

APRIL 2026

Ecole LaVerendrye Newsletter

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290 Lilac Street
Winnipeg, MB R3M 2T5

[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

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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 2S5

Transportation Department:

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Upcoming Events

March 30th – April 3rd
SPRING BREAK

April 6th
SCHOOL REOPENS

April 10th
NO SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we've already made it to Spring break, and we will be heading into the last term of the school year once we're back! We are looking forward to the warmer weather that April brings and hope that we will see some green grass and flowers soon. April marks my official four-year anniversary at LaVérendrye, and I continue to be so proud to be part of this amazing school team and community.

The month of March was our annual Concours d'art Oratoire. This year, we had 31 students participate at the school level. These students came twice a week during their activity break to write, fine tune, and practice their French speech. Some students chose to tell a story, and others chose to write a short dissertation on a topic of interest. All of our students did an amazing job, and they were so proud to share their work in front of their peers and families. Four of our students represented the school at the divisional Concours d'art Oratoire on March 24th, and they all did such a great job. A huge congratulations to Janan who will be representing the Winnipeg School Division at the provincial Concours on May 2nd! To say that I am proud would be an understatement—our students were impressive and did amazingly well under pressure. A huge congratulations goes out to all.

This month we celebrated International Women's Day and learned about the contributions women have made, and continue to make, to the world. We also had a special family grouping on the 17th where we engaged in a super fun STEAM challenge and created homes for Leprechauns! Students worked in small groups to design a home using specific criteria - fun was had by all, including the teachers!

Our grade 5/6 students were provided with a very special opportunity by Winnipeg Theatre to audition for their upcoming performance of Peter Pan. We had a dozen students participate, and a lot of fun was had by all.

Student-led conferences were held on March 19th and 20th and were an opportunity for students to show off and to share their learning with families. We had a great turnout both days and it was nice to connect with parents as they made their way through the school. Our grade 6 students put on a bake sale during the conferences to help raise money for camp. The baking was delicious and much appreciated! Thank you to all the families who contributed and volunteered.

Thank you to all staff and students for your continued hard work and support. Thank you to the parent volunteers for helping us out, and thank you to our parent council, who continues to support the school.

Warm wishes,
Amanda Capina

News from the Music Room



LaV's Orff Club participated in the Winnipeg Music Festival on March 17th. They gave a phenomenal performance and received a Gold distinction for their performance. Well done! We're so proud of you

SAVE THE DATE!

**CONCERT DE PRINTEMPS
N/K**

**LITTLE SPROUTS,
BIG VOICES**

A CONCERT FEATURING
ÉCOLE LAVÉRENDRYE'S
NURSERY AND
KINDERGARTEN
STUDENTS

**MAY 6, 2026
6:30 PM**

SAVE THE DATE!

**DE L'ÉCRAN À LA
SCÈNE : MUSIQUE
DE FILM ET DE
TÉLÉVISION**

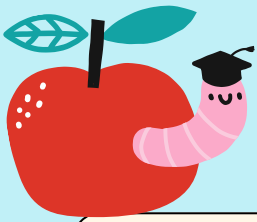
**FROM SCREEN TO
STAGE: FILM AND
TV MUSIC**

A CONCERT FEATURING
ÉCOLE LAVÉRENDRYE'S
GRADE 1-6 STUDENTS

MAY 7, 2026

Save the date! N/K Spring Concert:
Wednesday May 6th
1:45pm matinee and 6:30pm evening concert

Save the date! 1-6 Spring Concert:
Thursday May 7th
1:45pm matinee and 6:30pm evening concert



STUDENT ATTENDANCE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Regular attendance and arriving at school on time help children get the most out of their learning. Being at school every day and on time helps them build the skills they need to succeed and prepares them for their future after graduation.

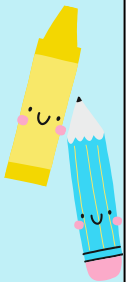
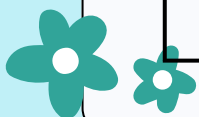
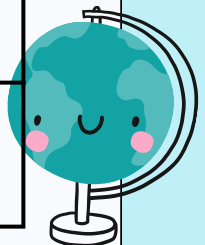
Starting in pre-school, children begin forming habits that can last throughout their education. One of the most important habits parents can build early is regular and on-time school attendance.

Arriving late disrupts the classroom and impacts learning for the entire class because the teacher may need to pause instruction to help the late student catch up on what they missed.

Ensuring good attendance is a shared responsibility. Parents and caregivers play a key role by setting routines, preparing children for school each day, and emphasizing the importance of punctuality. At the same time, students should learn to take responsibility for being ready and prepared for school.

When parents, caregivers, and students work together, children are more likely to develop positive habits, strong learning skills, and a successful attitude toward education!

If your child misses...	That equals about....	Which is about...	Equaling....
1 day/week	40 days/year	5.5 weeks/year	22% of the school year
2 days/week	80 days/year	11 weeks/year or 3 months	43% of the school year
3 days/week	120 days/year	30 weeks/year or 6 months	65% of the school year





LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS!



April 19th - 25th is National Volunteer Week!!

Dear Families,

Did you know that every year in Canada we take a week in April to celebrate and appreciate volunteers? In 2026 that week is April 19th - 25th.



We are so lucky to have so many amazing volunteers at LaVerendrye. Volunteers play big role in the school community. Our volunteers help out in the classrooms and on field trips. They help plan and run special events and they organize fundraising campaigns to help reduce the costs for grade 6 camp and many other fun activities our students participate in throughout the year.



We can't thank them enough for giving of their time to our school and our students. We couldn't do what we do without the support of our volunteers!

Statistics Canada reported in 2023 that Canadians volunteered a total of 4.1 billion hours! That's a lot!!



From all the staff at LaVerendrye,
Merci! Thank you!





Stop-Drop-and GO!

Reminder to all community members, Lilac street in front of the main entrance to the school is to be treated as a stop-drop-and go.

This means no parking, not even to run in a pick up your child!

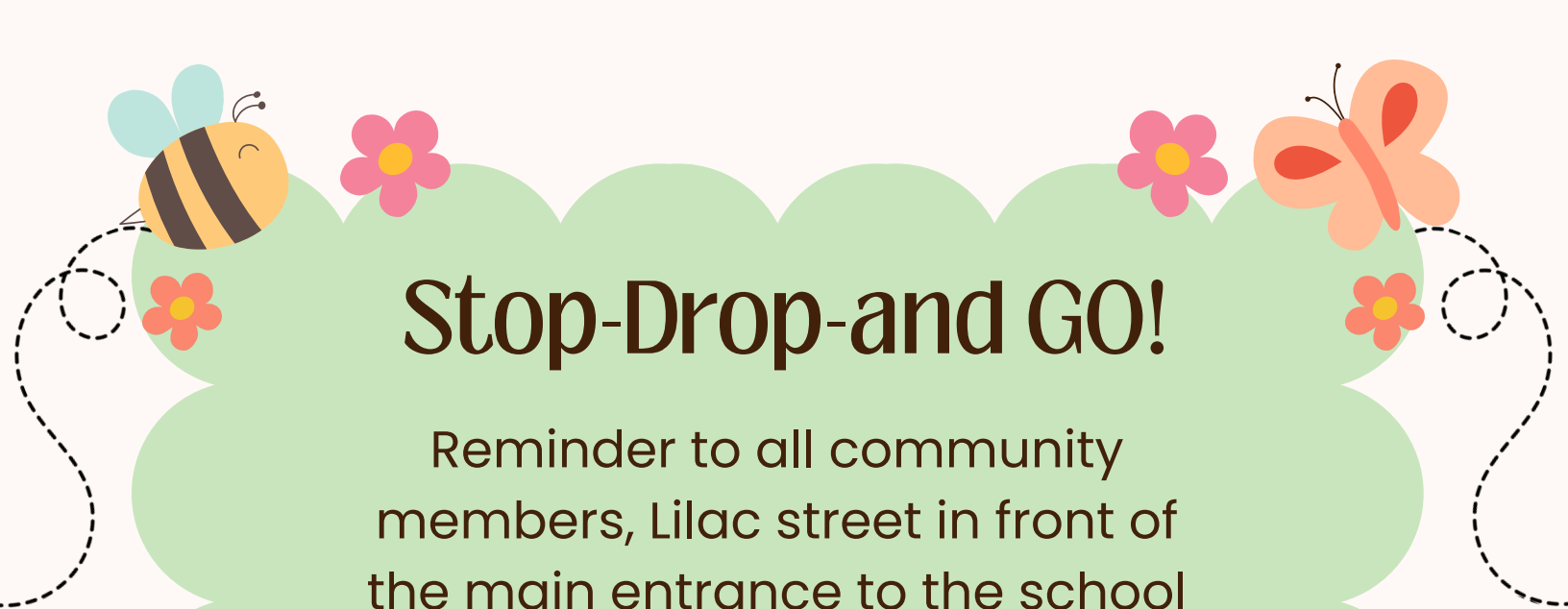


Mobile Eye Clinic

The school division is working with the Mobile Vision Care Clinic (MVCC) to bring eye doctors to your child(ren)'s school to test their eyesight and to make sure their eyes are healthy.

The mobile eye clinic will be at LaVerendrye on April 8th.

A consent form was sent home with every child, please return the completed form to your child(ren)'s teacher.



TOGETHER FOR OUR PLANET

2026

LET'S KEEP IT
GREEN AND CLEAN!



EARTH DAY

LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR A
CLEANER, GREENER FUTURE.



BE THE CHANGE! EVERY ACTION
COUNTS IN SAVING OUR PLANET.

APRIL 22



\$25

PLANT CARDS
ALSO AVAILABLE!
IT'S A PERFECT
GIFT FOR ANY
PLANT
ENTHUSIAST!

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Place orders until April 15th
Shop early for best selection!

This year's spring fundraising campaign features excellent quality and competitively priced bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and container gardens. Fall Garden Mums can be ordered now in the spring for delivery shortly after Labour Day in the early Fall. Gift cards are also available for purchase.

Follow these simple steps to shop online.

1. Go to the [2026 Spring Fundraiser Landing Page](#). Please note that this is not the home page.
2. After you are finished shopping, **go to the cart page** and select "**to support & pick up at a fundraiser group**".
3. Please select from the **Fundraiser Group** dropdown: **École LaVérendrye Community Council**
4. Under **Name of Seller** – you can leave the field blank or enter your student(s)' name(s)
5. Lastly, **check the Checkbox** to confirm all the information in the above fields are correct and click **check out & pay**.
6. Input your email, name and address. Followed by your preferred payment method. Payment can be completed by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or by INTERAC e-transfer **to Glenlea Greenhouses**.

Shortly after completing the order, an email confirmation is sent to the email address you provided at checkout confirming the delivery location and date, along with the products ordered. If you can not find this confirmation in your inbox, please check your spam folder for a copy of your confirmation.

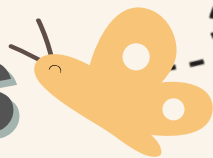
Online orders will be accepted now until 11:59 pm on April 15th

The plants will be delivered to **theschoolgym** on **May 26 th** and we will need all orders to be picked up between **3p.m. and 5 p.m.**

All the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards **maintaining the LaV gardens and supporting environmental education for the students**. We thank you for your support!




Student Clubs

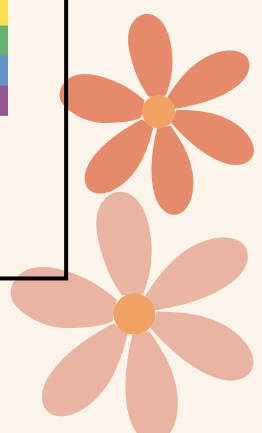
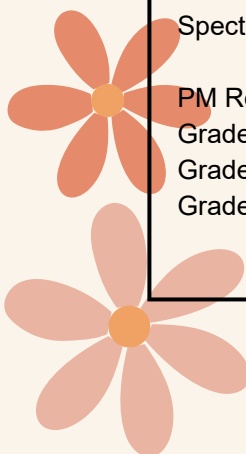


We offer a variety of clubs for our students to participate in such as chess club, dance club, pride spectrum club, fitness club, eco-vert club, lego club, knit/crochet club and skating club.

This is just a sample of all the clubs we offer.

Here's what's happening in April!

lundi / Monday	mardi / Tuesday	mercredi / Wednesday
AM Recess Grades 1-2: Grades 3-4: Fitness Club Grades 5-6: Intramurals PM Recess Grades 1-2: Grades 3-4: Grades 5-6:	AM Recess Grades 1-2: Intramurals Grades 3-4: Grades 5-6: Dodgeball PM Recess Grades 1-2: Grades 3-4: Eco-Vert Grades 5-6: Eco-Vert	AM Recess Grades 1-2: Outdoor Explorers Grades 3-4: Choir Grades 5-6: Choir PM Recess Grades 1-2: Grades 3-4: Grades 5-6:
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IMPORTANT DATES

April 1-3.....Spring Break
April 6.....First day back at school
April 8.....Pink Shirt Day
April 8.....Mobile eye clinic
April 9.....Family Movie Night
April 10.....Non-Instructional day, NO SCHOOL
April 22.....Earth Day

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

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