

École LaVérendrye

December 2024

290 Lilac St.
Winnipeg, MB



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 two times a day—morning and afternoon, for 30 minutes. All students are expected to go outside following the cold weather guidelines (can be seen on the bottom of the next page). 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 8 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. Gallant—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, the grades 1-4 Winter Concert, a Winter Gallery Walk and family movie night, and a school sing-along that families will be invited to (check out page 3)! We will be sending out more information regarding these events within the week. Make sure to watch for it!

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 the spots they pay for 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 season, filled with time spent with family and friends.



Warm wishes, Amanda Capina

Grade 6 Camp Parent Information Evening

Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Library

Reminder for parents, in regard to Grade 6 students travelling to Camp Arnes for two nights from June 11-13:

A meeting will take place on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. in the Library. We will review cost, camp guidelines, information about the itinerary, camp activities and dietary accommodations. We are already excited and looking forward to this wonderful outdoor adventure!

Cold Weather Guidelines


On days when the wind chill hazard is -28°C or below (per Environment Canada, The Forks), all students will be staying inside for their activity breaks.

Buses will be cancelled when the wind chill is -45°C or colder. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to check the WSD website (www.winnipeg.sd.ca) or listen to the radio for bus cancellations. Parents are also responsible to find alternate transportation for their child(ren). Please remember to enter the information into Safe Arrival if your child will be absent due to a bus cancellation.

Until the temperature with the wind chill reaches -26°C , patrols will be assigned to their regular posts. Once the temperature hits -27°C , patrol duties will be shortened to 5 minutes. No patrols will be on duty once the temperature is -34°C or colder.


Les 12 jours de gentillesse

Présenté par le club de dirigeants

			Le jeudi 5 décembre	Le vendredi 6 décembre
				Donne un compliment à au moins 3 personnes.
Le lundi 9 décembre	Le mardi 10 décembre	Le mercredi 11 décembre	Le jeudi 12 décembre	Le vendredi 13 décembre
Mets un message encourageant ou une citation inspirante sur le tableau de Mme Capina (utilise un marqueur de tableau blanc ou un "sticky note").	Donne une carte à un(e) enseignant(e) d'une autre classe ou un auxiliaire	Recycle quelque chose ou ramasse les déchets dehors. Donne un compliment à ton enseignant(e)	Écris une note gentille à quelqu'un dans ta classe ou l'autre classe. Fait des tâches ménagères (chores) à la maison.	Aide un(e) camarade de classe avec leur travail.
Le lundi 16 décembre	Le mardi 17 décembre	Le mercredi 18 décembre	Le jeudi 19 décembre	Le jeudi 20 décembre
Dis merci à un adulte qui t'aide à l'école (optionnel: écris une note pour cette personne).	Aide à nettoyer la classe sans être demandée.	Invite quelqu'un de nouveau à jouer avec toi à la récré. Aider quelqu'un dans ta famille	Fais un dessin pour quelqu'un. Souris ou raconte une blague à quelqu'un qui à l'air triste.	Partage les jeux avec les camarades de classe. Souhaite au moins 5 personnes des joyeuses fêtes ou une bonne nouvelle année!

The Twelve Days of Kindness

Presented by the Leadership Club

			Thursday, December 5	Friday, December 6
				Compliment at least 3 people. .
Monday, December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wednesday, December 11	Thursday, December 12	Friday, December 13
Write an encouraging message or an inspiring quote on Mme Capina's whiteboard (use a whiteboard marker or a sticky note)	Give a card to a teacher from another class or to an EA.	Recycle something or pick up litter outside. Give a compliment to your teacher.	Write a nice note to someone in your class or the other class. Do chores to help at home.	Help a classmate with their school work.
Monday, December 16	Tuesday, December 17	Wednesday, December 18	Thursday, December 19	Friday, December 20
Say thank you to an adult who helps you at school (optional: write a note or card to that person).	Help clean up the class without being asked.	Invite someone new to play with you at recess. Help someone in your family.	Draw a picture for someone. Smile or tell a joke to someone who looks sad.	Share games with your classmates. Wish at least 5 people "Happy Holidays" or "Happy New Year"

Family Movie Night!

Join us in the École LaVérendrye gymnasium for a Family Movie Night on Thursday, December 19, 2024. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for the Winter Gallery Walk, where you can admire the school decorated as a Winter Wonderland. The first of two short movies will then begin at 6:40 p.m. Seating is first come, first serve. Popcorn will be for sale by the grade 6 students fundraising for camp. We invite you to wear your comfiest clothing or PJs, bring blankets and stuffies are welcome, too!



DECEMBER SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16:

Inside out or backwards clothing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:

Sports theme

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:

Twin Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Dress as a holiday character or in holiday colours

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20: Pajama Day!



WINTER CLOTHING SWAP

Please donate clean, gently-used winter clothing throughout the month of December. Donations can be dropped off in the labeled boxes available on each floor of the school, and on December 19, during Family Movie Night, feel free to stop by the Library and pick out clothing for yourself and your family. Leftover clothes will be donated.

Presented by:
the Grade 5/6 Leadership Club

Winter Sing-along!

All students and families are invited to join us on the last day of school before winter break, Friday, December 20, 2024 for a school-wide caroling sing-along. This fun event will take place from 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the École LaVérendrye Gymnasium.



Holiday Bazaar

Season's Greeting from PAC,

We are very excited that the Spirit of Giving Holiday Bazaar will be back again this year on Tuesday, December 17. For those of you new to the school this year, this is an event we hold during the school day where we create a 'store' in the library and students are invited to 'shop' and purchase gifts for their family members and loved ones. We then assist the students in wrapping and labelling their gifts.

Shopping Stations Donations: Kids will be shopping for all family members so we are accepting a wide variety of gently used items. Toys, puzzles, books (for all ages), jewelry, accessories, décor (ideally non-breakables), small household items, kitchen wear, boardgames, stuffed animals, small sports items etc.

Wrapping Stations Donations: Calling for tape, wrapping paper, tissue paper, GIFT BAGS (so much easier than wrapping), and gift tags/cards.

Attention: Clothing, food, makeup and items in a very poor state will not be accepted. Also, if it would tip over your average kindergarten kid, leave it at home.

Drop-off points: Bigger donations/boxes can be dropped off at Mme Capina's office starting December 2nd. Smaller items that children can carry to school can be delivered to their classrooms and lunchtime helpers will then bring the items to the storage room.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to make this event a success. Please fill out the link below if you are interested in participating.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ALoeDoHeVDV3rHndnoRcHuDrneKDN0UANHfPOjcrybk/edit?usp=sharing>

Day of the event: This event is entirely by donation. The suggested donation is \$5 per student but feel free to donate more in the spirit of giving or nothing at all. All children can participate regardless of donation. Money can be brought day of and the proceeds will be going to a local charity chosen by the Student Leadership Committee.

Pro Tip: Kids can bring a list of the names of people they want to 'shop' for so they don't forget (particularly useful for younger kids)

If you have any questions, please contact Marina (marina.marchand@gmail.com)!

Grades 1-4 Winter Concert "Northern Lights"

December 10, 2024

École LaVérendrye
Gymnasium

seating first come, first serve

Afternoon matinee at 1:45 p.m.

Evening performance at 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Please drop your child(ren) off by
6:00 p.m. to their classroom.

Formal attire is requested: colours blue, purple, green, pink, black – colours
of the Northern Lights





December

2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5 Grade 6 Camp information evening 6:30 p.m.	6 / Day 6
9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2 Grades 1-4 Winter Concert 6:30 p.m.	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13 / Day 5
16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1 Holiday Bazaar	18 / Day 2 Hot Lunch Subway	19 / Day 3 Family Movie Night & clothing swap	20 / Day 4 Last Day of Classes Sing-along
23	24	25	26	27
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dates to remember

DECEMBER 5.....GRADE 6 CAMP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
DECEMBER 10.....WINTER CONCERT GRADES 1-4
DECEMBER 16-20.....SPIRIT WEEK! (see page 5 for each day)
DECEMBER 17.....HOLIDAY BAZAAR
DECEMBER 18.....HOT LUNCH, SUBWAY
DECEMBER 19.....FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
DECEMBER 20.....LAST DAY OF CLASSES
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3.....WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 6.....SCHOOL REOPENS
JANUARY 31.....NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 17.....LOUIS RIEL DAY, NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 18 - 21.....FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR / SPIRIT WEEK!
FEBRUARY 21.....PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MARCH 13.....STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 3:30P.M.
MARCH 14.....NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, NO SCHOOL
MARCH 14.....STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES (MORNING)
MARCH 24-28.....SPIRIT WEEK!
MARCH 24.....REPORT CARDS EMAILED HOME
MARCH 28.....LAST DAY OF CLASSES
MARCH 31 - APRIL 4.....SPRING BREAK

APRIL 7.....SCHOOL REOPENS
APRIL 7 - 11.....ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
APRIL 9.....NATIONAL DAY OF PINK

dates to remember cont.

APRIL 10.....MOBILE VISION CLINIC
APRIL 11.....NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, NO SCHOOL
APRIL 18.....GOOD FRIDAY, NO SCHOOL
APRIL 22.....EARTH DAY
APRIL 22 - 25.....EARTH WEEK

MAY 8.....GRADE 4-6 MUSICAL
MAY 9.....NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, NO SCHOOL
MAY 13.....JOG IN THE PARK
MAY 19.....VICTORIA DAY, NO SCHOOL
MAY 28.....GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

JUNE 2-6.....SPIRIT WEEK!
JUNE 11 - 13.....GRADE 6 CAMP
JUNE 25.....GRADE 6 FAREWELL
JUNE 26.....NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, NO SCHOOL
JUNE 27.....LAST DAY OF CLASSES
JUNE 27.....EARLY DISMISSAL 11:00 A.M.

