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Mme A. Capina, Principal

November 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Another month has come and gone, and I must say that October was a whirlwind! We had many activities on the go this month, such as Fall into Reading, Garden Clean-Up, and Halloween. To say that it was a busy month would be an understatement.

I want to start by giving a big thank you to our literacy committee who organized our month-long Fall into Reading. It was a huge success! We had a school assembly and kicked-off the month with a read aloud, staff and students tried to figure out the bi-weekly 'who am I?' book characters, we stopped, dropped, and read, and students received book prizes for playing reading Bingo. We also did teacher swaps and had many volunteers come in and read to our students, which was a hit! Thank you to all who came in and shared their love of reading with us.

My next thank you goes out to Mme Gallant and the Éco-Vert team (parents and students) who took the time after a busy work day to come and do some garden clean-up. It is a lot of work and a big commitment, and we appreciate it.

Thank you to all teachers for participating in an assessment PD October 3rd. It was a great day filled with intense learning, which has continued throughout the month in our PLCs and individual PDs. I am proud of the work that our teachers are doing, as it directly and positively impacts our students.

Finally, a thank you goes out to our Halloween planning committee who organized a day filled with some fun and spooky events. Students got to participate in a Halloween read-aloud and parade, a costume contest, a haunted house, and either a movie or dance—how fun! Staff also got into the spirit by participating in a jack-o-lantern contest. Staff were partnered and tasked with designing a jack-o-lantern, and students voted on their favourite. If you want to know who won, make sure to ask your child(ren)!

Turning our attention to the academics, the first term at school has gone very well. Our students have been working hard in classes and their wonderful artwork and examples of their learning can be seen on our classroom and hallway bulletin boards. The Provincial Report Card will be sent out Monday, November 13th. The report card will provide information on your child's strengths and next steps as they progress towards provincial outcomes. We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) during our Tri-Conferences (Student/Parent/Teacher) on Thursday, November 16th from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 17th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. This opportunity to share in your child's learning is an important part of supporting them as they grow as learners.

We are working with the STEAM Team and Young Designers this year, working on planning cross-curricular learning activities and opportunities for our students. We are transforming room 28 into our school STEAM room, and we already have a ton of cool and innovative learning manipulatives, resources, and tools set up.

We will be having our Remembrance Day Assembly this year on Friday, November 10th at 10:40 a.m. in the gym for all of our students. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mme Turenne and M Olivier for planning and organizing this for us.

We would like to thank our School Patrols for keeping our students safe as they arrive to and depart from school. Please slow down around our school and watch for all of our students.

Thank you to our volunteers who have been available to help out in classrooms, we love having you here with us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's teacher or the school.

Warm wishes,
Amanda Capina

Tri-Conferences

École LaVérendrye In-Person Tri-Conference Meetings will take place as follows:

- Thursday, November 16th from 3:30—8:00 p.m.; and
- Friday, November 17th from 8:30—11:30 a.m.

This is an opportunity to speak with your child/ren's teacher(s) about their learning process and expectations in the classroom. Your child/ren must be present in these meetings, but if you'd like to speak to the teacher privately, communicate with the teacher to schedule another meeting.

Since this is an in-person meeting, you are all welcome to walk around the school to look at artwork on the walls, activities in the gym, and check out the library for our Book Fair!

Information will be sent home with instructions on how to schedule your appointment(s) with teachers using www.schoolinterviews.ca. **Bookings will open Monday, November 6th.** Parents that do not have internet access may phone the school at 204-452-5015. Conferences are strictly **15 minutes** and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher(s) directly to make alternate arrangements. **Bookings close Wednesday, November 15th.**

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/

Respect in Sports is mandatory for all school volunteers working with student sport teams to complete. This will take approximately 2.5 hours. Once complete, you will need to provide us with your certificate of completion number.

- **Respect in Sports** <https://www.sportmanitoba.ca/coaching/respect-in-sport/>

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is back!

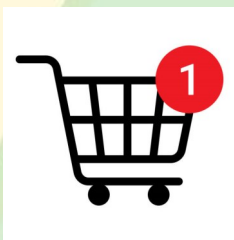
We are opening our doors to the library for a walk-through to look and/or purchase books and other items. Students will have the opportunity to look at the selections during the day with their class.

The in-person book fair is **Thursday, November 16th** during Tri-Conferences from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and **Friday, November 18th** from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This event will be held in La Zone library.

A Virtual Book Fair link will also be available from **November 13th** until **November 19th** to families who would like to order more books and toys! Our virtual link will be available 24 hours during these days. We will send our virtual link via email when the link is live.

This year, our goal is to reach **\$2,000!** We will keep a goal chart in front of the office for students to colour every time we get a purchase over \$200.

When we reach our goal of \$2,000, the school will be eligible to earn rewards and discounts from Scholastic that will help us update our school library. This will also give us an opportunity to fulfill students' book wishes!



Remembrance Day

On **Friday, November 10th**, we will be having our school Remembrance Day ceremony in our school gym. We are inviting parents and members of our community to join us for our ceremony at 10:40 a.m., entry will be at 10:30 a.m. The approximate duration of the ceremony will be 25 minutes.

We are looking for current veterans of the military to speak at our ceremony sharing what Remembrance Day means to them. If you would like to speak at our ceremony for 2-3 minutes, please contact Mme Turenne (aturenne@wsd1.org) or M. Olivier (obassene@wsd1.org) with your information. Please understand that if we have many responses, we will be selecting a couple of speakers, and we would be happy to have you present in your child's class instead.

This year, we are running a school-wide poster contest for all interested students. The theme of the poster art is Remembrance Day, and students have creative freedom to represent and express this how they would like. All posters entries will be judged at the school with a winner selected.

Please direct any questions or comments to Mme Turenne or M. Olivier about the LaV Remembrance Day ceremony.

****Poppies will be sent home with each student to complete with their family. We ask that you colour, cut, and add the names of those of your family thinks of during Remembrance Day. Please return poppies to the school no later than Wednesday, November 8th.**



Thank you,

Mme Turenne and M. Olivier

Spirit of Giving

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

This year we are pleased to announce that we will once again be hosting our Spirit of Giving Holiday Bazaar!

The Spirit of Giving Holiday Bazaar provides students with the opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their family. All funds raised as a result of this event will be donated to a charity, which will be determined by our Students Leadership Group.

In the spirit of giving, we look forward to community support to help make this a successful event. We are asking for any donations that would make an appropriate gift for a family member. Some ideas include: kitchen items, jewellery, decorations, accessories, gloves, scarves, wallets/purses home décor, knick-knacks, books, DVDs, etc.

Please, no food, clothes, or cosmetics.

Donations can be brought to the office or your child's classroom between November 29 and December 9. All donated items will be stored and arranged in the kitchen.

Volunteers will be needed to help make this event a success.

We will be running the Bazaar in conjunction with our December Field Day. More information including the date of the event will follow later in the month.

Music News: Choir

We are thrilled to announce that choir will be starting up again shortly. A choir is a group who sing together to create music! Choirs create music that is impossible to make by yourself. This is one of the reasons why singing in a choir is such a special experience! All voices and genders are welcome to sing, and choir will be open to students in grades 3/4-6. Information will be sent out shortly.

A big thank you to M Palsson for the work that he is doing in the music room. Students are loving music class and they are learning how to sing, play instruments, and how to make music together.



Lost & Found

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

Every year, we have a large number of unclaimed items left behind.

This year, our lost & found is located in our linkway, please encourage your child stop by and visit it weekly to search for any missing items.



Éco-Vert

Hello Lav families!

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

Hello Lav families!

Starting November 1st, we will be offering staff and students the opportunity to begin their day with a smudge. Smudging involves the burning of traditional medicines, such as sweet grass, cedar, and sage. This practice is based on traditional Indigenous beliefs that the smoke produced is a means of purification and that it creates a positive mindset for those involved in the activity. The smudge will be held in the library and will be led by Mme Olsson. Those interested in joining us, the smudge will be held daily, and promptly, at 8:20am. This time may be adjusted in the future if we feel that we need longer for our smudge. Please use the front doors to enter the building.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Contact us at lavcommcouncil@gmail.com!

The school needs YOUR help! We strongly encourage parents to attend the monthly meetings and/or volunteer for the fundraising committee, staff appreciation, and June carnival committee.

The more parents volunteer, the more we can do for the students! If interested in volunteering, please contact Alysha, Chair of Parent Council, for more information (dan.alysha.nagy@gmail.com).

Parent Council monthly meeting for ALL parents will be held **Monday, November 20th** from 7-8 p.m. in-person or Zoom. Meetings take place in the school library. All parents wanting to attend in person, please use the library doors to enter the building.

Details to follow in the coming weeks.

LaVerendrye Lunch Program

Contact us at lav@wsd1.org!

November lunch payments are due.


If you have not yet submitted a payment, please do so at your earliest convenience. We accept cash, cheque, e-transfer, and permission click payments.

Cash payments must be the exact amount of **\$35** as we do not carry change in the office. Cash payments must be sent to the classroom teacher.

Credit Card payments must be made through Permission Click as we do not have a card machine in the office. Please use the same permission click link that you have used prior to make your payment.

Cheque payments must be made out to "École LaVerendrye" and must be sent to the classroom teacher.

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November is... Hindu Heritage Month		1 Jour 5	2 Jour 6	3 Jour 1
6 Jour 2	7 Jour 3	8 Jour 4 Indigenous Veterans Day	9 Jour 5	10 Jour 6 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:40am
13 Jour 1 Term 1 Report Cards go Home 	14 Jour 2	15 Jour 3	16 Jour 4 * Tri-Conference PM only * In-Person Book Fair	17 Jour 5 NO SCHOOL Tri-Conferences AM only In-Person Book Fair at La Zone Library
20 Jour 6 Parent Council 7:00pm National Child Day Transgender Day of Remembrance	21 Jour 1	22 Jour 2 Picture Retakes	23 Jour 3 Hot Lunch	24 Jour 4
27 Jour 5	28 Jour 6	29 Jour 1	30 Jour 2	

Virtual Book Fair

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day—Service and Activities
Monday, November 13	Report Cards go Home Virtual Book Fair link goes LIVE
Thursday, November 16	Tri-Conferences 3:30p.m.—8:00p.m. In-Person Book Fair 3:30p.m.—8:00p.m.
Friday, November 17	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES Tri-Conferences AM only In-Person Book Fair 8:30a.m.—11:00a.m.
Wednesday, November 22	Picture Retakes
Thursday, November 23	Hot lunch
Wednesday, December 13	N/K Winter Concert 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
Thursday, December 14	Grades 1-6 Winter event: More information to come
Friday, December 22	Last day of classes School Movie and PJ Day
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	Skis 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	Valentine's Day
Friday, February 16	Field Day—Festival du voyageur kick-off

Dates to Remember

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
Thursday, March 14	Student-Led Conferences 3:30p.m.—8:00p.m.
Friday, March 15	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES Student-Led Conferences 8:30a.m.—11:00a.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 CLASSES
April 22—April 26	Earth Week
Monday, May 6	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day— NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 24	Walk-a-Thon
Tuesday, May 28	Glen Lea Fundraiser Pick-Up Grade 6 Immunizations
June 10—June 12	Grade 6 Camp

Dates to Remember

Friday, June 21	Field Day National Indigenous People Day
Tuesday, June 25	Report Cards sent home
Wednesday, June 26	Grade 6 Farewell
Thursday, June 27	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES
Friday, June 28	Last day of school 11:00a.m. Dismissal