



## École LaVérendrye French Immersion Milieu

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Mme A. Capina, Principal

# February 2023 Newsletter

## Principal's Message

January brought us unseasonably warm weather, which we appreciated as this allowed us to enjoy being outdoors and going on snowshoeing/skiing excursions. However, February is here, and with it, the cold. When the temperature hits colder than  $-27$ , we stay indoors, unless you're part of the Polar Bear Club! Earlier in the school year, parent(s)/guardian(s) were able to sign up and give their child(ren) permission to go outside—if dressed appropriately—with Mr. Carter to play during these cold times.

January saw the start of several new clubs, such as student-run dungeons and dragons, knitting, and concours. We are continuing with our leadership club and choir.

This month we will be celebrating Festival du voyageur! We have planned for a special Festival kick-off **Thursday, February 16th** will have students participate in French cultural activities such as games, art, food, music, etc. The following week, our student leadership team planned some voyageur-themed activities for us. We are excited!

Thank you to our parent volunteers who are helping us with our learning initiatives at school as well as joining us on our field trips and field days. Without you, many of these events would not be possible.

Thank you as well to our Parent Council. They do so much to support our school, students, and staff.

If you are interested in seeing and hearing what goes on during a parent council meeting, please feel free to join us virtually or in person on the third Monday of each Month.

Warm wishes,

*Amanda Capina*



# Nursery and Kindergarten *Open House*

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

[lav@wsd1.org](mailto:lav@wsd1.org)

We're inviting all new and current families to École LaVérendrye's Nursery and Kindergarten Open House on **Wednesday, February 22, 2023!**

The Open House will be located **in the school library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

## **Intent and Purpose:**

For those who are thinking about becoming a part of the LaV family, please feel free to join us to learn about the excitement of our NK program in a Milieu setting.

Everything we do in Literacy and Numeracy is tied to acquiring French as an additional language and the development of Fine, as well as Gross, and Motor skills.

# Festival du Voyageur Field Day and Spirit Week

**Hé Ho!**

## **Festival du voyageur!**



February brings us a much beloved tradition in our province – Festival du voyageur!

École LaVérendrye will be kicking off festivities **February 16, 2023** with a special field day event. Activities range from art to voyageur games to music to stories.

Students will spend the day in their 7 teaching groupings and rotate between 7 fun-filled stations.

We are looking for parent volunteers for this event. Half day and full day volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please reach out to Jennifer Allary ([jallary@wsd1.org](mailto:jallary@wsd1.org)) or Amanda Capina ([acapina@wsd1.org](mailto:acapina@wsd1.org)).

### **SPIRIT WEEK**

***February 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>*** will be our Festival du voyageur spirit week!

Our student leadership group organized and planned the events for this week. One of the events is dressing as a voyageur! Each day students are encouraged to come to school dressed in an article of clothing reminiscent of what the voyageurs wore. Below is the schedule for the week:

**le mardi 21 février** - porter une chemise aux carreaux (plaid shirt)

**le mercredi 22 février** - porter une ceinture flechée (ou un foulard) et une tuque (sash and tuque day)

**le jeudi 23 février** - journée de barbes et de tresses (beards and braids - be creative!)

**le vendredi 24 février** - habiller comme un voyageur!

# Concours d'art oratoire

Students who are part of the club have been working hard on their "Concours d'art oratoire" speeches. This club is open to *Grades 4-6 students*.

Our school-level contest will take place on **February 17 at 12:40 in the library**.

Parents of students participating are invited to attend!

## Aviation Museum

On the morning of **February 9**, *Grade 5 and 6 students* are going to the Royal Canadian Aviation Museum! We are looking for TWO volunteers only! Contact Mme Bailey or Mme Sylvie for volunteer requirements.

All Grade 5/6 parents are **required** to complete a Permission Click form to grant permission: <https://permission.click/Ywgv7/ca>

## RWB School Sharing Dance

RWB School Sharing Dance Workshops will be coming to École LaVérendrye the following mornings to teach *Grades 1-6* a dance routine:

- **February 1, 2023**
- **February 7, 2023**
- **February 10, 2023**

Sharing Dance is a community initiative that makes dance accessible to all people. The program aims to encourage Canadians of all ages and abilities to engage artistically, and reap the physical, social, emotional, and cultural benefits that dance provides.

Please dress comfortably on the days indicated. Sharing Dance in our school is made possible by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and their many partners.

# Dungeon and Dragons Club

This is a fun roleplay game that encourages positive teamwork while collaborating to complete character challenges.

This student-run club will be held on **Thursdays** until Spring Break in **Room 23** from **11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.** This club is open to *Grade 4-6 students* and will be supervised by Mme Sylvie. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Class Parties

If you would like to send treats to school to celebrate your child'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.

Mme Gallant would like to remind the families in her class to look back at her post from December regarding class parties on Google Classroom!

## Intention Forms and Registrations

We are now into the planning stages for the 2023-2024 school year. In order to have an idea of our student population, we would like you to complete and return the form below (one for each student in Grades N to 5). Enrolment projections are a critical part of the planning process.

Please take a moment to complete this form and complete it no later than **Friday, February 3, 2023**: <https://permission.click/gl0yP/ca>. If the link is not working, please copy and paste the link to a web browser.

# Knitting Club

The knitting club, in partnership with the Education for Sustainable Development Committee is looking for donations of yarn, crochet hooks and knitting looms. *Grade 4-6 students* are continuing to learn to crochet, loom knit, and finger knit. **Important: Please do not buy new items. We are looking for donations of castoff, old, unused and spare items.**

A community granny square blanket project: You can participate too! The knitting club is taking on a granny square blanket project. Anyone can participate by dropping off 4" granny squares to the club in any colours and yarns. You can make them using any granny square pattern and style. When we have enough, we will assemble them and create one or several blankets for donation. Not sure where to start? a medium weight yarn and size 5.0 hook can make a 4" granny square in 4 rounds.



As always, we want to say thank you for your support in continuing this club.

## Leadership announcement

Congratulations to our Leadership team for winning the \$500 prize from the “Cool 2Be Kind” contest presented by the Winnipeg Police Association. The prize money will go towards in-school leadership activities this school year!

## Valentine's Day activities

Classrooms will be making Valentine's Day cards to hand out to other classrooms. Students **do not need to bring individual cards.** Students can bring their own special treat for the day. Other information will be sent out to students from their individual classroom teachers.

# Biblio numérique Lecture nivelée



*Scholastic Biblio Numérique: Lecture Nivelée* is Scholastic's online learning zone where students and teachers can access French books virtually!

To access *Scholastic Biblio Numérique: Lecture Nivelée*. Visit our school website at <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/LaVerendrye> and you will find the link called "Biblio Numérique" under "Student Resources". A new window will pop up and will ask for the login. Your child/ren will have the login information written in their agenda. If not, please contact their teacher!

Once logged in, click "*Biblio Numérique: Lecture Nivelée*" and explore new books!

This website can be accessed at home and is available 24 hours a day.

## La Zone Library

A friendly reminder to return all LaV library books before its deadline (next class library day).

A fee will be sent home that states the book title and price to ensure the books are returned.

# LaVerendrye Lunch Program

Contact us at [lav@wsd1.org](mailto:lav@wsd1.org)!

**February lunch payments are due Wednesday, February 1st, 2023.**

If you have not yet submitted a payment, please do so by the date above. We accept cash/cheque, and credit card payments.

Cash payments must be the exact amount of **\$40.00** 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. Permission Click link to submit a credit card payment here: <https://permission.click/Pp4vN/ca>

Cheque payments must be made out to “École LaVérendrye” and must be sent to the classroom teacher.



February PAC meeting: **Monday, February 27, 2023**

All PAC meetings are located in the school library from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Virtual meetings are also available. Check your emails for the Zoom invitation!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) school webpage: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/laverendrye/page/17550/parent-advisory-council-pac>

# Vive le Vert

Contact us at [lavvivelevert@gmail.com](mailto:lavvivelevert@gmail.com)!

## Our Annual Spring Fundraiser is Back!

Next week Vive le Vert will be launching it's Annual Glenlea Plant Sale fundraiser.

Keep an eye out for more details.

## WANTED: Worms

Do you do vermicomposting at home?

Do you or someone you know have any worms that you can provide to LaV as we look to reignite our school's vermicomposting program?

If you do, please contact Mme Gallant [cgallant@wsd1.org](mailto:cgallant@wsd1.org).

## Hot Lunch

Contact us at [jamesyezi@gmail.com](mailto:jamesyezi@gmail.com)

Parent Council organized a fun lunch for **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**.

This time we will be ordering from Pita Pit. Orders can be placed and paid for through

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>. **The deadline for ordering is Feb. 11th.**

Parent Council uses these fun lunches to raise money for activities around the school and this year, the money raised will be used *to help subsidize the babysitting course for grade 5/6 students in May.*

Please contact James at [jamesyezi@gmail.com](mailto:jamesyezi@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
James Page

# février 2023

lundi	mardi	mercredi	jeudi	vendredi
		1 jour 4 RWB Dance Day	2 jour 5	3 jour 6 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Student intention forms due
6 jour 1 Grade 6 Churchill Open House Permission Forms DUE	7 jour 2 Grade 6's to Collège Churchill Open House 9:15 a.m.—12:45 p.m. RWB Dance Day	8 jour 3	9 jour 4 Gr. 5/6 to Royal Aviation Museum 9:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.	10 jour 5 RWB Dance Day
13 jour 6	14 jour 1	15 jour 2	16 jour 3 Festival du Voyageur FIELD DAY! PITA PIT HOT LUNCH	17 jour 4 Concours d'art oratoire school-level test in the library
20 NO SCHOOL Louis Riel Day	21 jour 5 Plaid Shirt Day	22 jour 6 Nursery and Kindergarten OPEN HOUSE 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sash and Tuque Day	23 jour 1 Beards and Braids Day	24 jour 2 Dress like a Voyageur!
27 jour 3 PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	28 jour 4			

# Dates to Remember

February 1st, 2023	RWB School Sharing Dance Day
February 3rd, 2023	NO SCHOOL—Non-Instructional Day School Intentions 2023-2024 DUE
February 6th, 2023	Gr. 6 Churchill High School Permission Form DUE
February 7th, 2023	RWB School Sharing Dance Day Grade 6 to Collège Churchill Open House 9:15 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
February 9th, 2023	Grade 5/6 to Royal Aviation Museum 9:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
February 10th, 2023	RWB School Sharing Dance Day
February 16th, 2023	Hot Lunch Festival du Voyageur Field Day
February 17th, 2023	Concours d'art oratoire school-level test in the library
February 20th, 2023	NO SCHOOL—Louis Riel Day
February 22nd, 2023	Nursery/Kindergarten Open House 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
March 9th, 2023	Hot Lunch
March 17th, 2023	NO SCHOOL—Non-Instructional Day
March 22nd, 2023	Term 2 Report Cards go home
March 24th, 2023	Last Day before Spring Break
March 27th—31st, 2023	Spring Break

# Dates to Remember

April 3rd, 2023	School Resumes
April 7th, 2023	NO SCHOOL—Good Friday
April 12th, 2023	Choir Field Trip to Centennial Concert Hall 12:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m.
April 13th, 2023	Hot Lunch Student-Led Conferences 3:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
April 14th, 2023	NO SCHOOL—Non-Instructional Day Student-Led Conferences 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
April 24th, 2023	Bus Ridership
May 1st, 2023	NO SCHOOL—Non-Instructional Day
May 3rd, 2023	Grade 6 Vaccine Clinic Hep. B / HPV / HBV / Menin.
May 18th, 2023	Hot Lunch
May 22nd, 2023	NO SCHOOL—Victoria Day
May 31st, 2023	Spring Concert 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
June 2th—14th, 2023	Grade 6 Camp Arnes
June 22nd, 2023	Nursery and Kindergarten classes at Deer Meadows Farm 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
June 29th, 2023	NO SCHOOL—PD Day
June 30th, 2023	Last Day of School: Early dismissal at 11:00 a.m.