



École LaVêrendrye

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Principal's Message



I would like to start by extending a heartfelt thank-you to everyone for the warm welcome into the École LaVérendrye community. The students have been wonderful—checking in with me each day, greeting me with a cheerful bonjour in the morning and an au revoir at the end of the day. I truly enjoy the opportunity to visit classrooms and see learning in action. We are fortunate to have an amazing staff who go above and beyond every single day. Whether they are leading countless clubs and groups or ensuring every student leaves feeling heard, supported, and valued, their dedication is inspiring.

It is hard to believe that we are already welcoming the month of December! “Let us not forget” November was a very busy month at LaV. Our school community came together to observe Remembrance Day with respect and care. Teachers worked diligently on report cards and tri-conferences, while our EAs and clerical staff continued to provide essential support for students and kept the school running smoothly. And of course, our students stayed engaged in learning, exploring, and playing!

December may be a shorter month, but it will certainly have lots to look forward to. The Holiday Bazaar, the Nursery/Kindergarten Winter Concert on December 10, the Grade 1–6 Winter Concert on December 11, Spirit Week from December 15–19, and a school-wide sing-along that families will be invited to join. More information about these events will be shared shortly, so please keep an eye out. A friendly reminder to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for winter weather. Students go outside twice a day—once in the morning and once in the afternoon—for 30 minutes. All students are expected to be outdoors following our cold weather guidelines (you can see the Winnipeg School Division cold weather guidelines that we follow [HERE](#)). Warm boots, hats, mittens, ski pants, and parkas will help keep them comfortable during our Manitoba winter. We encourage families to label all outdoor gear to make it easier to find if something is lost. I want to extend my deepest gratitude for allowing me to be part of this amazing community and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, filled with time spent with family and friends. We look forward to everyone coming back recharged and ready for an amazing start in the New Year!

Sincerely,
Nathan Tocher

CONCERT D'HIVER DE L'ÉCOLE LAVÉRENDRE



**CHANTE UN RÊVE
D'ÉTÉ
SING A SUMMER
DREAM**

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11, 2025

MATINEE - 1:45 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 1:15 P.M.)

EVENING - 6:30 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.)

Additional Information:

1. Please have your children at the school (in their classrooms) by no later than 6:00p.m. for the evening performance. Merci.
2. Dress - Students are asked to be dressed in fancy clothing such as dresses, nice shirts, nice pants, etc. - please send them to school in this clothing, as we have our matinee performance during the day.



CBC Music Class Challenge

Our CBC Music Class Challenge videos have been posted to The CBC's YouTube page, and are available to watch at the following links:

Grade 1-3: ["Paper Heart" - École Lavérendrye #cbcmusicclass](#)

Grade 4-6: ["Lost Boy" - École Lavérendrye #cbcmusicclass](#)

We are so proud of the students for their hard work on this project. Regardless of the outcome, they sounded beautiful. It's clear that they had fun while performing, and we are amazed at the pride they take in the quality of their performances.

The contest is critiqued by a judging panel based on the following criteria:

- level of participation - 10%
- creativity in interpretation - 30%
- overall quality of performance - 60%

The Judging Panel will be comprised of Julie Nesrallah from CBC, Odario Williams from CBC and three (3) music educators selected by CBC and MusiCounts.

The choices for top 10 in each category will be posted by The CBC on Friday, December 12, at 8:00am ET.

The winners will be announced on Friday, December 19, at 8:00am ET.

We will keep you all in the loop if we end up making top ten again this year (fingers crossed!) and if we win anything!



Lav Holiday Bazaar

It's the Hap-Hap-Happiest season of the year...Lav Bizarre Time!
Dec 17, 2025 - 8:30am-3:00pm

What does the PAC need from you?

1. Start going through the many items you have acquired this year and ask yourself do you want to see them in 2026 or should they make someone else's house happy? Likewise, it's a great time to get the kids to go through their stuff and make sure there is room for Santa to leave new things this year!
2. Once you've started collecting items (that are gently used and cleaned), they can be brought to the principal's office. In the past there was a large box to put things into.
3. Wrapping supplies: do you collect all the old wrapping after Christmas morning and then store it all year just to forget and then buy new stuff and now have too much? We hope so! The more gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper, gift tags, tape, ribbon, and other wrapping supplies we are able to collect, the more money we will be able to donate.
4. We are asking that students create a list of the people in their house to shop for. This will limit the earlier classes from getting all the "good stuff" and will leave more options for the afternoon shoppers. Kids can have a secondary list, and at around 2:30 when all other shopping is done, they can come and see if there is anything left for the other people on their lists.
5. We suggest cash donations for the gifts being taken but it is whatever works for your family. The money will go to a local charity that supports kids.
6. VOLUNTEERS: the more parent volunteers the faster and smoother the event goes.
 - a. We need sorters the night before in the library to help set-up tables with gifts and to get wrapping areas ready. Dec. 16: 6-8pm.
 - b. We need parents or grandparents or anyone else you know to help wrap and label gifts on the day of bizarre. I know lots of people are working so please email lauren.sawchuk@gmail.com with specific times you can volunteer. Hopefully we can fill all the holes.
 - c. If you have an older student in your household who knows how to wrap please have them sign-up with Madame Turrene as a Helper Elf.
7. Once again thank you for all your help in making this a HOLLY JOLLY TIME.





December

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1 / Day 2	2 / Day 3	3 / Day 4	4 / Day 5	5 / Day 6
8 / Day 1	9 / Day 2	10 / Day 3 N/K Winter Concert	11 / Day 4 Grades 1-6 Winter Concert	12 / Day 5
15 / Day 6 PAC Meeting	16 / Day 1	17 / Day 2	18 / Day 3 HOT LUNCH	19 / Day 4 PJ Day Sing-a- long
22 Winter Break	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
29 Winter Break	30	31 New Years Eve		



Dates to remember

December 10.....N/K Winter Concert
December 11.....Winter Concert grades 1-6
December 15.....PAC Meeting
December 18.....Hot Lunch
December 19.....School-wide Sing-a-long
December 19.....Last day of school before break
December 22-31.....Winter Break

January 1-2.....Winter Break
January 5.....First day back at school
January 15.....Family Movie Night

February 2.....Non-Instructional day, NO SCHOOL
February 13.....Valentine's Day Celebration
February 16.....Louis Riel Day, NO SCHOOL
February 20.....Festival Du Voyageur activity day

March 19.....Student led conferences
March 20.....Non-Instructional day, NO SCHOOL
March 20.....Student led conferences
March 27.....Last day of school before Spring Break
March 30-31.....Spring Break

April 1-3.....Spring Break
April 6.....First day back at school
April 8.....Pink Shirt Day
April 9.....Family Movie Night
April 10.....Non-Instructional day, NO SCHOOL

May 6.....NK Spring concert
May 7.....Spring concert Grades 1-6
May 8.....Non-Instructional day, NO SCHOOL
May 14.....Jog in the Park
May 18.....Non-Instructional day, NO SCHOOL
May 22.....Terry Fox Run

June 2.....Field Day
June 26.....Non-Instructional day, NO SCHOOL
June 30...last day of School, early dismissal 11:00 A.M.

