting, loom knitting, crochet and weaving techniques.

Parents and guardians: If you are interested in joining as a volunteer, please message cgallant@wsd1.org. You will need to complete the volunteer paperwork to participate.



Éco-Vert



Vive le vert is looking for people to volunteer just a few hours over the course of the school year. Please take a moment to look over these roles and consider helping out with just one. Every little bit helps. Estimated time commitments are noted for each. If you have any questions, or to let us know that you might be interested in helping out, please email us at lavvivelevert@gmail.com.

Fall

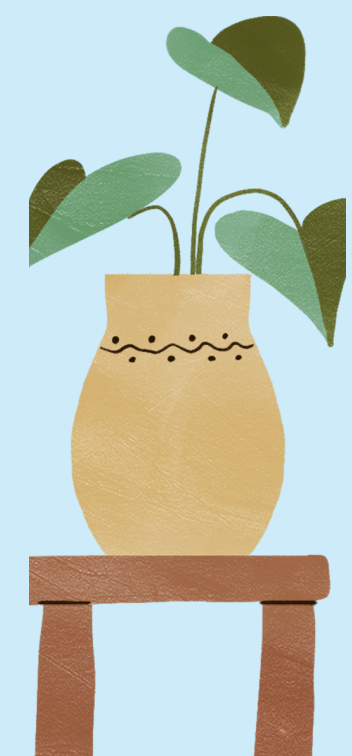
- Compost - weekly check-in on school grounds to see if it needs to be turned, watered or have browns added (each visit 30 mins)

Winter

- Attend some student Eco Club lunch meetings as an aide to Mme Gallant who will discuss sustainability, gardening, vermicomposting, etc. (1 hr/visit, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, no French required)

Spring

- Attend some student Eco Club lunch meetings as an aide to Mme Gallant who will discuss sustainability, sow seeds for the school gardens and spring fundraiser (1 hr/visit, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, no French required)
- Spring clean-up - show up on designated afternoon to prep garden for planting (1.5 hrs)
- Annual plant fundraiser: Delivery day only (May 28, 2024) - help move plants and fill orders in the school gym (1-2 hrs in the afternoon)



Smudging

To ensure our school is inclusive and culturally responsive we are integrating First Nation, Métis, and Inuit perspectives into school planning and programming in partnership with the school community. This includes welcoming all students to learn about the significant role of Indigenous values in the spirit of reconciliation.

One of the most commonly shared experiences is the tradition of smudging.

Smudging involves burning sage to cleanse the mind, body, spirit. It allows all participants a chance to become mindful, centred, and move forward with positive intentions.

As you are aware, we have introduced daily smudging. This is part of our ongoing learning process this school year. Staff, students, and community are invited to participate and support in building an atmosphere of respect, understanding, and inclusivity. While smudging does not usually pose a health risk, we ensure that smudging takes place in a well-ventilated designated area using an appropriate amount of sage. Alternate arrangements may be made for those that may have health challenges such as severe asthma and respiratory issues. Smudging is always voluntary. If you would like more information on smudging, please refer to the Smudging Protocol and Guidelines for School Divisions or contact the school for further information.

Our daily smudge takes place at 8:15am. All students, staff, family, and community members interested in joining us can meet us outside the library doors.

LaV Volunteers

Respect in schools is mandatory for all school volunteers to complete. This will take approximately 90 minutes. Once complete, you will need to provide us with your certificate of completion number.

- **Respect in schools**
https://mbed-school.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/

DECEMBER

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4 Jour 4	5 Jour 5	6 Jour 6	7 Jour 1 start of Hanukkah	8 Jour 2
11 Jour 3	12 Jour 4	13 Jour 5 N/K WINTER CONCERT 6:00 PM	14 Jour 6 GRADE 1-6 WINTER EVENT 5:30 PM	15 Jour 1 end of Hanukkah
18 Jour 2 PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 PM LA ZONE	19 Jour 3 HOLIDAY BAZAAR	20 Jour 4	21 Jour 5 HOT LUNCH	22 Jour 6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PJ DAY SCHOOL SING A LONG IN THE GYM
25 WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 7 Kwanzaa	26	27	28	29

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 13	N/K Wintert Concert 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 14	Gr. 1-6 Winter event
Friday, December 22	Last day of classes School movie & pj day
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December 25 - January 5	Winter break - NO SCHOOL
Monday, January 8	School reopens
Friday, January 19	Non-Instructional Day - NO CLASSES
January 15 - January 26	Ski and snowshoes - activities, excursions
Friday, February 2	Non-Instructional Day - NO CLASSES Groundhog Day
Wednesday, February 7	N/K Open house in the evening
Wednesday, February 14	Valentines day
Friday, February 16	Field day - festival du voyageur kick off
Monday, February 19	Louis Riel Day - NO SCHOOL
February 20 - February 23	Festival du voyageur week
Thursday, February 29	French Culture celebration
Monday, March 11	Report Cards go home

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Thursday, February 29	French Culture celebration
Monday, March 11	Report Cards go home
Thursday, March 14	Student-Led Conferences 3:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 15	Non-Instructional Day - NO CLASSES Student-Led Conferences 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Friday, March 22	Last day of classes
March 25 - March 29	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 1	School reopens
Monday, April 8	Bus Ridership
Friday, April 12	Pink Shirt Day
April 15 - April 18	Mobile Vision Clinic
Friday, April 19	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
April 22 - April 26	Earth Week
Monday, May 6	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 20	Victoria day - NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 24	Walk-a-Thon
Tuesday, May 28	Glen Lea Fundraiser pick-up

Dates to Remember

June 10 - June 12	Grade 6 Camp
Friday, June 21	Field day National Indigenous people day
Wednesday, June 26	Grade 6 farewell
Thursday, June 27	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
Friday, June 28	Last day of school! 11:00 a.m. dismissal