



ÉCOLE LAVÉRENDRYE

MARCH

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Principal's Message

February was an exciting and busy month for us at LaV.

Mid-February we celebrated and embraced our French culture with our family groupings kick-off to Festival du Voyageur. That day, staff and students met in the gym, where we listened to festival stories read aloud by Mr. Carter. Students then went with their family group teacher to their classroom where they designed their own paddle to be added to the canoe displays around the school. Each family group has their own canoe on display, adorned with individual student paddles to represent the travels of the voyageur. Everyone had a great time. The following week was our Festival du voyageur spirit week, which our student leadership team organized. Each day, staff and students were encouraged to wear a different article of voyageur clothing, ending with full voyageur garb on Friday. We saw many mini voyageurs that week! Our French culture committee organized a French performance as well as a crêpe breakfast for the whole school! Yummy! Many thanks to our Festival Committee, staff, and volunteers who made this a memorable one for our students.

As you are aware, we sent home student intention forms for next year as we have started planning for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for completing your student intention forms on Permission Click. We also hosted an N/K Open House this past month, to share with families interested in attending our school what our program offers. Please let any new families in the area know that we are now accepting registrations for all grades. If your circumstances happen to change and you will not be returning to École LaVérendrye, please contact the office and let Mme Chantal know.

Students in grades 4-6 are preparing for our upcoming Concours d'art oratoire which is taking place this month. I must say, they have been working hard and I can't wait to see...and hear...their presentations!

This month, teachers are completing report cards for Term 2 and report cards will be emailed home on March 11, 2024. Student-led conferences will be on March 14th in the evening and on March 15th in the morning. The school interview link will be sent out shortly. We are looking forward to sharing student successes with you.

Have a wonderful month of March and a well-deserved Spring Break.

Warm wishes,
Amanda Capina

OFFICE NEWS

Please make sure you are sending your child/ren with enough food to sustain them throughout the day. Although the office has extra snacks for students who may need, these snacks are for emergencies.

COLD WEATHER POLICIES

RECESS: On days when the wind chill hazard is -28 or below, as per the Environment Canada Winnipeg (the Forks) reading, all students will be staying inside for recess

BUS CANCELLATIONS: Buses will be cancelled when the wind chill is -45 or more. Parents are responsible to check the WSD website for bus cancellations. Please remember to report if your student will be absent due to cancellations.

[safe arrival link](#)

PATROLS

Patrols must report for their shifts wearing proper clothing for the existing weather conditions. In the winter, this includes mitts/gloves, hat, a warm coat, and suitable footwear. Patrols will work collaboratively and respectfully to perform their duties to provide safety crossing.

- -17 TO -26 PATROLS ARE AT THEIR POSTS AS USUAL
- -27 TO -33 PATROLS ARE AT THEIR POSTS FOR 5 MINUTES
- -34 OR COLDER THERE WILL BE NO OUTDOOR PATROLS. PATROLS MAY BE REASSIGNED TO INDOOR DUTIES

A few gentle reminders

Arriving on time helps to set your child up for a successful day, as it decreases the stress from being late.

School begins at 8:30am.

Morning recess is from 9:45am - 10:00am

Lunch hour is from 11:30am - 12:25pm

Afternoon recess is from 1:35pm - 1:50pm

School ends at 3:00pm

- Check our website, monthly newsletters, and your email for important updates and messages. We also include a copy of the school calendar on our website and in our newsletters.
- If your child/ren will be absent, please continue to use safe arrival [safe arrival link](#)
- We have a lost and found table set up on the main floor across from room 18. If your child is missing something, remind them to look there.

LaVérendrye Library Volunteers

LaVérendrye is looking for volunteers!

As most of you already know we are without a librarian this school year. Staff and students are making their best efforts to keep our library clean and organized but we can always use the extra help.

If you are interested in volunteering during school hours to help re-shelve books please contact the school through email. Further information regarding becoming a volunteer is included in this newsletter on page 12.



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Yoga Club

École LaV now has a Yoga Club at lunch recess that will go until Spring Break.
Grade 1-3 on day 2 (Cosmic Yoga)
Grade 4-6 on day 6 (Down Dog Yoga).

Swimming Counts

Our grade 4 students will continue to go to Pan Am Pool

Last day - March 7th

The bus will pick the students up from the school at 1:00 and will return at 3:00 PM

Please make sure you send your student with:

Towel

Bathing suit

\$0.25 for locker

Goggles (optional)



HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Cold and flu season is here.
See our tips for parents and caregivers:



KEEP ME HOME:

Fever

(higher than 38°C or 100° F)

Sore Throat

Persistent Cough

Strep Throat

Vomiting or Diarrhea

Abdominal Pain

(severe or long-lasting)

Illness

(prevents from participating comfortably in activities)

SEND ME TO SCHOOL:

No Fever

(without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours)

Occasional Cough

(but no other symptoms)

Strep Throat

(after 24 hours of treatment)

No Vomiting or Diarrhea

(for 48 hours)





SPRING FUNDRAISER

Place orders until April 15th
Shop early for best selection!

This year's spring fundraising campaign features excellent quality and competitively priced bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and container gardens. Fall Garden Mums can be ordered now in the spring for delivery shortly after Labor Day in the early Fall. Gift cards are also available for purchase.

Follow these simple steps to shop online.

1. Go to the [2024 Spring Fundraiser Landing Page](#). Please note that this is not the home page.
2. After you are finished shopping, go to the cart page and select "to support & pick up at a fundraiser group". Afterwards, three fields will appear.
3. Please select from the Fundraiser Group dropdown **École La Vérendrye Community Council**
4. Under Name of Seller –you can leave the field blank or enter your student(s)' name(s)
5. Lastly, check the Checkbox to confirm all the information in the above fields are correct and click check out & pay.
6. Input your email, name and address. Followed by your preferred payment method. Payment can be completed by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or by INTERAC e-transfer to Glenlea Greenhouses.

Shortly after completing the order, an email confirmation is sent to the email address you provided at checkout confirming the delivery location and date, along with the products ordered. If you can not find this confirmation in your inbox, please check your spam folder for a copy of your confirmation.

Online orders will be accepted until 11:59 pm on April 15th

The plants will be delivered to the school gym on May 28th and we will need all orders to be picked up will be in the school gym May 28th @ 3 p.m. until 5p.m.

All the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards maintaining the LaV gardens and supporting environmental education for the students.

We thank you for your support!



WSD NEW STUDENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 26!

If your child is turning four or five by December 31 this year, it's time to register them for Nursery or Kindergarten.

Starting Nursery or Kindergarten is an exciting time and we're here to help. Find your neighbourhood school on winnipegd.ca and learn more about your child's school and the special role it has in your community. Start your child on the journey of a lifetime of joyful and deep learning.

Visit winnipegd.ca



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Parent advisory council (PAC)

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday, March 18th 2024

YOUR 2023-2024 PARENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE IS AS
FOLLOWS:

Chair : Marina Marchand

Treasurer : Melissa Dupuis

Secretary : Sara Thrift

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Hot lunch: Renée Lagimodiere

Vive le vert : Tanja Hutter

(lavvivelevert@gmail.com)

French district : Martin Hunt

South district : Lauren Sawchuk

ALL MEETINGS ARE LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FROM 7:00 - 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETINGS ALSO AVAILABLE, CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR THE LINK

CONTACT US AT LAVCOMMOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM

Smudging

To ensure our school is inclusive and culturally responsive we are integrating First Nation, Métis, and Inuit perspectives into school planning and programming in partnership with the school community. This includes welcoming all students to learn about the significant role of Indigenous values in the spirit of reconciliation. One of the most commonly shared experiences is the tradition of smudging.

Smudging involves burning sage to cleanse the mind, body, spirit. It allows all participants a chance to become mindful, centred, and move forward with positive intentions.

As you are aware, we have introduced daily smudging. This is part of our ongoing learning process this school year. Staff, students, and community are invited to participate and support in building an atmosphere of respect, understanding, and inclusivity. While smudging does not usually pose a health risk, we ensure that smudging takes place in a well-ventilated designated area using an appropriate amount of sage. Alternate arrangements may be made for those that may have health challenges such as severe asthma and respiratory issues. Smudging is always voluntary. If you would like more information on smudging, please refer to the [Smudging Protocol and Guidelines for School Divisions](#) or contact the school for further information.

Our daily smudge takes place at 8:15am. All students, staff, family, and community members interested in joining us can meet us outside the library doors.

LaV Volunteers

Respect in schools

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

Respect in sports is mandatory for all school volunteers 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/>

MARCH

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				1 Jour 3
4 Jour 4	5 Jour 5 Concours D'art Oratoire @ École LaVérendrye 12h45 au bibliothèque	6 Jour 6	7 Jour 1	8 Jour 2
11 Jour 3 REPORT CARDS EMAILED HOME	12 Jour 4	13 Jour 5	14 Jour 6 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 3:30-8:00 PM USED BOOK FAIR 3:30-8:00 PM	15 Jour 1 Non-instructional NO SCHOOL Student-led conferences & used book fair AM only
18 Jour 2 Family Groupings St. Patrick's Day Theme PAC meeting @ 7:00 PM	19 Jour 3	20 Jour 4	21 Jour 5 Divisional Concours d'art oratoire École Garden Grove	22 Jour 6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 
25	26	27	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY
Pause de printemps / Spring Break				

Dates to Remember

Monday, March 11	Report Cards go home
Thursday, March 14	Student-Led Conferences 3:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 15	Non-Instructional Day - NO CLASSES Student-Led Conferences 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Friday, March 22	Last day of classes
March 25 - March 29	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 1	School reopens / FRCC Closed (Please find alternative care for your student)
Monday, April 8	Bus Ridership
Friday, April 12	Pink Shirt Day
April 15 - April 18	Mobile Vision Clinic
Friday, April 19	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
April 22 - April 26	Earth Week
Monday, May 6	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 20	Victoria day - NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 24	Walk-a-Thon
Tuesday, May 28	Glen Lea Fundraiser pick-up

Dates to Remember

June 10 - June 12	Grade 6 Camp
Friday, June 21	Field day National Indigenous people day
Tuesday, June 25	Grade 6 farewell
Thursday, June 27	Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
Friday, June 28	Last day of school! 11:00 a.m. dismissal



Change of date!

Our grade 6 farewell will now take place
Tuesday, June 25th 2024.

Time: TBD

There will be more information to follow closer
to the date.