



The Communiqué

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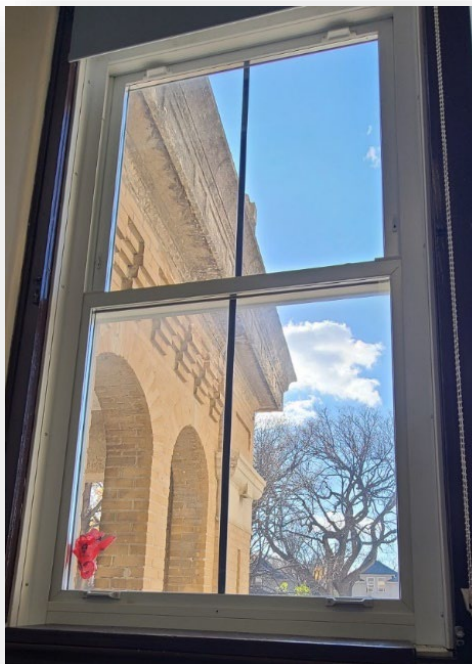
Monthly Newsletter of
École Luxton School

"The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together. We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

December has arrived with the holiday spirit in the air. We would like to say how much we appreciate the children, parents, guardians and staff who find ways every day to make École Luxton School a kind and caring school. Thank you to all the families who connected with staff during Tri-Conferences and shared in your children's learning journeys.

During the winter break, please speak to your children about winter safety. It is important that they do not play on the snowbanks. They need to walk on the sidewalks safely and only cross streets at street corners, after they have checked for traffic both ways. Children also need to stay away from the river as the ice is unpredictable during the winter.



I wanted to make special mention of our superb Remembrance Day ceremony. Our MCs, Carter Kalamaj, Kirubel Girma, and Avery Degelman, were poised and respectful in guiding the ceremony, and our patrols made an excellent honour guard. The choir performance, led by Ms. Drewniak, was exceptional. Each classroom created a wreath in honour of those who serve. Thanks to Master Corporal Victoria Stone (Mrs. Kuyp's sister) for honouring us with your presence at our ceremony.

Luxton students in grades 1 – 7 have been rehearsing for weeks for the Holiday Concert on **Wednesday, December 11th**, with both an afternoon matinee and an evening performance. Students will sing, play instruments, and dance. Each family will receive three tickets for the evening performance; the matinée performance does not require a ticket.

The last day of classes before the winter break is Friday, December 20th and we will return on January 6th. From all of us at Luxton, we wish you and your family the very best during the holiday season.

W. Nickerson
Directeur / Principal

SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week will take place in the last five days of school, from December 16th – 20th.

Grades 1 - 3 Holiday Craft Morning. Monday, December 16th

One of Luxton's annual traditions is fast approaching: Holiday Craft Morning. On Monday, December 16th for the whole morning, students in grades 1 – 3 will have the chance to make crafts. This event is a great opportunity for parent volunteers. Each classroom teacher in rooms 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, and 18 will plan a simple craft that takes approximately 20 minutes to make. Students will rotate and make six crafts. Crafts are labelled with each child's name and classroom and then the students can bring the crafts home at the end of the day (or when dry).

Grades 4 - 7 Holiday Activity Morning. Wednesday, December 18th

Middle years students will take part in a variety of spirit week activities in mixed groups on the morning of Wednesday, December 18th. Stations such as cup stacking, crafting, games, and baking will be part of the fun. Student teams will take on staff in a sports competition in the gym. Good luck students – you're going to need it!

Spirit Week Dress up Days:

Monday, December 16th: Christmas Colour / Ugly Christmas Sweater Day



Tuesday, December 17th: Fun Hair / Hat Day



Wednesday, December 18th: Teacher / Student Reverse Day



Thursday, December 19th: Sports Day!



Friday, December 20th: PJ Day.



Parents and Guardians, please do not feel obligated to rush out and buy things to wear over spirit week. It's optional, and it's supposed to be F-U-N.

PERFORMANCE OF THE RWB SCHOOL OF DANCE



École Luxton Students experienced a performance by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School on Friday, November 29th. The performance featured classical, contemporary, and folk-dance styles.

Room 20 student, Ember M. said she loved seeing the dancers, especially as she is a dancer herself. “It was such a great surprise to have them come to Luxton,” she said. Ember was impressed by one male soloist’s ability to spin on one foot eight or nine times without wavering. “I can barely get three!” she explained. Ember’s favorite style of performance was contemporary dance. “The performances were just so full of emotion and expression,” she explained.

WINTER CONCERT TIN FOR THE BIN

If you are able, please consider donating a non-perishable food item for our Tin for the Bin collection. Items collected at the holiday concert will go towards families in our community.

Top ten most needed items:

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| Canned Vegetables | Canned Fruit | Soup / Stew | |
| Canned Tuna | Pasta | Pasta Sauce | |
| Rice | Peanut Butter | Instant Oatmeal | Cereal |



MUSIC

- Ms. Drewniak

In November we were working on preparing the songs and sign language for the Remembrance Day assembly. The students did a wonderful job singing "Thinking of You" - There are still many troops overseas and around the world. Pictures in the media of families crying, hugging goodbye, and anxiously watching and waiting for news of their loved ones remains an emotional issue. It is what inspired "Thinking of You." Even so, the song is not just for troops overseas. It is for anyone far away that is missed and thought about. Our other piece was "We Remember" students from grades 3 – 7 opted in to sing and learn the ASL – American Sign Language to the song. It was so beautiful. Thank you choir for all your enthusiastic persistence and effort for a lovely performance.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

- Plato

On Wednesday, November 6th, there was a guest presentation in the music room. Cpl. Babalola gave a presentation for Veterans Week, about her personal story and role in the Canadian Armed Forces. The students from rooms 24 and 27 were fortunate to hear her speak and the students were a wonderful audience with great questions afterwards!

As that wrapped up, we began preparing for our winter concert... SNOW, SNOW, SNOW! The performance is on Wednesday, December 11th. Attendees must understand Luxton is **scents free**. We will have an afternoon matinee (1:30 PM) and an evening performance (6:30 PM). We have songs, instruments such as orff, tone chimes and even boomwhackers. Once again, we will have the dance club perform as well. The students are excited to be up on stage for their families and we look forward to seeing you! Costumes and other info will follow from the classroom teachers. Please bring a donation for Tin for the Bin!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



As the weather cools down and we say goodbye to the sunny days of outdoor soccer, we're excited to shift our focus to some fun and engaging indoor activities here at Luxton School!

Volleyball Unit & Intramurals: Our next big adventure in Physical Education is the start of our **volleyball unit**. Students are learning the fundamentals of serving, passing, setting, and spiking as we introduce them to this fast-paced and team-oriented sport. We are also excited to kick off our **Intramural Volleyball** program, giving students the opportunity to practice their skills in a fun, friendly, and competitive environment.

Tripleball Tournament – Grade 5/6: Our Grade 5 and 6 students participated in the **Tripleball Tournament**, which was hosted by **Machray School** on **November 26th**. Tripleball is a dynamic and engaging game that combines elements of volleyball, and we are excited for our students to represent Luxton in this event.

Holiday-Themed Games: As we approach the festive season, we will be bringing some holiday cheer to our gym activities. Look forward to a variety of **holiday-themed games** that are sure to get everyone into the spirit of the season. These games will focus on teamwork, fun, and maintaining fitness while celebrating the holidays together.

Stay Active, Stay Healthy: As always, we encourage our students and families to stay active and make fitness a part of your daily routine. Whether it's a game of tag at recess, a walk around the block, or a fun indoor activity at home, the key is to keep moving and most importantly—have fun!


Thank you for your continued support

Keep fit and have fun,

William Kay
Physical Education Teacher Luxton School



ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)



ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL PAC

50-50 FUNDRAISER

SCAN QR CODE

RAFFLE DRAW DEC 19TH

THE MONEY RAISED FROM THE RAFFLE WILL HELP STUDENTS GO ON MORE FIELD TRIPS AT ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL.

ADDRESS: 1111 POLSON AVE, WINNIPEG, MB R2W 0M5
PHONE: (204) 589-4368

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FUNDRAISER!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is committed to enriching the student experience at École Luxton School. Through fundraisers, PAC extends support beyond the Division's budget, making it possible to offer additional field trips, special activities like camp experiences, and appreciation events for both students and staff.

Pick-up for the Bothwell Cheese fundraiser and the Shelmerdine's fundraiser will be on Tuesday, December 6th from 3:30-4:30PM in the Family Centre (rm 66).

The next 50/50 is underway. The draw will take place on December 19th. Please scan the QR code to the left for the link.

Each classroom has a volunteer representing the parents / guardians. Is your child's classroom represented? If you would consider being that important person, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30PM in the school library. Childcare and Starbucks coffee will be provided.

STUDENT DROP OFF

If you are dropping off your child in the morning, please remember that a section of the street in front of the school is designated as a loading zone. When the buses arrive in the morning this is where they pull in to drop off the students. At the daycare, please do not park in teacher spaces.



LUNCH PROGRAM REMINDER

Please remember to send your child with a peanut/nut free non-heatable lunch. It is also important that you send cutlery if your child has pudding or a fruit cup. Children must be registered in lunch program to attend.



LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTER FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Luxton Community Centre runs a **free breakfast program** every school day from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in cooperation with École Luxton School.

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.

MS ZEGLINSKI'S COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Mindful Recess

Ms. Zeglinski will be opening the library most afternoons for "Mindful Recess" beginning the first week of December. This is a time for students who feel they have spent their social energy for the day, who prefer to stay in and recharge with a quiet activity such as drawing, reading, doing a puzzle, or playing a game.

Clothing Donations



We keep a stock of clothing in the Family Centre - Rm 66. Please consider donating clean used school-aged items (sizes 8-12 are most needed), in good condition such as sweatpants & leggings, socks, mittens & gloves, neck warmers, ski pants, winter jackets (no broken zippers or fasteners), winter boots. We loan or give these items to students as needed. If your child brings home items from school that you are not in need of, please wash and return them.

Volunteering

To express your interest in volunteering at École Luxton School, please stop by the office with your ID to fill out the WSD Volunteer Application form and Child Abuse Registry Check form. After returning the forms, watch for an email from Ms Zeglinski with further instructions and the required Winnipeg School Division online training links. If you are available during the day, we are in need of drivers for various school excursions. Additionally, all volunteer drivers must complete the WPS Vulnerable Sector Check. Please contact Ms Zeglinski for details: kzeglinski@wsd1.org



POTTERY CLUB

Did you know that École Luxton School has a kiln in the Art Room? We sure do!

What is kiln? A kiln is a special oven that gets very, very hot and it turns clay into pottery!

Where is our Art Room? In the basement, right next to our Music Room!

Did you know we are going to have a Pottery Club for Grade 7s starting in January? You bet!

Mrs. Chan will be guiding a special group of interested grade 7s (and some grade 6s if there is room) over the lunch hour on Wednesdays beginning in January! Grade 7 Families, keep an eye out for more info as Winter Break approaches.

BOOK FAIR

The "Back to the Beach" book fair was a great success. Thanks to all our families that came out to support our school. Sales reached over \$4790. A special thank you goes out to Angie and Clark Houston, Shaunti Day and Crystal Arnold who graciously volunteered their time to help set up and run the book fair.

Congratulations to Mr. Sisko and Kevin who won the Family Event Draw on Friday.



FROM ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY

Early Literacy

St. John's Library

Monday, January 13 - Monday, March 17

Registration begins December 9

Baby Rhyme Time

Wednesday at 11:00am

Introduce babies to the sounds of language through rhymes, songs and simple stories. For babies newborn to 18 months with a caregiver. 20-30 minutes.

Registration required.

Family Story Time

Saturday at 11:00am

Help build pre-reading skills by sharing stories, singing and having fun together! Best enjoyed by children up to 5 years with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

Registration required.

guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/earlyliteracy

Winter Wonderland Family Story Time

Help build pre-reading skills by sharing winter stories, singing and having fun together!

Best enjoyed by children up to 5 years with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

St John's Library

500 Salter St

Monday, December 16th: 6:00 p.m.

Free. Phone, visit or go online at winnipeg.ca/library to register.



Sink or Float

Learn about why things sink or float, and about different boats from around the world. Then use what you've learned to create your own boat that will be put to the test on the high seas.

Ages 6-12.

60 minutes.

St John's Library

500 Salter St

Saturday, December 7th: 10:30 a.m.

Free. Phone, visit or go online at winnipeg.ca/library to register.



DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1/	2/ Day 2 Grade 1 Christmas Craft Club	3/ Day 3 PAC Bothwell cheese and Shelmerdine's Fundraiser Pickup in the Family Centre	4/ Day 4 Maker Space Club meeting at Lunch	5/ Day 5	6/ Day 6	7/
8/	9/ Day 1 Grade 1 Christmas Craft Club	10/ Day 2	11/ Day 3 Winter Concert Grades 1 – 7 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM Tin for the Bin	12/ Day 4	13/ Day 5	14/
15/	16/ Day 6 DRESS UP: Christmas Colour / Ugly Christmas Sweater Day Early Years Christmas Craft Morning Grade 1 Christmas craft Club	17/ Day 1 DRESS UP: Fun Hair / Hat Day	18/ Day 2 DRESS UP: Teacher / Student Reverse Day Middle Years Holiday Activity Morning	19/ Day 3 DRESS UP: Sports Day!	20/ Day 4 DRESS UP: PJ Day. Last Day of Classes before Winter Break	21/
22/	23/ Winter break begins	24/	25/ Christmas	26/ Boxing Day	27/	28/

Upcoming Dates in January

- January 6 – School reopens (Day 5)
- January 15 – Gr. 7 Pottery Club with Mrs. Chan
- January 28 – Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30PM
- January 31 – No School

