



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of

École Luxton School

December
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear École Luxton School Community,

At our school's Remembrance Day ceremony, we took the time to reflect on both historical and current conflicts around the world. It was a beautiful tribute to honour lives lost and to acknowledge the many individuals affected by the conflict and trauma of war. Thank you to all staff, students and community members who worked together to create such a powerful ceremony.

Amid these reflections on conflict and its far-reaching impacts, it is also important for us to consider how we support and protect our own community here at home. Please know that we at École Luxton School and the Winnipeg School Division take the safety and security of our students very seriously. We hold fire drill practices every month, and students also practice what to do in the event of a lockdown, a hold and secure situation or an evacuation.

Additionally, over the winter break, construction will take place to install a doorbell and camera system at the front doors of the school. Starting in January, visitors to our school will have to ring the bell and wait to be buzzed in before they can enter the school.

With the cold weather having arrived, it's important for students to dress appropriately for outdoor conditions. Students in grades 1–6 play outside for two 30-minute blocks each day, so warm clothing is essential. Please label all clothing items (mittens, scarves, toques, snow pants, boots, etc.) with your child's name to help us return any misplaced items.

We wish all our school families a joyful, safe, and restful holiday season. May this time be filled with warmth, laughter, and special moments with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for the first day of school on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Sincerely,

Kerry & Anita

NEW STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to welcome Monsieur Justin Adinkra to the teaching staff at École Luxton School starting on December 1, 2025. M. Adinkra will be teaching in room 16 until the end of the school year.



Bonjour! Hello! My name is Justin Adinkra, and I am very excited to be joining École Luxton School as the French Immersion Teacher for Grade 1/2. I graduated from the University of Education, Winneba in Ghana with a Bachelor of Education in 2012 and a Master of Education in 2015. I have taught at various levels in Ghana, and I am currently pursuing my PhD at the University of Manitoba.

I began my teaching career in Manitoba in February 2025 as a Substitute Teacher in the Winnipeg School Division. From September to November 28, 2025, I taught Grade 1 at École Sacré-Cœur School.

I enjoy spending time and having fun with my family and friends. I love travelling, exploring new places, and reading and researching as I continue to grow in my career.

HOLIDAY CONCERT DETAILS

- When: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 2:15pm and 6:30pm.

For the evening performance, we ask students to be back in their classrooms by 6:15pm.

- Who: Nursery to grade 4 students plus room 25 (grades 4/5)
- Theme: ONE - One can make a difference
- Tickets: ticket information has been sent home. Check your child's backpack for the note or call the school office for more information.

Please note: since rooms 6 and 7 (Nursery and Kindergarten students) will be participating in the afternoon performance, students that normally attend school in the morning will ONLY come for the afternoon on Dec. 10. Please do not bring your child/children to school that morning. Afternoon classes start at 1:00pm for Nursery and Kindergarten.

Also, please remember that École Luxton School is a scent-free environment. Due to extreme allergies, please refrain from wearing perfume/cologne or any other scented products to help keep everyone in our school community safe.

MICHIF LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Michif Language Program continues in four of our classrooms. In addition to in-class learning, on November 27, the four classes had the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Métis dessert and listen to a story about Manipogo, a lake monster said to live in Lake Manitoba. The dessert was prepared by two elders from the community of St. Laurent who shared stories of their traditional upbringing which included ice fishing on the lake. On December 11, École Luxton School will welcome Métis musician Dave Lavalée who will perform for rooms 15, 20, 23 and 26.

THE BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

École Luxton School Daily Schedule Outline

TIME	Grades 1 to 4	Grades 5 to 8
9h00 - 9h05	Homeroom	Homeroom
9h05 - 9h35	1st learning block	1st learning block
9h35 - 10h05		
10h05 - 10h35		
10h35 - 11h05	Recess	Recess
11h05 - 11h35	2 nd learning block	
11h35 - 12h05		
12h05 - 12h35		
12h35 - 13h05		
13h05 - 13h30	Lunch time	Recess
13h30 - 14h00	Recess	Lunch time
14h00 - 14h30	3 rd learning block	3 rd learning block
14h30 - 15h00		
15h00 - 15h30		

Please note the nursery and kindergarten classes are not part of the balanced school day; their start and end times have not changed. The morning classes are from 9:15am to 11:45am and the afternoon classes are from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

NO-FEE LUNCH PROGRAM

If your child needs to stay at school during lunch time, please register them at <https://forms.office.com/r/bWHHMds1dg> or scan the QR code below. *****All students need to be registered for this school year.**

Please remember that the lunch program provides supervision, but not food. Students must bring their own lunch and there are no microwaves available. **Students must bring their own utensils.**

The following are the Student Rules/Expectations for the No-Fee Lunch Program:

- I will show respect, responsibility, and cooperation with staff and other children, both inside and outside the school building.
- I will sit down properly at the lunch table.
- I will use a calm, indoor voice.
- I will not throw food, squirt drinks, grab at, or share other children's food.
- I will clean up after myself, which includes all my garbage on my desk and surrounding floor.
- I will return equipment to its proper place if I borrow it during the lunch period.
- I will not leave the school grounds.
- I understand that BITING, SLAPPING, SPITTING, KICKING, PINCHING, FIGHTING and other forms of PHYSICAL AGGRESSION AND BULLYING are not acceptable behaviors and will not be tolerated. I understand that VERBAL ABUSE such as SWEARING and TEASING are also unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- I understand attending Lunch Program is a privilege.



Children will have 30 minutes of outdoor play during the lunch hour. Please dress for the weather conditions. During the colder months, we will stay inside only when the windchill reaches -25 C.

MUSIC NEWS - MS. DREWNIAK

In November, we had a group of students in grades 1-4 that gave up their recess times to practice and prepare a song for Remembrance Day Assembly. They were very focused and were able to also learn a lot of ASL to go along with the singing. The students sang wonderfully, and I am very proud and impressed with their choral abilities.

We also focused on the song Golden and included it in our dance for the month, used body percussions and non-pitched percussion instruments, boomwhacker accompaniment, recorder, and even some guitar chords. When we were singing, those high notes can be tricky, but students were very receptive to the “how” to make it happen. Their intuitive consideration for how they sing really paid off!

Students in N-4, plus all of room 25 have begun preparing for our winter concert: ONE - One can make a difference. The performance is on Wednesday, December 10 and we will have an afternoon matinee show and an evening performance. We will sing songs, play instruments such as Orff, tone chimes and maybe even bring out the wooden spoons and drums. The students are excited to be up on stage for their families, and we look forward to seeing you! More info will follow from the classroom teachers included what students should wear to the performances.

Music has a profound impact on people’s lives, and its ability to bring individuals together is undeniable. By sharing musical experiences, people can connect with others on a deeper level, fostering a sense of community and belonging. May you all have these opportunities, especially during this festive season.

PHYS. ED. NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November has been a busy and exciting month in our Physical Education program!

We wrapped up October with some spooky fun, including Ghost Busters, Halloween games, and our always-popular Spooky Jungle Gym. The students had a fantastic time celebrating the season while staying active.

This month, we were proud to send two volleyball teams, made up of our Grade 5 and 6 students, to participate in a Triple Ball tournament at Machray School. No scores were kept, as it was a friendly and developmental event, but the students played incredibly well and showed wonderful teamwork and sportsmanship. We are very proud of them!



As we move into the end of November, things have become even more exciting—we may have our first Middle Years Basketball team joining the Winnipeg School Division Developmental League. If all goes well, practices could begin as early as December. Stay tuned for more updates!

Although winter is taking its time to arrive, once the snow does come, students will have opportunities to enjoy some outdoor winter fun, including shovels, sleds, and lots of active play.

Thank you for your continued support, and as always... remember to keep fit and have fun!

Best regards,
William Kay
Phys Ed Teacher École Luxton School

LIBRARY NEWS - COME *CHECK IT OUT!*

The Manitoba Young Readers Choice Awards Book Club is postponed until January. Participating students come to the library on Mondays and Fridays during the lunch hour to read and discuss the nominated MYRCA books after they have eaten their lunch. We are hoping to get all 20 books read before April and send in our votes to be part of the final vote for the awards.

Library book reminder

All library books are due seven days after they have been signed out. There have been a number of students who have not returned their library books in a timely manner. Please remember that another student may be waiting for the book you have out.



Please do not try to repair any damaged books with scotch/transparent tape, as this does more damage to the book. Just send the book back to the library for proper repair.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the families that came out to support our book fair. A percentage of the sales comes back to us in free product from Scholastic. Special thanks to the wonderful volunteers who took time out of their busy schedule to lend a hand in making this book fair a success.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

7 ways to prevent holiday stress – for your children <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/7-ways-prevent-holiday-stress-children-2017112812809>

1. Manage your own stress.
2. As much as possible, keep routines the same (set an alarm, get up and dressed, eat at regular meal times, limit screen time during what would be a typical school day, etc.)
3. Manage expectations.
4. Keep kids active.
5. Spend some time together.
6. Build some family holiday rituals if you don't have them already.
7. Choose something to do as a family that helps others.

Winnipeg For Free <https://wpgforfree.ca/>

Free Swim <https://www.winnipeg.ca/recreation-leisure/pools/swimming/free-swim>

Public Skating <https://www.winnipeg.ca/recreation-leisure/recreation-programs/free-programs/skating>

City of Winnipeg Priceless Fun

Guide <https://winnipeg.epubs.flippagepublishing.com/publication/?m=60769&l=1>

Kid's Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or Text 686868

For youth mental health crisis supports, please call: 204-949-4777

For more about School Counselling at École Luxton School

visit: <https://sites.google.com/wsd1.org/luxton-counselling>

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Well, it's hard to believe that we are in the final month of the year. The last few months have certainly been very busy for our Tuesday Morning Literacy program with reading stories, singing songs, making fun crafts, as well as making new friendships.

For December we will be reading stories about the holidays and families. We will be making wonderful crafts as presents that will surely make any parent or grandparent happy to receive them.

We will be having a holiday party on December 17 with some tasty food and small gifts will be handed out to the children.

On behalf of Ms. Debbie, my husband Clark, and myself we wish all of our families a very happy holiday and a safe new year.

Angie Houston

Room 66, Family Centre



LUXTON HOLIDAY STORE

On December 3, 2025, École Luxton will host our first-ever École Luxton School Holiday Store. All classes will visit the holiday store (being held in the Family Room) and all students will have the opportunity to select a holiday gift for their family members.

A big thank you to Mrs. Houston in the Family Centre who has been collecting, sorting, and storing the items.

This year, money raised at the Holiday store will be used to purchase hampers for members of our school community.

If you have any questions about the Holiday Store, please contact Ms. Howard at khoward@wsd1.org



LUXTON COMMUNITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Luxton Community Centre runs a **free breakfast program** every school day from 8:00AM to 10:00AM at 210 St. Cross street

All children, youth and their families are welcome to attend.

Breakfast supervisors will remind children when it's time for school.

For more information, please contact Luxton Community Centre at 204-582-8249.



PARENT COUNCIL

Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month. All families are encouraged to attend. Childcare is available at every meeting. There will not be a meeting in December, so we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on **Wednesday, January 28 at 6:30pm** in the school library.

Get in touch with PAC through our social media:

Instagram: @luxton.pac

Facebook: Ecole Luxton School Parent Advisory Council

Or through our website: <https://www.ecole-luxton-pac.com/>

Meeting minutes will be posted on our website. If you cannot make a meeting but would like to know what was discussed, please head to the website.

50/50 Raffle

Our current fundraiser is our 50/50 raffle which will be drawn on December 19 at 9:30 am. Purchase your tickets here: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/luxton>

Fundraiser Pick Up

Pick up of the Bothwell Cheese and Shelmerdine orders will be from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on December 9 in the Family Centre.

Survey

In October, a member of the Luxton PAC attended the Winnipeg School Division's Environmental Advisory Committee meeting where the use of traffic calming measures was discussed. The École Luxton School representative at this meeting is now soliciting feedback from Luxton community members on this topic which will be brought to the Environmental Advisory Committee. Our apologies that the link in November's newsletter was incorrect. If you wish to provide some feedback, here is the correct link to the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/yt656as>

Safe Arrival Absence Reporting System

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our priorities is ensuring all students arrive safely each day. To support this, we use a student absence reporting system called Safe Arrival. This system streamlines attendance verification, makes it easy for families to report absences, and helps staff quickly follow up with unexplained student absences.

Please note, if you as a parent or guardian have questions about Safe Arrival or School Messenger, please contact the school office directly.

With Safe Arrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the Safe Arrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. For more information and detailed explanations, please see the following documents:

[Communicate-ParentGuide-Mobile AppWD.PDF](#)

[SchoolMessenger SafeArrival Family FAQ.pdf](#)

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 / Day 2	2 / Day 3	3 / Day 4 Luxton Store	4 / Day 5 Swimming Counts Program (grade 4)	5 / Day 6 Rooms 12 and 13 to the Children's Museum	
	8 / Day 1 Grades 7/8 Practical Arts at St. John's	9 / Day 2 Bothwell Cheese and Shelmerdine fundraiser pick up in the Family Room from 3:30 to 4:30pm	10 / Day 3 Winter Concert (N-4/5) 2:15pm and 6:30pm	11 / Day 4 Performance by Dave Lavallee (rooms 15, 20, 23 and 26) - morning	12 / Day 5	
	15 / Day 6	16 / Day 1 Grades 7/8 Practical Arts at St. John's	17 / Day 2	18 / Day 3 Sing-along (early years) Dance (middle years)	19 / Day 4 Last Day of School Before Winter Break 50/50 Raffle Draw	
	Spirit Week! Below is the theme of each day.					
	Messy hair/hat day	Animal day (wear animal print or clothing with an animal on it)	Tropical day	Sports day	PJ day	
	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break Christmas Eve	25 Winter Break Christmas 	26 Winter Break Boxing Day	
	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break New Year's Eve			

UPCOMING DATES

- Monday, January 5, 2026: School reopens
- Monday, February 2, 2026: No school - professional development day
- Thursday, March 19, 2026: Student-led Conferences (evening)
- Friday, March 20, 2026: No school - Student-Led Conferences (AM); staff professional development (PM)
- Friday, April 10: No school - professional development day
- Friday, May 8: No school - professional development day
- Monday, June 29: No school - administrative day

Please remember that École Luxton School is a

SCENT FREE ZONE

Help us keep the air we share
healthy and fragrance-free

The chemicals used in scented products can make
some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities,
asthma, allergies and other medical conditions.

PLEASE

DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, aftershave
and other fragrances.

USE unscented personal care products.