

École LaVérendrye

Community Report

2024 - 2025

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Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

Our Vision

Is for current and future people learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be: **Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.**



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About our school

École LaVérendrye is a vibrant French Immersion milieu school located in the heart of Fort Rouge within the Winnipeg School Division. Serving students from Nursery to Grade 6, the school is home to approximately 230 students and 30 dedicated staff members. Known for its strong sense of community, École LaVérendrye is proud of its diverse student population and its shared passion for learning, the French language, environmental stewardship, and inclusive education. The school fosters a warm, collaborative atmosphere where students, staff, and families work together to create a rich and supportive learning environment.

Notre énoncé de mission - Our Mission Statement

École LaVérendrye believes that every child has a place in our French language learning community, and we strive to empower confident, independent youth who take risks, collaborate, and think critically. We are committed to fostering social emotional health and wellbeing for all.

Our Non-Negotiables

Non-Negotiable #1: French

At École LaVérendrye, French language use is a non-negotiable. All staff and students are expected to speak French in classrooms and common areas at all times. This commitment supports a fully immersive environment that fosters language development, strengthens cultural identity, and reinforces the value of bilingualism in our school community.

Non-Negotiable #2: Daily Literacy and Numeracy

At École LaVérendrye, daily literacy and numeracy instruction is a non-negotiable. All students engage in purposeful reading, writing, and math learning every day to build strong foundational skills. This consistent focus ensures that all learners develop the critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving abilities needed for academic success across all subject areas.

Non-Negotiable #3: Indigenous Education

Indigenous Education is a non-negotiable at École LaVérendrye. We are committed to embedding Indigenous perspectives, histories, and ways of knowing into daily learning. Through meaningful integration across subject areas, land-based learning, and relationships with Indigenous communities, we aim to foster understanding, respect, and reconciliation in our school community.



Priorities for 2025 - 2026

Priority # 1

French: Providing high interest and meaningful learning opportunities to develop students' French identity. This will be shown through...

- Opportunities to share our French learning
- Willingness to take risks in learning
- An increase in spontaneous production
- Written and oral communication

Priority # 2

Wellness and Belonging: Nurturing and maintaining positive relationships with self and others by providing students with strategies and opportunities to be proud of their individuality and their involvement in their community. This will be achieved through...

- Use of the *Mamāhtawisiwin* framework
- The Circle of Courage
- Project 11, Zones of Regulation, We Thinkers, Kids in the Know
- Family Groupings and School Clubs

Priority # 3

Inclusive Education: Creating inclusive learning spaces where all students have equal access to learning opportunities and where they see themselves in what they learn. This will be achieved through...

- Diversity, equity, and inclusive education practices embedded in our teaching
- The use of adaptations to help all students be successful learners
- Education for reconciliation and embracing multiculturalism

LaVérendrye Events

SEPTEMBER

- Welcome Back / Meet the Staff BBQ
- Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day
- Family Groupings
- CBC Music Challenge

OCTOBER

- Fall into Reading
- Dress as your Favourite Book Character
- Spirit Week
- Halloween Parade
- Annual Jack-o-Lantern Contest
- Escape Room

NOVEMBER

- Remembrance Day
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Family Groupings

DECEMBER

- Grades 1- 4 Winter Concert
- Beat Bliss Drummers
- Alliance française sessions
- Spirt Week
- Clothing Swap
- Family Movie Night
- Winter Wonderland Display

JANUARY

- Family Groupings
- Grade 4 Swimming
- Skiing, Snowshoes, Skating



LaVérendrye Events

FEBRUARY

- NK Open House
- Valentine's Day
- Festival du Voyageur
- Spirit Week
- Black History Month
- Meraki Theatre Performance

MARCH

- Family Groupings
- Bake Sale
- Student-Led Conferences
- Concours d'art Oratoire
- Family Movie Night

APRIL

- Anti-Bullying Week
- Pink Shirt Day
- Magician Performance
- Earth Week

MAY

- Jog in the Park
- Grades 4-6 Musical
- Family Groupings
- Glen Lea

JUNE

- June Carnival
- Camp
- Patrols to Steinbach
- Field Day
- PRIDE month / School Parade
- NK Farewell
- Grade 6 Farewell



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Fundraising Initiatives

We are incredibly grateful for the outstanding fundraising efforts led by our Parent Council and student leadership team. Their dedication and creativity helped raise funds for important school initiatives, resources, and events that enriched the student experience. Having such a committed parent council and a passionate group of student leaders truly strengthens our school community.

Parent Council Fundraising Initiatives

- Monthly Fun Lunches: Money raised went towards a few initiatives: the grade 6 babysitting course and grade 6 hoodies
- Glen Lea Plant Sale: Money raised went towards our environment initiatives which are spearheaded by our Éco-Vert team.
- June Carnival: Money raised went towards a BBQ and Popcorn maker which will be used by the school and the Parent Council for our many events held throughout the year.
- Holiday Bazaar: A school tradition, the Holiday Bazaar raises money for a charity selected by our school leadership team. This year, money raised was donated to Cancer Care Manitoba.

Student Leadership Fundraising Initiatives

- Family Movie Night: Students sold popcorn and drinks. Money raised went to support the cost of Grade 6 camp.
- Candy Grams: Students sold candy grams in February. Money raised went to support the cost of Grade 6 camp.
- Loonie Cookies: Students sold Biscoff cookies. Money raised went to support the cost of Grade 6 camp.
- Bake Sale: Students brought in home made treats and sold them at our student-led conferences. Money raised went to support the cost of Grade 6 camp.
- Cake Raffle: Students brought in cakes which were then raffled off. Money raised went to support the cost of our school musical.

Thank you to all the families who generously contributed to our fundraising initiatives—whether through baked goods, household items, or other donations. Every contribution made a difference and supported a great cause. Your generosity and community spirit are truly appreciated.

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Balanced School Day & Clubs

Our transition to a balanced school day model has been a great success, providing students with more consistent energy and focus throughout the day. The new schedule also created valuable opportunities to introduce a wide variety of clubs, allowing students to explore interests, build friendships, and strengthen school spirit.

CLUBS GRADES 1- 3

- Drawing Club
- Lego Club
- Pokémon Club
- Writer's Club
- Running Club
- Just Dance
- Karaoke Club
- Intramurals
- Reading Club
- Yoga
- Outdoor Literacy Club
- Soccer

CLUBS GRADES 4- 6

- Éco-Vert & Watering Clubs
- Leadership
- Volleyball
- D & D
- Running Club
- Ukelele Club
- Karaoke Club
- Intramurals
- Reading Club
- Yoga
- Outdoor Literacy Club
- Knitting Club
- Drama & Theatre Clubs
- Choir
- Gymnastics

A Message to our Families

From all of us at École LaVérendrye, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and involvement. Your care, generosity, and commitment help make our school a truly special place. We are deeply grateful to be part of a community that feels like family—where everyone works together with the shared goal of doing what's best for our children. This year's success is a direct result of that partnership, and we couldn't have done it without you. Merci!