



École LaVérendrye French Immersion Milieu

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Mme A. Capina, Principal

October 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

September has been a busy month. We started off the school year with our Meet the Staff BBQ, which was a huge success and we followed that up with our Welcome to Kindergarten evening. It was wonderful having families and students in the building during these times, and we felt as though these events set the tone for what is to come.

This year we are bringing back school assemblies! We had our first assembly September 8th, where we reviewed school and recess expectations. The assembly was run in French, with M. Carter acting out what was being said to much laughter. We followed this up with our second assembly September 15th, which was our first Family Groupings gathering. On this day we gathered to celebrate International Dot Day, a global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration. I had the privilege of reading Peter H. Reynold's *The Dot* to the whole school, and then students went with their family groups to spend time getting to know one another and then each student made their own dot in their family groupings colour. These dots were collected and used to create a beautiful mural down our hall.

September 22nd, the whole school participated in the Terry Fox run, with staff, students, and families walking through the community. The event ended with a bang—pies in the face for M. Carter, Mme Olson, M. Boateng, M. Olivier, and Mme Capina! On September 29th, we had to pivot for our first field day of the school year, but we were still able to engage in activities embedded in Indigenous teachings. Students and staff wore orange shirts and ribbons to commemorate and honor Truth and Reconciliation and to proclaim that Every Child Matters.

I want to give a huge thank you to all staff who participated in the planning and execution of these various events, as well as to the volunteers who helped make these possible.

Please help keep our students safe by following all traffic and parking signs around our school. We ask that students who are arriving at school by bicycle, skateboard, or scooter dismount prior to crossing the street with our Patrols, and to walk on school property. Our STOP, DROP & GO zones are in place, and we appreciate families abiding by them, as it helps with school bus accessibility and overall safety.

It was great to see so many of our families in September at our LaV Parent Council AGM Meeting, where a new executive group was elected. Parent Council meets once a month—virtually and in-person—and all are welcome to attend.

Finally, thank you, the community for a wonderful start to the year. I am honoured and proud to be part of the LaV family and am looking forward to the year ahead.

Warm wishes, *Amanda Capina*

A Few Notes From the Music Room



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Philip Pålsson, who has accepted the music position at LaV until, at least, the end of December.

Mr. Pålsson comes with decades of educational experience, from music to the early years to inclusive education, and he speaks French!

Mr. Pålsson has been with us for just over a few week, and already he has our students experimenting with various instruments and learning about different musical elements. Students have been playing the spoons, xylophones, and the drums, and they have been using ribbons and scarfs to learn about tempos and dynamics in music.

If you see Mr. Pålsson at the school, make sure to say 'hi' and to extend a warm LaV welcome to him.



HOT LUNCH

Parent Council organizes a monthly hot lunch event for students through Healthy Hunger. Our first hot lunch will be Friday, October 27th.

Each month, families will have the choice of placing an order for hot lunch. Information about the hot lunch; such as restaurant, items to order, cost, and dates these are being held can be found on the Healthy Hunger website (www.HealthyHunger.ca).

Please see the Healthy Hunger spread in this newsletter for information on how to register on their website so that you can have access to these events.

VIVE LE VERT

Fall clean-up of the school gardens will be happening Tuesday, October 10th. Students and caregivers are welcome to join us.

We're meeting on the Jessie side from 3:30—5:00pm. Please bring gardening gloves if you have them as we may not have enough.

Volunteers don't have to stay the whole time, dropping in for half an hour or an hour is okay. Many hands make for light work.

If you have any questions, or to let us know that you may be interested in helping out, please email us at lavvivelevert@gmail.com

Healthy Hunger

Fun Lunch Fundraising

PARENTS

FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click **"REGISTER YOUR STUDENT"**. After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.



HOW IT WORKS

Create an account

STEP 1.

Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT" and create Your account.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT

Add Student

STEP 2.

Login, and add your children to the account.

ADD STUDENT

View upcoming fun lunches

STEP 3.

View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates.

ORDER NOW

Place your orders and make payment online

STEP 4.

Place your orders and make payment Online.

PAY NOW



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Let's Celebrate Halloween!

Costume Reminders:

- ♦ Students and staff are invited to wear their costumes to school on October 31st!
- ♦ Please do NOT send your child/ren to school with any kind of weapon that may be associated with their costume.
- ♦ Children are asked NOT to wear masks that covers the whole face during school hours with the exception of the Halloween parade.

Manitoba Public Insurance

Once again, Manitoba Public Insurance and the Winnipeg School Division will be sending out lights and flashing bags to our students—free of charge. These bags can help children be more visible on the roads when out trick-or-treating after dark. The bags will be distributed to our students the week of **October 23rd**.



Special Events

- ♦ Our annual staff jack-o-lantern carving contest is back for its second year! Staff will be working in pairs to design a jack-o-lantern which will then be displayed for all to see. Students will vote for their favourite jack-o-lantern and the winning team will be announced at the Halloween parade.
- ♦ Mme Gallant is bringing back the haunted house! Room 26 is creating a spooky scene for classes to tour on Halloween. What will the theme of the haunted house be this year?
- ♦ A LaV tradition, **The Halloween Parade**, is back! Tuesday, October 31st, we will gather in the gym where we will dance to Halloween music while parading around, showing off our costumes. Families are invited to attend and encouraged to come dressed up!

LaVérendrye Parent Council

LaVérendrye Parent Council invites **ALL PARENTS** to join our Parent Council meetings.

We welcome all parents who want a voice in the school; Parents who want to contribute to the well-being of their child; Parents who want to know what's going on in the school; Parents who would like to offer their opinion; Parents who want to volunteer to be the head of sub-committees; Parents who want to make a difference.

Information about Parent Council meetings will be sent via email every month.

Next Meeting: October 16th @ 7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

LaVérendrye Lunch Program

All lunch program payments are due the 1st of every month.

Lunch program fees are \$35.00 a month. We accept cash and cheque at the office—exact amount ONLY and cheque payable to “École LaVérendrye”.

If you'd like to pay with a credit card, please use our Permission Click link here: <https://permission.click/O1j2b/ca>. Please save this link for future lunch program payments as this is the same link for monthly payments.

Thanks to those who have already paid their fees!

****Note: Please also advise your child/ren to not share their food or snack with other students to avoid allergic reactions.**

School Volunteers

We are now accepting volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year!

If you have renewed your registration last school year, it is still valid for this school year, although there are online courses that also requires completion to be able to volunteer this year.

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/>

Other required information to submit to the school (lav@wsd1.org):

- Child Abuse Registry (receipt of purchase is acceptable)
- Volunteer Forms 2022-2023 (Found in the office)

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Soccer Jamboree

We have our first inter-school tournament happening October 12th!

École Riverview is hosting a soccer jamboree for interested French schools on the afternoon of October 12th. M. Boateng will be taking interested grades 5 and 6 students to compete in an afternoon of fun.



Your child's classroom teacher will be posting a permission form to their Google classrooms later this week. Our goal is to send two teams to this event.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please let us know.

Club des dirigeants

Leadership Club

Grade 5 and 6 students are invited to join the Leadership club.

This club is held on Wednesdays during lunch recess (12:00), as well as other optional recesses throughout the year to work on projects. The club helps organize school events, helps younger grades, makes posters for the school, and will put on the "Pink Shirt Day" assembly later this year.

Like last year, the Leadership club will create a "Kindness Challenge", which won the Winnipeg Police Association's "Cool 2 Be Kind" prize.

Mme Bailey, Mme Smith, and Mme Gallant hope to see many returning Grade 6 students, as well as new faces in the club which started September 27 and continues to accept members.

LifeTouch Picture Day

This year, LifeTouch will be taking CLASSROOM PHOTOS!

Picture day is schedule on **Friday, October 13th, 2023** and will take place in the gymnasium. This is an all-day event!

If your child/ren are unable to make it, photo retakes will take place on **Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023.**



Classroom Birthday and Event Snacks

If you would like to send treats to school to celebrate your child/ren's birthday or for a special event, please contact their teacher first. It is important that teachers are aware of your intent, so that they can plan accordingly and/or share with you their classroom policy. There may be allergies, restrictions, etc. that need to be followed for everyone's safety. Thank you!

Morning Entry Routine

Morning entry need to know information:

- Supervision begins at 8:15am.
- If adult supervisors are outside prior to 8:15am, you may let your child/ren go and play, as supervisors are outside and visible.
- If there are no adult supervisors outside, please stay with your child/ren until one is visible.
- Mme Capina will try to be outside every morning to greet and welcome students.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 3	Election Day/Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES
Wednesday, October 4	Fall into Reading Assembly
Thursday, October 5	Bus Ridership
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving— NO SCHOOL
Friday, October 13	Picture Day
Friday, October 20	MTS PD Dy/Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES
Monday, October 23	Grade 6 Hep. B/HPV/HBV/Meningitis vaccines AM only
Tuesday, October 31	Halloween Parade & Halloween Movie/Dance
Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Service
Monday, November 13	Report Cards go Home
Thursday, November 16	Tri-Conferences 3:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. In-Person Book Fair 3:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 17	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES Tri-Conferences AM only In-Person Book Fair
Wednesday, November 22	Picture Retakes
Wednesday, December 13	Winter Concert?
Friday, December 22	Last Day of Classes School Movie & PJ Day
December 25—January 5	Winter Break— NO SCHOOL
Monday, January 8	School Reopens
Friday, January 12	School Assembly
Friday, January 19	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES

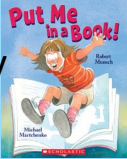



Dates to Remember

Friday, February 2	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES Groundhog Day
Wednesday, February 7	N/K Open House
Wednesday, February 14	Valentine's Day
Friday, February 16	Field Day—Festival Kick-Off
Monday, February 19	Louis Riel Day— NO SCHOOL
February 20—23	Festival du voyageur Week
Thursday, February 29	French Culture Celebration and Assembly
Monday, March 11	Report Cards Go Home
Thursday, March 14	Student-Led Conferences 3:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 15	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES Student-Led Conferences 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Friday, March 22	Last Day of Classes
March 25—29	Spring Break— NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 1	School Reopens
Monday, April 8	Bus Ridership
Friday, April 12	Pink Shirt Day Pink Shirt Day Assembly
April 15—18	Mobile Vision Clinic
Friday, April 19	Non-Instructional Day— NO CLASSES
April 22—26	Earth Week
Friday, April 26	Earth Week Assembly

Dates to Remember

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 Immunizations
June 10—12	Grade 6 Camp
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 Classes 11:00am Dismissal

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Jour 2	3 Jour 3 NO SCHOOL Election Day	4 Jour 4 Fall Into Reading Assembly 	5 Jour 5 Bus Ridership 9:30 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. 	6 Jour 6
9 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	10 Jour 1	11 Jour 2	12 Jour 3	13 Jour 4 Picture Day ALL DAY 
16 Jour 5	17 Jour 6	18 Jour 1	19 Jour 2	20 Jour 3 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional
23 Jour 4 Gr. 6 Hep.B/ HPV/HBV/ Meningitis Vaccines 	24 Jour 5	25 Jour 6	26 Jour 1	27 Jour 2
30 Jour 3	31 Jour 4 Halloween Parade 