



ECOLE LAVERENDRYE

February 2026 Newsletter

Ecole LaVerendrye
290 Lilac Street
Winnipeg, MB R3M 2T5
204-452-5015

[School Website](#)

School Hours:

8:20 - Entry Bell
8:30 - School Starts
10:00-11:00 - AM Break
11:00 - AM N/K Dismissal
12:30 - PM N/K Start
12:30-1:30 - PM Break
3:00 - End of Day

Principal

Mme Amanda Capina

Head Clerk

Mrs. Jennifer Peters

Winnipeg School Division:

1577 Wall Street E.
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 2S5

Transportation Department:

(204) 789-0452

Important Dates:

February 2nd

No School

February 13th

Valentine's Day Celebration

February 16th

Louis Riel Day No School

February 17th - 20th

Festival Du Voyageur Week





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



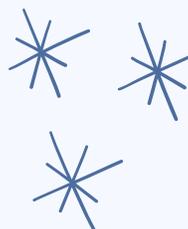
January brought us a mix of weather, from the unseasonably warm to the biting cold. We appreciated the warmer temperatures, as this allowed us to enjoy being outdoors and going on some great excursions, such as snowshoeing and skiing. However, February is here, and with it, the cold. When the temperature reaches -28°C with the windchill (as per Environment Canada The Forks), we stay indoors. To help with staying indoors, each classroom has an indoor recess kit equipped with a variety of games and cards, and we continue to offer numerous clubs for students to enjoy, such as chess, dodgeball, MYRCA, art, etc. A big thank you to all staff who volunteer their time to make these clubs happen.

This month we will be celebrating French culture, including Festival du voyageur! The week of February 17-20 we will be celebrating Festival with activities and learning, with each day having a different activity or event planned. We also have our grade 5/6 classrooms attending Festival du voyageur this year! There is a lot on the go, so watch for further information in the weeks to come.

February is also Black History month. Every classroom will be delving into rich learning, including some amazing readings and activities. Classrooms are encouraged to display their learning on their hallway bulletin boards for all to see. Everyone is invited to stop by our library for a display of books featuring amazing authors and diverse characters.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who are helping us with our learning initiatives at school as well as joining us on our field trips. Without you, many of these events would not be possible. Thank you as well to our amazing parent council. They do so much to support our school, students, and staff. If you are interested in seeing and hearing what goes on during a parent council meeting, please feel free to join us virtually or in person on the third Monday of each month.

Warm wishes, Amanda Capina



TUESDAY LOONIE COOKIES ARE BACK!

In order to offset rising camp and transportation costs, Grade 6 students will be hosting a bi-annual Tuesday Loonie Cookies fundraiser for all students, from Nursery to Grade 6.

This year's Grade 6 fundraiser is back for the month of February.

Grade 6 students will be selling cookies for a loonie every Tuesdays throughout the month. The cookies are vegan and peanut free! If you would like to support this fundraiser, please send your child to school with a loonie... or two... or three. Exact change only please, unless of course you wish to donate the rest. Tuesday Loonie Cookies will be held on February 3, 10, 17, & 24.

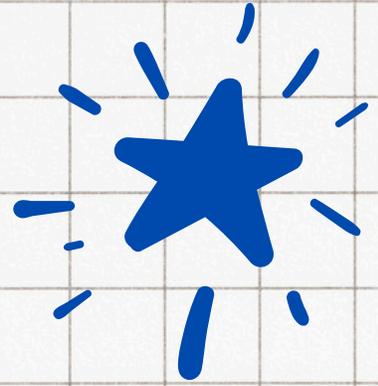
Welcome!

École LaVérendrye would like to extend a huge welcome to new new staff members, Mme Jennifer and Mme Yaqoob!

Mme Jennifer is our new head clerk. She will be with us until Mme Chantal is back from her maternity leave next March. If you are calling the office or stooping in, please make sure to say hi to Mme Jennifer and to welcome her to LaV.

Mme Yaqoob is our new LST (learning support teacher) and she will be us for the remainder of the school. Mme Yaqoob is currently supporting our early years students. If you see her in the school, please make sure to say hi and to offer her a big welcome to LaVérendrye.

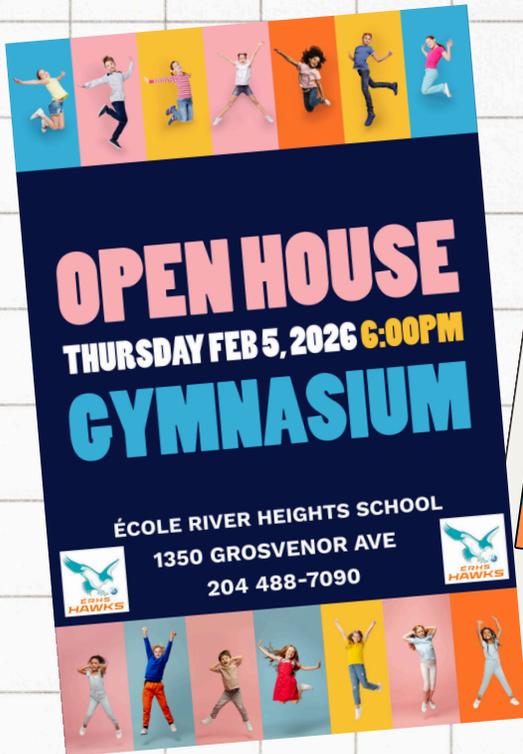
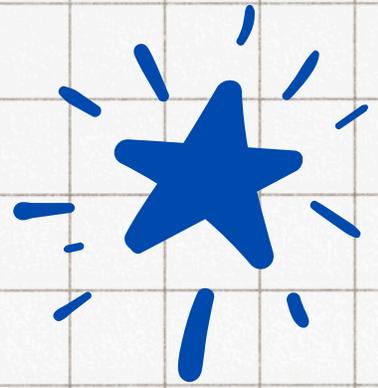
École La Vérendrye Open House



Join us for our Nursery Kindergarten (NK) Open House on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the school library! This is a great opportunity to meet staff, learn about our French immersion milieu setting, and discover what a typical NK day looks like.

We will also provide information on registration, local daycares, and transportation to help families plan for the year ahead. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all that our NK program has to offer!

Middle School Open House



College Churchill
510 Hay Street
Tuesday February 10th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Grant Park High School
450 Nathaniel Street
March 5, 2026
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

A decorative graphic featuring a pink pushpin at the top center, surrounded by various colorful elements including yellow and blue stars, red and yellow circles, and blue dashed lines. The background is a light pink gradient.

INTENTION FORMS AND REGISTRATION

We are now into the planning stages for the 2026-2027 school year. In order to have an idea of our student population for next year, we would like you to complete this Google Form. Enrolment projections are a critical part of the planning process:

2026-27 Intention Form

If you have a child who will be new to LaV next year, you will need to complete and submit a registration form as well as requested documents. Registration forms and information can be found on our school website [here](#).

New registrations will be accepted beginning on February 17, 2026.

News From The Music Room



Indigenous hand drum learning in Musique

These past couple of months the students and Mme Shayla have been doing some rich learning about Indigenous hand drumming. Some wonderful conversations have been had, and we've read some books as well to gain multiple perspectives on the subject (as shown in the pictures). We're grateful to have had some phenomenal guests within the past month. The first being Kate Cook (The Indigenous Land-Based learning educator from the Division). She showed us her hand drum, shared with us what hide it's made of (deer), shared how to care for the drums, how she's learned songs, and taught the students a bit of the Cree language! We've also had the pleasure of having Walking Wolf Ray (Co-co) Stevenson (shown in the photo) come to share with us his knowledge and teachings with the hand drum. Co-co is a singer and composer of traditional songs and is a well-known MC for Pow wows and Round dance(s). He is well known in Winnipeg- I'm sure you've maybe seen him at Festival du Voyageur or maybe playing the big Pow wow drum at a Bomber game, or at the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra performing. That barely covers his achievements, but it gives you an idea of the fantastic work he's done! Co-co shared some of his own original songs as well as some traditional songs with us. He even taught us a song that we all sang together! He shared that his drum is made of elk hide, shared with us his knowledge on how to care for the drums, and talked about the different types of songs and their purposes.

Stay tuned for continued learning on this subject!



HÉ HO VOYAGEUR!

La semaine du festival du voyageur:
Le 16 au 20 février / February 16 – 20



SPIRIT WEEK!!

LUNDI / MONDAY



Louis Riel Day
NO SCHOOL

JEUDI / THURSDAY

tuques et ceintures
fléchée / tuques and
sashes



MARDI / TUESDAY

barbes et tressées / beards
and braids

VENDREDI / FRIDAY

s'habiller comme un
voyageur / dress as a
voyageur

MERCREDI / WEDNESDAY

chemise à carreaux / plaid shirt





Reminders to Parents:

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for winter weather. Students should be prepared to go outside for recess. Warm boots, hats, mittens, ski pants, and winter jackets will help keep them comfortable when outside. It is a good idea to label all outdoor gear to make it easier to find if something is lost.

All schools in the Winnipeg School Division follow the cold weather guidelines set out by the Division. To determine if students will go outside for recess we use the temperature recorded at the Forks, a link to the temperature all schools follow can be found at the top of the Winnipeg School Division website. If the temperature, including windchill, is -27 C or lower, students will be kept indoors.

**WSD cold weather guidelines
can be found [HERE](#)**



For the safety of all students and staff, all parents and visitors must check in at the main office upon arrival to the school. If you are picking up your child during the school day, please wait in the office and we will call your child down for you. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe school environment.



Lost and Found

We have accumulated a lot of lost and found items so far this year. Please ask your child to come and get anything that belongs to them. Anything not claimed by the end of February will be donated.



We encourage families to write their child's name on their belongings, including clothing and footwear. We check all items for names!

Families, if you are at the school throughout the month, please take a moment to look through the lost and found.



Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Clinic

CRA visits select library branches to offer one-on-one help. Register to reserve a spot. This clinic helps with the following services only:

- Applying for benefits (CCB, GST, DTC)
- Answering personal tax questions (no business or farming)
- Updating information (address, direct deposit, contact information)
- Printing letters or Proof of Income Statements (Option C)

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to event date at 10 am. You can register for one CRA clinic only at a time. No waitlists are taken. On the day of the CRA Clinic, the order of when you are seen will depend on when you check in at the branch. Check in starts 30 minutes prior to the clinic start time. Limited walk-ins will be taken if time allows, or if spots are not yet filled.

Bill and Helen Norrie Library 204-986-4936

Tuesday, September 23: 1-4 p.m.

Henderson Library 204-986-4314

Tuesday, September 16: 1-4p.m.

Tuesday, October 7: 1-4 p.m.

Osborne Library 204-986-4775

Wednesday, October 15: 1-4 p.m.

Pembina Trail Library 204-986-4369

Tuesday, October 21: 1-4 p.m.

St. Boniface Library 204-986-4331

Thursday, September 11: 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, October 16: 1-4 p.m.

St. James-Assiniboia Library 204-986-3424

Friday, September 19: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, October 31: 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

St. John's Library 204-986-4689

Wednesday, September 10: 11a.m.-4p.m.

Wednesday, October 22: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Transcona Library 204-986-3950

Monday, September 22: 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14: 1-4 p.m.

A drop-in clinic is held at Millennium

Library, too. Visit our online calendar for all dates and times.

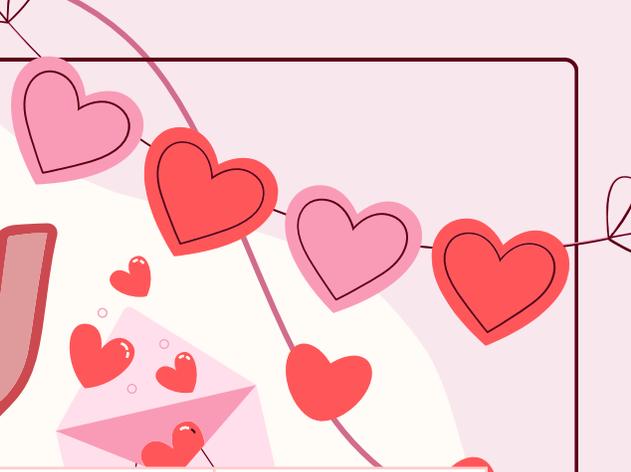
Unable to register or have an urgent need? CRA offers services by phone.

- General Enquiries: 1-800-959-8281 (for general questions)
- Benefits Enquiries: 1-800-387-1193 (for questions related to GST and CCB)
- Business Enquiries: 1-800-959-5525 (for questions related to businesses)
- canada.ca/taxes-help (to find someone to get your taxes done for free)

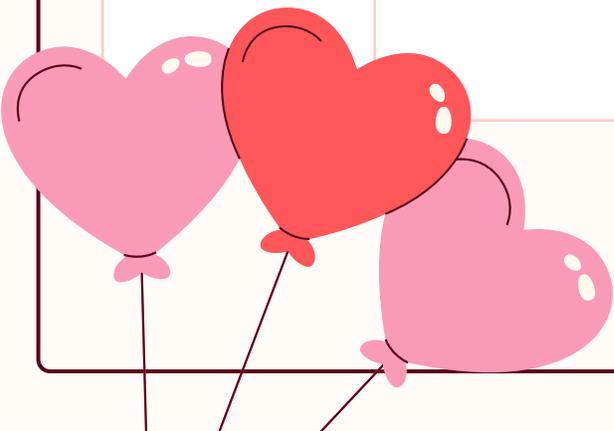


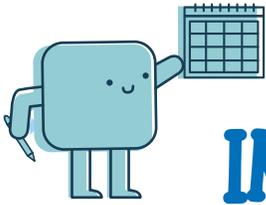
Scan to
register

February



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 / Day 1 Non-Instructional NO SCHOOL	3 / Day 2 Nursery / Kindergarten Open House 6:00 PM	4 / Day 3	5 / Day 4	6 / Day 5
9 / Day 6	10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2	12 / Day 3	13 / Day 4
16 Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL	17 / Day 5	18 / Day 6	19 / Day 1	20 / Day 2
La semaine du festival du voyageur / SPIRIT WEEK!!				
23 / Day 3	24 / Day 4	25 / Day 5	26 / Day 6	27 / Day 1





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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
 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.

