



ÉCOLE LAVÉRENDRYE

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Principal's message

September was a busy month. We started off the school year with our fourth annual Meet the Staff BBQ, which was a wonderful and relaxed event where we got to connect with familiar and new families. It was wonderful having families and students in the building during this time, and we feel as though this set the tone for what is to come.

We had our first assembly on September 5th, where we reviewed school and recess expectations. The 8th was the first day of school for our Nursery and Kindergarten students, and the entire school gave them a warm welcome. We followed this up with our second assembly on September 18th, which was our first Family Groupings gathering. On this day we gathered together, focusing on the power of belonging. Each family group was introduced to cheers and applause, teachers, EAs and students mimicking their family group animal in action and sound. Mme Allary introduced the activity, which was creating a self-portrait that represent you and your family group. She reminded students of our previous activities with The Dot and Ish, reinforcing the message of trying our best, not being focused on perfection, and avoiding judgement. Students were engaged in the activity, and we have amazing portraits which will be on display outside room 18 for all to see.

On September 29th, we participated in the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We talked about Orange Shirt Day, played Indigenous games, sang Indigenous music, and read powerful stories. Students were encouraged to wear their orange shirts as a way to commemorate and honor Truth and Reconciliation and to proclaim that Every Child Matters.

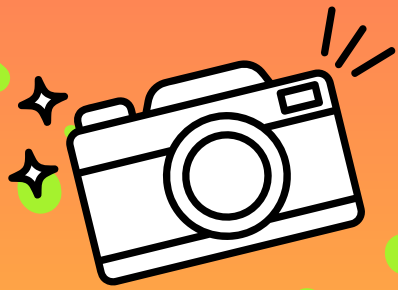
I want to give a huge thank you to all staff who participated in the planning and execution of these various events.

Please help keep our students safe by following all traffic and parking signs around our school. We ask that students who are arriving at school by bicycle, skateboard, or scooter dismount before crossing the street with our Patrols, and to walk on school property. Our STOP, DROP & GO zones are in place, and we appreciate families abiding by them, as it helps with school bus accessibility and overall safety.

It was great to see so many of our families in September at our LaV Parent Council AGM Meeting, where our executive group was elected. Parent Council meets once a month—virtually and in-person—and all are welcome to attend.

Finally, thank you, the community for a wonderful start to the year. I am honoured and proud to be part of the LaV family and am looking forward to the year ahead.

Warm wishes,
Amanda Capina



PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, October 14

Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 and will take place in the gymnasium. This is an all-day event!

LifeTouch will once again be taking classroom photos this year.

If your child(ren) are unable to make it, photo retake day will be on Wednesday, November 19th, 2025.



Nutrition Program

LaV continues to be a part of the emergency snack and lunch Nutrition Program this year. If your child is still hungry after eating everything in their lunch, they are welcome to help themselves to a healthy snack. Snacks are available in each classroom at lunch time and in the office throughout the day. The program includes such things as crackers, cheese, applesauce, granola bars, hummus, apple slices, muffins, and carrot sticks.





Student Registration Information

Student registration documentation was sent home this week. This is the information we have on file and use to be in contact with our families. Please take a moment to review the forms carefully. If there are any updates or changes required, please note them directly on the page in colored pen, if possible.

Please have your child return the forms to their classroom teacher by Friday, October 17, 2025. We ask that forms be returned whether there are changes made or not.

- Morning supervision begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Please ensure there is a visible adult outside before leaving your child(ren).
- If there is no adult, please stay with your child(ren).
- Mme Capina tries to get outside every morning to greet and welcome students.
- Early entry will be granted when the weather is unfavourable and students will be directed to where in the building they should go.



School Supplies

A gentle reminder that we are collecting \$40.00 per student for school supplies. If you haven't already, we are asking that payment be made as soon as possible. Please contact Mme Capina if you require assistance. An e-transfer can be sent to lav@wsdl.org; please include your child's name and "school supplies" in the memo line. Cash or cheque will also be accepted and can be handed in to your child's classroom teacher.

The money may be used to supply such things as:

- Pencils, Pens, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Pencil Cases
- Rulers, Scissors, Markers, Pencil Crayons, Wax Crayons
- Highlighters, Liquid Glue, Lined Paper, Duotangs, Notebooks, Labels, Tissues
- Communication Bags, Art supplies
- and subject related materials necessary for experiments and projects..



OCTOBER IS I LOVE TO READ MONTH

To encourage reading a variety of genres, texts and styles, students are invited to play BINGO as part of their Home Reading for the month of October. Bingo cards will be sent home on October 1st. Please return the cards to school by the end of the month to show your teacher your reading accomplishment.

Tuesday October 7 will be Pyjama, Stuffy and Book Day. Students get to wear their pyjamas to school plus may bring a stuffy and book along with them for the day.

Stop, Drop and Read: A few times this month there will be an announcement for students to stop everything and read for 10 - 15 minutes.

Mystery Reader: A few times this month there will be an announcement from our Mystery Reader. They will read a short portion of a story to the entire school. Students get to tell their guesses to the classroom teacher. The Mystery Reader will make a second announcement revealing their identity.

Teacher Swap: Teachers will partner up, choose a date & time and switch classrooms to read a 15-30-minute story. We suggest teachers swap with whoever they are already partnered up with for Reading Buddies. This is a great opportunity for students to get to know other teachers they will be regularly grouped with throughout the year.

Bonne Lecture!

FALL GARDEN CLEANUP

Club Eco-Vert would like to invite all families to come out and help close up the LaV gardens for the fall and winter months. We will be doing the Garden Cleanup on October 9, 2025 (rain date October 16) right after school from 3:00-4:30. BYO RAKES.

Reminder: if your child is in Fort Rouge LaV Daycare, they must be given permission in order to participate in the cleanup if you are not able to join us with them

Calibri Fundraiser - "Litterless Lunches"

From October 7-20, families, staff, and friends of LaV may order cloth snack bags, wet bags (for swimwear or gym clothes), reusable straws and other household helpers from Colibri. These bags and other items are machine washable, lined with waterproof material, and certified food safe.

This is a great way to work towards Litterless Lunches, and it's also a fundraiser for LaV!

Hosted by Colibri, a Manitoba-based business, the purpose of this fundraiser is two-fold:

1. It is part of our sustainability and environmental awareness campaign to reduce waste generated in student lunches. By choosing to reuse packaging and ditching single-use items, we can keep unnecessary garbage out of the landfill.
2. The funds raised are put towards "greening" the school and environmental education events such as field trips or bringing in guest speakers.

Depending on the item(s) ordered, the school will earn \$4.50-\$13.50 per item.

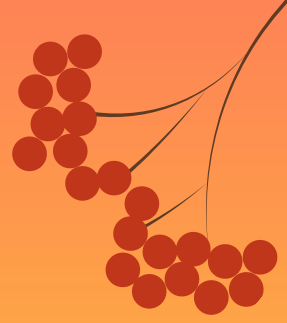
It's 3 easy steps!

1. View items online – the link is www.colibrifundraising.com. (Please use this specific link or you won't see the option to select your school.)
2. Order online from October 7-20, and be sure to select École LaVerendrye from the list during checkout.
3. Fill in all the required information to ensure that your order is properly labelled.

Colibri delivers all orders to the school; they will be sorted and sent home via the student's communication bag.

If you have any questions, please email the Vive le Vert committee at lavvivelevert@gmail.com

LAV BIKE CORRAL



École LaVérendrye provides a locked, fenced-in area for students to park their bikes. It is important to note that the bike corral is used at your own risk and we advise against leaving bicycles parked over the weekend.

Please fill in the form below if you wish for your child to use the bike corral. In doing so, you release École LaVérendrye of any liability in the unlikely event that something were to happen to your property while parked in the bike corral.

Bike Corral
From

HALLOWEEN
Friday, October 31



Costume Reminders:

1. Students and staff are invited to wear their costumes to school on October 31!
2. Please do not send your child(ren) to school with any kind of weapon that may be associated with their costume.
3. Children are asked not to wear a mask that covers their whole face during school hours with the exception of the Halloween parade.

Families are welcome to join us for the costume parade on October 31! It will start promptly after lunch at 1:30 p.m.

HOW TO LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WON'T BE AT SCHOOL



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

SAFE ARRIVAL

Student Absence Reporting System

What is Safe Arrival?

Safe Arrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

School Messenger / Safe Arrival App (Free)

- 1. Provide your email address to the school.*
- 2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.*
- 3. Tap Sign Up to create your account.*
- 4. Select Attendance from the menu, and then select Report and Absence.*

Web and Mobile Web option: go.schoolmessenger.com

- 1. Provide your email address to the school.*
- 2. Go to the website.*
- 3. Click Sign Up to create your account.*
- 4. Select Attendance from the menu, then select Report and Absence.*

The school does attendance twice a day - at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

If your child(ren) is/are marked absent from their class and an absence was not added onto the Safe Arrival system, you will receive an email and an automated call from the system.



October

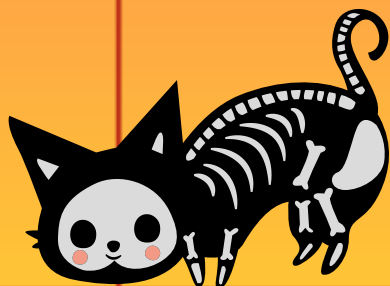
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



1 / Day 3

2 / Day 4

3 / Day 5

6 / Day 6
Fall into
Reading
assembly

7 / Day 1
Pyjama,
stuffy and
bring a book
Day

8 / Day 2
Non-
instructional
Day
NO SCHOOL

9 / Day 3

10 / Day 4

13
Thanksgiving
Day
NO SCHOOL

14 / Day 5
PICTURE
DAY



15 / Day 6

16 / Day 1

17 / Day 2

20 / Day 3
PAC meeting
7:00 p.m.

21 / Day 4

22 / Day 5

23 / Day 6

24 / Day 5
Non-
instructional
Day
NO SCHOOL

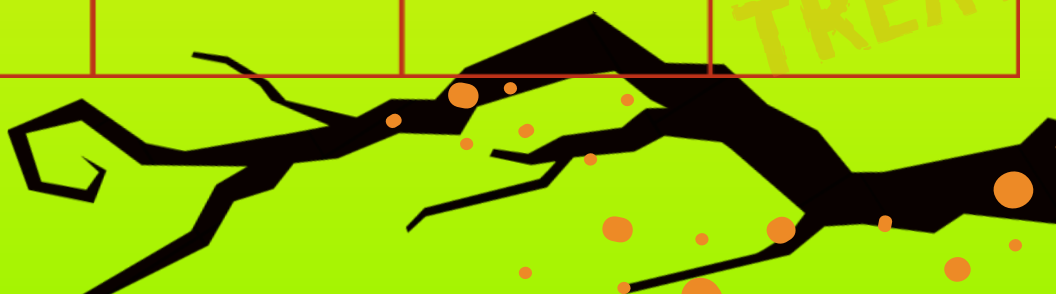
27 / Day 6

28 / Day 1
Grade 6
Immunizations

29 / Day 2

30 / Day 3

31 / Day 4
Halloween
Parade



Dates to remember

October 6.....Fall into Reading assembly
October 7.....Pyjama, stuffy and bring a book Day
October 8.....Non-instructional day, NO SCHOOL
October 13.....Thanksgiving day, NO SCHOOL
October 14.....Picture Day
October 24.....Non-instructional day, NO SCHOOL
October 28.....Grade 6 Immunizations
October 31.....Halloween Parade

November 10.....Remembrance Day assembly
November 11.....Remembrance Day, NO SCHOOL
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 Winter 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

Dates to remember cont.



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