



# École LaVérendrye French Immersion Milieu

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Mme A. Capina, Principal

## May 2023 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

The month of May is already upon us and the school year is quickly winding down. We would like to extend a warm Welcome and Bienvenue to all new parents and students who have registered at LaV for the 2023-2024 school year.

April brought a mix of weather, including snow and rain, so hopefully this means that sunshine is ahead for the month of May. Warmer weather means that our field is wet and muddy, and we have had a few clothing casualties this month. Thank you families for supporting us through this muddy time by packing extra clothes for your children.

We loved having families in the building for student-led conferences this past month and the students enjoyed showing off their learning as well as their art. Hopefully, you noticed the pink shirt art in the windows of our linkway. On April 12, LaVérendrye, along with the rest of the Winnipeg School Division celebrated the Day of Pink, proudly showing our stance against bullying and our acceptance for all.

Parent Council hosted a used book fair in April, raising money to go towards educational resources. The book fair was a success and students enjoyed seeing and purchasing new, but used, reading material. As a school that promotes education for sustainable development, it was great to see books reused as opposed to disposed of. Thank you to all volunteers who came out, helped out, and made this event possible.

We would like to thank all our parents and community members who graciously give their time to our school through volunteering, Parent Council, clubs, and so much more. As a way to thank all of you for your continued support, we will be hosting our annual spring volunteer tea this year. We are in the midst of planning this event and more information will follow.

Our grade six team has been busy planning for our upcoming camp experience. Students in 6th grade will be heading off to camp for a few days in June, where they will participate in many fun activities. Thank you to all families who came out to our information meeting. We will be sending home more information, watch for the package!

The staff has been working on, and planning for, the next school year. We will be meeting several times throughout May in large and small groups to set our school priorities and calendar for the 2023-2024 year. As always, we welcome parent feedback. Please email me or call the school if you would like to provide feedback to help us plan for next year. We will also be seeking input from our parents and I will send out an invitation later in the month to confirm the date, time, and location for this meeting.

Thank you for your continued support, I appreciate it.

Warm wishes,  
Amanda Capina



# Spring is Here!

**Spring has arrived, and with it the puddles and mud. The warmer weather means that the snow is melting and leaving our school grounds wet and muddy.**

## **Puddles:**

**Part of the joy of childhood is splashing through puddles. Students who are dressed in appropriate rain gear/outdoor clothes can enjoy this. Students who choose to splash in puddles, even with rain gear on, may end up wet, but water dries. If you want to pack an extra pair of socks and/or pants for your child, please feel free to do so. We will not be calling home for extra clothing.**

## **Mud:**

**All students are advised to stay out of the mud. Mud sticks to clothing, tracks through the school, and leaves a big mess for our custodial staff to clean up. Please help us with this by reminding your child to stay out of the mud while at school.**

**Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.**



# SUPPORTING ACTIVE COMMUTING

We are excited to announce that we now have our bike racks unlocked! The bike racks are situated in the fenced-in, U-shaped area of the school which also has security camera support.

Parents will be able to help their younger child/ren lock up their bikes. We ask that all students walk their bikes on school property for safety.

The fenced-in area will be open/locked at the following times to help with bike security.

We are not responsible for lost/stolen bikes and ask that you make sure you child's bike has a secure lock. Any bikes that are left after 6:00 p.m. will be locked overnight.



## BIKE TIMES

7:30 a.m. Open  
8:45 a.m. Locked

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Open by parent request  
(only for students who are going home for lunch)

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Open

# Field Trips and Volunteering

The students in Mme Turenne, Mme Olson, Mme Smith, and M. Carter will be going to Université de Saint-Boniface on the morning of **Friday, May 5th** for the Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival. The students will be seeing "Paul et Suzanne racontent" where the characters will be retelling fairytale stories such as the "Three Little Pigs" and "The Little Red Riding Hood".

If you would like to volunteer for this trip, please contact your child's teacher.

## Volunteers must have:

- **2023 Child Abuse Registry Check**
- **2023 Criminal Record Check**
- **A completion of the *Respect in Schools Training***



# Spring Concert



We are pleased to invite you to our grade 1-6 Spring Concert. The concert will take place on **May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm at École LaVérendrye**. Our students have been working hard to learn music and movement to share with you!

Students should arrive at École LaVerendrye at 5:20pm for warm-up. Please do your best to ensure that your child arrives on time so that they can feel confident and prepared.

Seating capacity is only 350 people, therefore we ask that you invite only 2 guests per family to ensure that there's room for everyone. A reminder that pictures and videos cannot be shared on social media. You may share concert videos at home with family members.

More detailed information to follow closer to the performance date. Take care, and I look forward to seeing you all at the concert.

Mme Heinrichs

# LaVerendrye Lunch Program

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

**May lunch payments are due Monday, May 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/w15Eq/ca>

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



May PAC meeting: **Monday, May 15th, 2023.** Virtual meetings are also available. Check your emails for the Zoom invitation!

All PAC meetings are located in the school library from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. and **ALL parents are invited to attend!** During these meetings, we often make decisions for fundraisers, events, grad hoodies, babysitting course etc. by voting. Therefore, the more parents voting, the better!

It's also great to get new ideas for school events, including fundraising and June carnival games.

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



# Vive le Vert

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

## Annual Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone who submitted an order for the Glenlea fundraiser. The proceeds from this year's sale have gone towards filling the school's gardens and providing environmental education for LaV students.

**Please note: this year we will return to our pre-pandemic routine of picking up orders at the school gym on Monday, May 29 beginning at 3 p.m.** We will send out a reminder in the days prior to pick-up day.

We are looking for volunteers to help with reviewing orders in the early afternoon. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Tanja at [lavvivelevert@gmail.com](mailto:lavvivelevert@gmail.com).

## Got Some Time on Your Hands?

The LaVerendrye gardens couldn't survive and thrive without the help of our family volunteers, and this month we'd like to thank all of those who have helped us keep up with repairs, planning and garden maintenance over the past several years. We recognize that often the workload is vast and done by a small group of incredibly devoted volunteers. Thank you for your generosity!

We are looking for more interested volunteers to help spread the work out between more people -- after all, many hands make light work. You don't have to have special gardening knowledge or talent to help out. If you'd like to learn more about gardening, or just want to assist in watering the plants, this spring and summer would be the ideal time to join in the contactless fun. You can contact Mme Gallant at [cgallant@wsd1.org](mailto:cgallant@wsd1.org) or Tanja at [lavvivelevert@gmail.com](mailto:lavvivelevert@gmail.com).

## Spring Garden Cleanup

We are so excited to be able to include families in the garden activities once again this year. We invite students and their families to come out and join us in the garden cleanup on **May 9th at 3:15 (rain date is May 11th.)**

We need help with raking, turning the soil in the gardens, adding new soil, weeding, preparing and distributing compost, making some small repairs to garden beds, and picking up garbage. If you are able to help out, please contact Mme Gallant or Tanja at the above listed email addresses.

If you are able to bring extra tools to help (rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows) this will help us get the work done quickly. Please mark your names on your tools.



# Hot Lunch

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

Parent Council organized a fun lunch for **Thursday, May 18th.**

This time we will be ordering from EDO JAPAN. Orders can be placed and paid for through <https://healthyhunger.ca/>. **The deadline for ordering is Saturday, May 13th.**

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

# mai 2023

| lundi  | mardi        | mercredi  | jeudi                                   | vendredi   |
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| 1<br>jour 6<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Non-Instructional      | 2<br>jour 1  | 3<br>jour 2<br><br>Grade 6 Vaccines<br>Hep. B/HPB/HBV/<br>Menin.                                | 4<br>jour 3                             | 5<br>jour 4<br><br>Rooms 16 and 17 classes<br>to Université de Saint-<br>Boniface 9:00 a.m.<br><br>Rooms 11 and 12 classes<br>to Université de Saint-<br>Boniface 11:45 a.m. |
| 8<br>jour 5  | 9<br>jour 6  | 10<br>jour 1  | 11<br>jour 2                            | 12<br>jour 3   |
| 15<br>jour 4   | 16<br>jour 5 | 17<br>jour 6  | 18<br>jour 1<br><br>Edo Japan Hot Lunch | 19<br>jour 2   |
| 22<br>jour 6<br><br>NO SCHOOL<br>Victoria Day          | 23<br>jour 3 | 24<br>jour 4<br><br>Grade 5/6 classes to the<br>Electricity Museum and<br>GG Gelati 10:00—12:00 | 25<br>jour 5                            | 26<br>jour 6   |
| 29<br>jour 1<br><br>Glenlea plant pickup in<br>the gym | 30<br>jour 2 | 31<br>jour 3<br><br>Grade 1-6<br>Spring Concert<br>5:00—7:00                                    |   |  |



# Dates to Remember

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| May 1st, 2023       | NO SCHOOL—Non-Instructional Day   |
| May 3rd, 2023       | Grade 6 Vaccine Clinic Hep. B / HPV / HBV / Menin.                        |
| May 5th, 2023       | Room 16, 17, 11, and 12 to Université de Saint-Boniface                   |
| May 13, 2023        | Edo Japan Hot Lunch Order Deadline  |
| May 18th, 2023      | Edo Japan Hot Lunch   |
| May 22nd, 2023      | NO SCHOOL—Victoria Day  |
| May 24, 2023        | Grade 5/6 to the Electrical Museum and GG Gelati                          |
| May 29, 2023        | GlenLea plant pickup in the gym   |
| 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 28, 2023       | Last day of school for the Nursery/Kindergarten students                  |
| June 29th, 2023     | NO SCHOOL—PD Day  |
| June 30th, 2023     | Last Day of School: Early dismissal at 11:00 a.m.                         |