



*École  
La Vérendrye*

**JANUARY  
2025**

**290 Lilac St.  
Winnipeg, MB**

[www.winnipegsd.ca/LaVerendrye](http://www.winnipegsd.ca/LaVerendrye)

# Principal's Message

On behalf of the entire École LaVérendrye staff, I wish you a Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday filled with fun, laughter, and family time. It is hard to believe it is already January 2025.

December was a short, yet very busy month at LaV. I would like to give thanks to the staff who organized many amazing events and activities throughout the month, as well as to our Parent Council who organized our beloved Holiday Bazaar. A big thank you to our parent volunteers as well who helped to run the Bazaar. Students were so very excited to have the opportunity to choose gifts for their families.

December 10th was our Grades 1-4 Winter Concert. Mme Shayla planned and executed a lovely winter concert for our students. They sang in English, French, and Spanish, they played instruments, and they worked with props! Our students were amazing!

December 17th was our annual Holiday Bazaar. Parent Council organized the event, parent volunteers worked the event, and students shopped the event! That day, the classrooms went down to the library and shopped for gifts to give to people in their family. Students had so much fun that day! I can only imagine some of the gifts that parents and guardians received.

December 19th was our Family Movie Night and Winter Wonderland display. Teachers and students prepared beautiful art displays for families to enjoy, including an interactive photo op display. This was followed by two short, animated movies - The Grinch and Frosty the Snowman. Families were able to purchase snacks from the canteen, supporting our grade 6 camp fundraiser, to enjoy while watching the movies. It was a fun and memorable evening for all.

December 20th was our last day of school before the Winter break, and we made sure that it was special. The entire school population came dressed in their most comfy pajamas, and in the afternoon we all came together in the gym for a school sing-along.

I need to mention that Manitoba weather extremes are to come. Please ensure that your children dress appropriately for all weather conditions. All children are expected to go outside for recess, weather permitting, where they are building snow structures and participating in a variety of outdoor activities during these times. Being dressed for the weather is a must! If you need help with winter clothing, please let us know.

We want to acknowledge our patrols who go out in some very uncomfortable conditions. Please keep an eye out for them and give them a friendly wave if you are passing by. We greatly appreciate their dedication!

Please continue to check our school website and your email for updates and information regarding school initiatives and opportunities for our students.

As we begin 2025, I would like to thank our supportive parent community and dedicated volunteers who offer their time in support of our students and staff. We look forward to seeing you at our future school events and Parent Council meetings.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, our doors are always open!

Warm wishes,  
Mme Amanda Capina



# *A few reminders for the new year...*

## **1. Start and end times**

- School begins at 8:30a.m. Arriving on time helps to set your child up for a successful day, and decreases the stress of being late.
- If your child is late, please remind them to check into the office with Mme Chantal.
- School ends at 3:00p.m. We do not have supervision after this time, so prompt pick-up is needed.

## **2. Nutrition and activity breaks**

- Morning nutrition break is from 10:00a.m.—10:30a.m.
- Morning activity break is from 10:30a.m.—11:00a.m.
- Afternoon nutrition break (the one we call “lunch”) is from 12:30p.m.—1:00p.m.
- Afternoon activity break is from 1:00p.m.—1:30p.m.

## **3. Absences**

- Please continue to use safe arrival.
- You can find the link [HERE](#).

## **4. Lost and found**

- Lost and found items can be seen on our website: [winnipeg.sd.ca/laverendrye](http://winnipeg.sd.ca/laverendrye).
- The physical items are on a table in front of the main office.



Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Holiday Bazaar! It was a huge success and PAC raised over \$800 that the Leadership Club is donating to Cancer Care Manitoba.

## Concours d'art oratoire

Students in grades 3 to 6 will begin working on their speeches and stories for the French public speaking competition (Concours d'art oratoire). The competition will take place in our school at the end of February 2025 and those who win will perform their speeches or stories during the divisional competition in March 2025.

Practices will take place every Monday and Wednesday in January and February at 10:30a.m. at the school.

Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in this very formative exercise in writing, reading and oral communication.

For more details, or if you have any questions, please contact M. Olivier at [obassene@wsd1.org](mailto:obassene@wsd1.org) or Mme. Zmit at [azmit@wsd1.org](mailto:azmit@wsd1.org)

## COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES

On days when the wind chill hazard is  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  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  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to check the WSD website

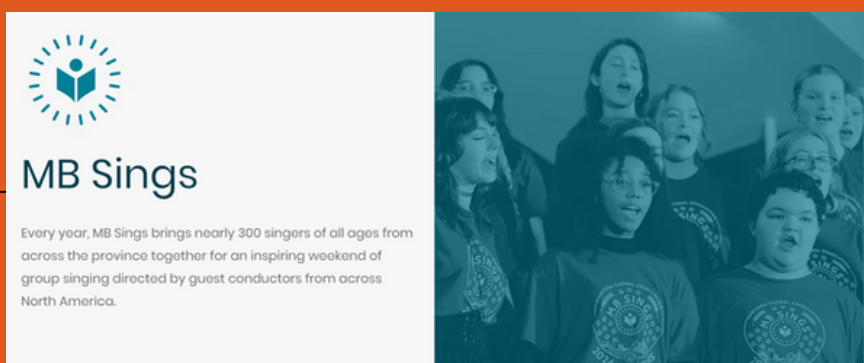
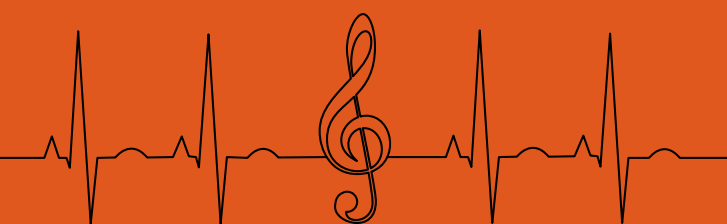
([www.winnipegwsd.ca](http://www.winnipegwsd.ca)) or listen to the radio for bus cancellations. Parents are also responsible to find alternate transportation for their child(ren). Please remember to enter the information into Safe Arrival if your child will be absent due to a bus cancellation.



# News from the Music room

## CBC MUSIC CHALLENGE

We are extremely proud to announce that École LaVérendrye made the TOP TEN for their performance of "Yohahí:yo" by Shawnee Kish in TWO categories; The Elementary Vocals (grade 4-6) category and then went on to receive an *honourable mention* in the Best Rendition category! This is a country-wide contest and we were one of only four schools from Winnipeg to make the top ten lists! WAY TO GO!!! And a special thank-you to Mme Shayla for putting everything together!



### About:

Established in 1982, MB Sings is MCA's longest-running program and draws nearly 300 singers from across The Singing Province and beyond every year for an inspiring weekend of music and community-building with accomplished and respected conductors from across the continent. Formerly known as Provincial Honour Choirs, MB Sings singers participate in two days of intensive rehearsals learning interesting and challenging repertoire, and then share what they've learned with families and friends in a finale concert.

The MB Sings program has three choirs corresponding to age:

- Junior Choir (singers in grades 5 - 8)
- Senior Choir (singers in grades 9 - 12)
- Adult Choir (ages 18+)

There are no auditions to join the MB Sings Choirs and registration is open to all singers Grades 5 and up, regardless of experience or singing ability! There is something for everyone in this exciting program!

[MB Sings Registration](#) | [Manitoba Choral Association](#)



# LaV Lego Drive

## WE ARE STARTING A LEGO CLUB!

DEAR COMMUNITY,  
WE WANT TO START A GRADE 1-3 LEGO CLUB  
AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!

## LAV LEGO DRIVE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- LEGO
- DUPLO
- LARGE BINS WITH LIDS
- CLEAN SHEETS



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
MME TURENNE - [ATURENNE@WSD1.ORG](mailto:ATURENNE@WSD1.ORG)  
OR  
MME SMITH - [HRUDNICKISMITH@WSD1.ORG](mailto:HRUDNICKISMITH@WSD1.ORG)

# Allergies



This is a reminder that we have students with a variety of allergies in our building. Classroom teachers will have reached out to share with you any allergies specific to their classrooms.

As a school, we aim to be nut free. Please avoid sending your child to school with nut products.

In an effort to be more respectful to people with environmental sensitivities we request that people in our school refrain from wearing any scented perfumes, colognes, etc. Wearing strongly scented products could result in a medical emergency for some students, families, and staff.

## 2025 Hot Lunches

<i>Date</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Restaurant</i>
January 17, 2025	January 12, 2025	Papa Johns
February 07, 2025	February 02, 2025	Pita Pit
February 28, 2025	February 23, 2025	Subway
March 21, 2025	March 16, 2025	Edo Japan
April 23, 2025	April 18, 2025	Papa Johns
May 14, 2025	May 09, 2025	Pita Pit
May 30, 2025	May 25, 2025	Subway
June 20, 2025	June 15, 2025	Papa Johns

# JANUARY



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday



1 2 3  
WINTER BREAK

6 / day 5  
  
School Reopens

7 / day 6

8 / day 1

9 / day 2

10 / day 3

13 / day 4

14 / day 5

15 / day 6

16 / day 1

17 / day 2  
  
Hot Lunch  
Papa Johns

20 / day 3

21 / day 4

22 / day 5

23 / day 6

24 / day 1

27 / day 2

28 / day 6

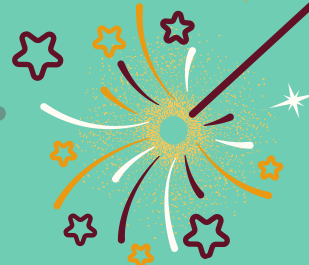
29 / day 5

30 / day 5

31 / day 5  
Non-instructional Day  
NO SCHOOL



# Dates to remember



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  
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.