

École La Vérendrye

November 2025



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Principal's Message

Another month has come and gone, and I must say that October was a whirlwind! We had many activities on the go this month, such as Fall into Reading and Halloween. To say that it was a busy month would be an understatement.

I want to start by giving a big thank-you to our community culture committee who organized our month-long Fall into Reading. It was a huge success! We had a school assembly and kicked off the month with a read aloud, staff and students tried to figure out weekly mystery readers, we stopped, dropped, and read, we dressed up in our pyjama's and brought our stuffies and favourite book to school. It was a lot, but it was fun. Thank you to all who came in and shared their love of reading with us.

Also, a huge thank-you goes out to our Halloween planning committee who organized a day filled with some fun and spooky events. Students got to participate in a Halloween parade, a spooky escape room, and a movie—how fun! Staff also got into the spirit by participating in our third annual jack-o-lantern contest. Staff were partnered and tasked with designing a jack-o-lantern, and students voted on their favourite. If you want to know who won, make sure to ask your child(ren)!

Turning our attention to the academics, the first term at school has gone very well. Our students have been working hard in class and their wonderful artwork and examples of their learning can be seen on our classroom and hallway bulletin boards. The Provincial Report Card will be sent out Monday, November 17, 2025. The report card will provide information on your child's strengths and next steps as they progress towards provincial outcomes. We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) during our Tri-Conferences (Student/Parent/Teacher) on Thursday, November 20, 2025 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 22, 2025 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. This opportunity to share in your child's learning is an important part of supporting them as they grow as learners.

We would like to thank our School Patrols for keeping our students safe as they arrive and depart from school. Please slow down when driving around the school and watch for students. Please remember to not enter the staff parking lot.

Thank you to our volunteers who have been available to help out in classrooms, we love having you here with us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Mme Allary (jallary@wsd1.org).

Warm wishes,
Amanda Capina

Message from École LaVérendrye Parent Council (PAC)

Notes for November

What is PAC? It is your opportunity to discuss matters that impact our school community. PAC discussions are an important first step to shaping what WSD provides or approves for our school.

Parents across WSD have a say at their respective PACs. PAC representatives from WSD schools then meet to share information, priorities, and concerns. Having broad input from the École LaVérendrye parent community is important!

Commitment? École LaV's PAC meets once per month for one hour.

What is on your mind? Some of what other parents in the WSD South District PAC are discussing include:

Staffing

The lunch program, i.e. WSD providing supervision for lunchtimes remains an issue for schools in WSD South District.

Staffing is also an issue for schools who, like LaV do not have a full complement of teachers and often find that there are no substitutes available for coverage when staff are away. PAC is one of the means to ask what WSD is doing to recruit and retain teachers and what they are doing to assist schools in the meantime.

Childcare

There never seems to be enough spots available.

The Board of Trustees for Winnipeg School Division ("WSD") has issued a "WSD PAC Feedback Tool: Childcare, Nursery, and Kindergarten" asking PACs to facilitate discussion with parents on childcare to consider possible expansions to early childhood programs and services. Feedback from discussion at PAC is to be used in creating WSD's 2026/2027 budget.

Fundraising

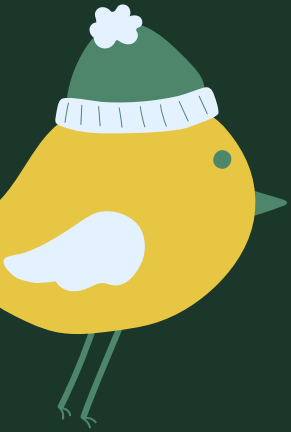
WSD's policies around fundraising changed last year, and PAC's are struggling to work within the framework they have now been given. It has a big impact on what the community can contribute directly to our school.

Of course, fundraising always needs volunteers. LaV's PAC is currently looking for someone to head the Fundraising Committee.

Next scheduled meeting of LaV PAC is on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Don't be shy. We will see you there!

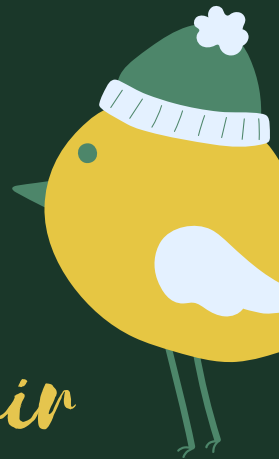
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Unplugged Initiative

On a motion brought forward by a parent, LaV PAC is encouraging families to sign the Unplugged Canada pledge, which says you commit to delaying smartphone access for your child until they are at least 14 years old. You can still provide a basic phone for calls and texts while adhering to the pledge, and tablet or computer use is also fine.

An Ipsos poll from September 2025 found that 84% of Canadians say kids should be at least 16 to join social media, and 4 in 5 Gen Zs state that they have lived through the harms and support delaying social media until 16. Go to <https://unpluggedcanada.com/sign-pledge/> to sign the pledge or to access more information about this national initiative.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Used Book Fair

As we continue to foster a culture of reading École LaVérendrye, in conjunction with parent council, is excited to announce a return of the Used Book Fair which will be held alongside our upcoming tri-conference meetings November 20-21. This event is a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together, recycle and share beloved books, and contribute to the causes close to our hearts.

What Are We Collecting?

Used Books: We are seeking donations of gently used books suitable for children from Nursery to Grade 6, including young adult novels. Books should be in good condition and appropriate for young readers.

Location for Donations: Please bring your book and orange shirt donations to Mme Capina's office.

Join Us! Proceeds from this event will go to fulfilling the teachers' wishlist of education items.



Tuesday Loonie Cookies



Tuesday Loonie Cookies are back! In order to help offset 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 will be held throughout the months of November and February. Grade 6 students will be selling cookies for a loonie every Tuesday throughout these months. 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 November 4, 18 and 25 - see the 🍪 on the November calendar! Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mme Sylvie via email at slavallee@wsd1.org

Save the date! - Winter concert

Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Matinee at 1:45p.m. - doors open at 1:15pm.

Evening concert at 6:30p.m. - doors open at 6:00p.m.

***Please note that this concert will be featuring students from grades 1-6. We strongly suggest that if you're able, please attend the matinee since seating will be limited.**

More information/details to follow in the December newsletter!





NOVEMBER

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

3 / Day 1	4 / Day 2 	5 / Day 3	6 / Day 4	7 / Day 5
10 / Day 6 Remembrance Day assembly	11  Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12 / Day 1	13 / Day 2	14 / Day 3
17 / Day 4 Report Cards sent home PAC Meeting	18 / Day 5 	19 / Day 6 Picture re-take Day 	20 / Day 1 HOT LUNCH Parent/Teacher Conferences	21 / Day 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences Non-instructional Day NO SCHOOL
24 / Day 3	25 / Day 4 	26 / Day 5	27 / Day 6	28 / Day 1



Dates to Remember

November 10.....Remembrance Day assembly

November 11.....Remembrance Day, NO SCHOOL

November 17.....Report Cards sent home

November 17.....PAC Meeting

November 19.....Picture retake day

November 20.....Parent/Teacher conferences

November 21..Non-instructional day, NO SCHOOL

November 21.....Parent/Teacher conferences

December 10.....NK Winter Concert

December 11.....Winter Concert grades 1-6

December 19.....School-wide Singalong

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

Dates to Remember cont.

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.