



THE COMMUNIQUE

Monthly Newsletter of

École Luxton School

JUNE
2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We celebrated our the diversity of our community by walking together as a school on May 28. It was a beautiful day for unity and a spirit of acceptance.

The staff and the Luxton parent council have fully supported the Balanced School Day Schedule, so I have written to the board and to MB Education for permission to change the schedule for next year. I am confident that we will be successful in making the change for September.

June is a time of celebration in schools. Four of our classrooms will be representing Luxton at the annual WSD Celebration Powwow on June 4. Although we will not have a Farewell celebration at the end of this year, since we will be adding grade 8 to the school next year, there will be a final assembly for students where we will wrap up the year's accomplishments. On Friday, June 27th alumni from the year 1961 will visit our school.

I will be moving next year to be principal at Strathmillan School. I sincerely thank everyone for the support I've had these past two years. Luxton's staff is capable and dedicated. The Luxton PAC works diligently on behalf of students. Our partners in the Mary Kardash Daycare, the Luxton Community Club, and the Family Centre help make this community strong. École Luxton School's new principal will be announced after an upcoming school board meeting.

- Warren Nickerson



LUXTON DANCE CLUB



Members of the dance club performed during an assembly for the whole school.

DONATION DRIVE

for wildfire evacuees

The First Nations Family Advocate Office is accepting donations to support wildfire evacuees. We are accepting items in new or gently used in clean condition. Let's come together and take care of our relatives during this difficult time.

ITEMS WE ARE ACCEPTING:

- **Adult Clothing** *all sizes*
- **Children's + Youth Clothing** *all sizes*
- **Shoes** *all sizes*
- **Underwear + Socks** *all sizes*
- **Towels + Washcloths**
- **Baby Care Supplies** *diapers, wipes, formula, strollers, high chairs*
- **Feminine Hygiene Products**
- **Phone Chargers + Power Banks** *Apple, Android*
- **Notebooks + Pens**
- **Books, Games + Puzzles**
- **Family-Friendly Recreation Passes** *museums, pools, The Zoo, movies, etc*

**ITEM DROP OFF AT 200-285 SMITH STREET
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**



Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs



Abinowiyag Biciwewag
First Nations
Family Advocate Office
"Bringing Our Children Home"

LUXTON HOLIDAY STORE

In December 2025, École Luxton will host our first-ever École Luxton School Holiday Store. The holiday store is a place where students can bring in a small donation, such as a \$1 or \$2, and purchase a holiday gift for their family members. For the holiday store to be successful, we are now collecting donations of small gifts, like what you would save for a garage sale, such as gently used mugs, books, kitchen items, or holiday decor items. We are not collecting perishable items such as candy.

Items can be sent in at any time during June or the fall. Please label them clearly as “Holiday Store”. Have your child give items to their classroom teacher, Ms Howard, or Mrs. Houston in the Family Centre. A big thank you to Mrs. Houston in the Family Centre who will be collecting, sorting, and storing the items until next December.

All donations collected will go to community members in need. In the past our school collected money for families who have lost their home to fire and supported families in need around the holiday time. The fundraising from the Holiday Store will continue to support our Luxton community in this way.

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



CAMP MANITOU – JUNE 13

Luxton has planned a trip to Camp Manitou for Friday, June 13th. All middle years students (grades 5 -7) will attend. Students will be arranged in mixed grade groupings. On the day of Camp, students will need to arrive early at school (8:20 AM) and will not return until after school (4:40 PM).

Camp presents a unique opportunity for engaging and educational experiences on the land. Students will experience a variety of programs led by camp staff, such as archery, rock climbing, and orienteering. These activities will build confidence, teamwork and positive leadership.



This Camp Manitou experience is being funded by a grant from the Children’s Heritage Education Endowment Fund, the True North Foundation, the Luxton Parent Advisory Council, and school field trip funds. There is no fee for students.

LUXTON EARLY YEARS TALENT SHOW



Calling all talented young Luxtonians! We will be holding a grade 1-4 Talent Show! Learners will have the chance to volunteer to share their talents in front of a crowd, first within their classroom, and then, if ready and selected, at an early years assembly where they will perform for peers.

The special talent assembly will take place on Wednesday, June 25th from 10:15AM – 11:15AM. To keep the stakes low, this celebration will not open to parents/guardians or the community.

Mrs. Chan

MUSIC – MS. DREWNIAK

We started the month learning about George Gershwin and his music “Rhapsody in Blue”. Some classes made their own art visuals of how the music makes them think of a picture. We have been exploring drama games, movement, and vocal projections.

The students in grades 1-3 have been exploring different dance and music styles from a variety of cultures around the world. They compare and contrast two different dances each class. They are getting really good at describing and using details to explain their ideas and answers.

Students in K-3 finished their Pirates theme and there were many classes that were able to present their group collaborated stick puppet plays to their classes. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and focus the students put into making completed stories to tell us.



This past month we have used a theme about frogs, in particular, the book: “The Wide Mouth Frog”. Students from all the classes have watched a variety of versions of the story, done “compare and contrast” with the different versions, shared and suggested alternative animals and story lines.

Students in grades N-3 have been learning some frog songs, keeping beat and balance with Froggie bean bags. Students in grades 3-5 have been learning and practising reading notes on the music staff and learning songs on recorder. Students in grades 5-7 have been working on creating their own small group version of “The Wide Mouth Frog”. They are completing and rehearsing a group collaboration to prepare for peer performance of their own story. It will be fun to see and watch all these new stories.



We will continue working on our frog themes and plays as well as learning new drama games. I look forward to seeing where this last month of learning leads us. Thank you all for a wonderful year in music. I have had a fun time working with your children and enjoyed my time at Luxton School. May you always lead with music in your heart and a song in your steps.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Ms. Kuyp, Mme Pronyk and Ms. Hughes hosted families who will be new to École Luxton’s Nursery and Kindergarten program in September 2025. Next year there will be two French Immersion kindergarten classes (AM and PM) with Mme Pronyk and two N-K English classes (AM and PM) with Ms. Kuyp. Ms Hughes will be teaching full-time at École Laverendrye next year.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY – JUNE 21

June 20th is National Indigenous People's Day, a day to celebrate and reflect on the heritage, traditions and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

We at École Luxton School want to join in the celebration and reflection. On Friday June 20th, we are inviting staff and students to wear clothing to honour Indigenous people, such as ribbon skirts or shirts, a Métis sash, or an "Every Child Matters" shirt, or any other items that show support for First Nations peoples and culture.



FAMILY CENTRE

Here we are in the final month of school! It was a very exciting year in the Family Centre. We had many great things happening and hopefully many more to come in the new school year.

Family Centre hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The coffee is always on. Our Tuesday Literacy morning program runs until June 10th with a year end party planned for June 24th.

We had a wonderful Mother's Day Tea on May 8th with many parents and staff stopping by and enjoying the delicious treats and receiving a free flower.



On May 16th, we held a "Food Bingo", where you were able to win one of three great meals to make for your family. A delicious breakfast, a hearty lunch, and a yummy dinner. Everyone had a fun morning.



Wishing you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Angie Houston, Room 66, Family Centre

WATER FUN DAY!

On **Tuesday, June 24th**, École Luxton School will have a fun afternoon outside playing with water. Stations will be set up with relay games, tag games, and other fun contests.

Students should wear clothes that can get wet, bring a change of clothes, and maybe tuck in a towel.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Spring is in full swing, and so is the action in Phys Ed!

We've officially kicked off Running Club, and it's been amazing to see so many students hitting the track with energy and determination. Our goal? To help prepare students for the 43rd Annual Fit Run, happening on June 4th at the Old Exhibition Grounds. This 2 km race brings together students from across the Winnipeg School Division, giving our young runners an exciting opportunity to challenge themselves and celebrate fitness with their peers.

To cap off the month, a group of our Luxton students will represent our school at an Ultimate Football tournament held at Chalmers Field. This fast-paced game, combining elements of ultimate frisbee and football, is a fantastic way to build teamwork and have fun while staying active.



With warmer days ahead, we're looking forward to spending more time outdoors for open field games and fresh-air fitness. Please continue to send students dressed for the weather so they can fully enjoy our outdoor activities.

Looking ahead to June, we're excited to announce a special ****Water Day****! This fun-filled event will be a chance for students to cool off, get wet, and enjoy a variety of outdoor games and water activities. It's a great way to celebrate the end of the school year and make some lasting memories with classmates.

Please keep an eye out for more information coming home soon, including what students should bring to be ready for a day of water fun!

Thank you for your continued support, and as always—Keep fit and have fun!

William Kay, Phys Ed Teacher

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Fundraising will continue with Freezie Fridays throughout June. Freezies will be available to buy for \$1 each. There will also be an online 50/50 that will launch in mid June, grow over the summer months, and be drawn on Wednesday, October 15th.

We are planning our first fundraiser for the school year as fresh farm vegetable from Peak of the Market.

The next meeting of the Parent Advisory Council will be the last Wednesday of September at 6:30 PM. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend these meetings and become an executive member.



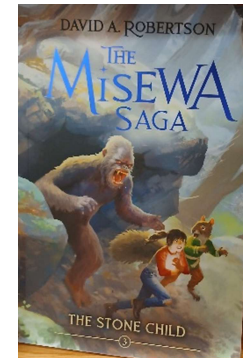
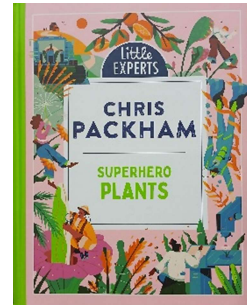
LIBRARY NEWS – COME *CHECK IT OUT!*

Everyday is a new adventure in the Luxton library. New and exciting books have been welcome additions to our shelves. Students are encouraged to read new titles and write a review to be displayed by the book they have read for other students to check out.



Everyone is welcome to come to the library during school hours to search for books on our kiosk computer when the library is open. When students come to the library, they tend to go to the kiosk computer to find books they are looking for by either typing in a title, subject or author they are interested in reading about. I have posted instructions by the computer to help them with their search.

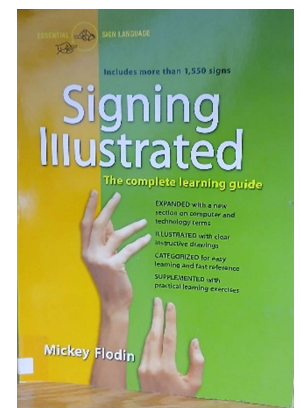
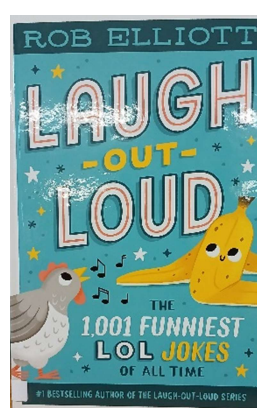
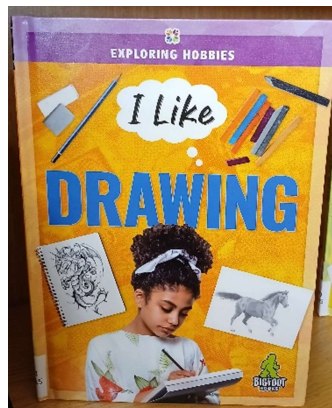
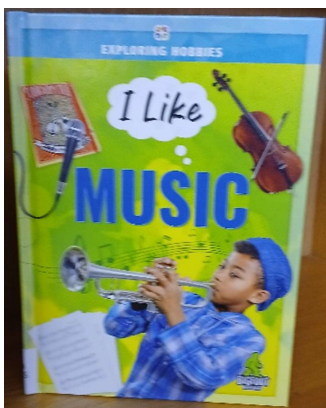
Remember you can always go online to [Sora - Explore](#) if you are not able to get to a library to check out a book to read.



I encourage everyone to read a good book or two over the summer that will take you to places you have never known before. Books are adventures just waiting to be experienced!

All library books are due back to the library by the end of day on Friday, June 13th.

Arlene Bell



ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY NEWS

We are gearing up for summer here at the St John's Library!

TD Summer Reading Club

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages, all interests, and all abilities. This free program is offered at more than 2,000 public libraries across Canada, and it's easy to include in summer plans. It celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators, and stories. It's designed to inspire kids to explore the fun of reading their way – the key to building a lifelong love of reading.

Children and their families can participate anytime, anywhere – at local public libraries across Canada as well as at home, online, on the road or wherever their summer takes them. There's something for everyone, including kids with print disabilities as well as pre-school children and their families. I've attached a poster to this email. Please print and share with your community!

Kits will be available to pick up at any Winnipeg Public Library location (though we'd love to see folks come to St. Johns) starting on Monday, June 9th. My hope is that we have very many kids coming in to get their Summer Reading kit from the library.

List of Some June Programs

Adult Board Game Evening Thursday, June 19 5:30-7:30 PM

Drop in to connect with other board game lovers! Choose from one of our many games or bring one of your own. A variety of games will be available to try.

Family Game Day Monday, June 16 3:30-5:30 PM

Come to the library for some family fun. Play games, read books, and have a great time. For children

Summer Story Time Monday, June 23 6:30-7:00 PM

Get ready for summer vacation at this story time filled with stories, songs, and rhymes all about summer. Best enjoyed by ages 3-8 with a caregiver. 30 minutes.

St John's Library Beading Circle

Wednesday June 4 1:30-4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 11 1:30-4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 18 1:30-4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 25 1:30-4:00 PM

Beaders of all skill levels are welcome to join our beading circle. Participants can bring their own project or use one of the supplied beading kits. Guidance on one-needle Red River Metis beading will be provided by the host cultural programmer from the Louis Riel Institute.

Register to reserve a spot. Drop-ins are welcome if space is available.

Erin Schwartz, Assistant Branch Head St. John's Library

City of Winnipeg

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

I can't believe we are at the last stretch of another École Luxton School year!
I hope you have a safe, restful, joy-filled summer.

I will be checking email: kzeglinski@wsd1.org & will have limited in-person office hours during the week of August 25-29.

For children & youth mental health needs during the summer please refer to the resources page on my school counselling website: <https://sites.google.com/wsd1.org/luxton-counselling/resources> &/or contact Youth Mobile Crisis / The Link:204-949-4777.



The summer gap can feel long and difficult for some students. Here are some helpful articles for handling the potential stress of being away from regular school routines and instead filling the time with brain & body benefiting activities.

Summer Stress: <https://cmha.ca/news/navigating-summer-stress/>

Summer Anxiety: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/special-matters/202307/is-your-child-or-teen-feeling-anxious-this-summer>

Summer Activity Ideas: <https://theautismhelper.com/ot-approved-summer-activities/>

OT Toolbox Sensory Diet Activities: <https://www.theotttoolbox.com/outdoor-sensory-diet-activities/>

Summer Sensory Play: <https://limeacademyforestapproach.org/media/3783/2-summer-fun-sensory-play.pdf>

City of Winnipeg Recreation & Leisure: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/recreation-leisure>

Fee Assistance Program: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/recreation-leisure/recreation-facility-admission-passes-rentals/recreation-fee-assistance-program>

City of Winnipeg Recreation & Leisure: <https://www.winnipeg.ca/recreation-leisure>

Y-Winnipeg: <https://www.ywinnipeg.ca/>

Tourism Winnipeg Free Activities Guide: <https://www.tourismwinnipeg.com/things-to-do/free-activities>

Community Bike Shops Winnipeg <https://www.bikewinnipeg.ca/local-bike-shops/community-bike-shops/>

Winnipeg Parent News <https://winnipegparent.com/>

City of Winnipeg Summer Library Programs:
<https://wpl.libcal.com/calendar/main/?cid=1677&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=1677&audience=124,125,126,163,127,562,134,131&inc=0>

Wpg For Free (posts new items weekly by 7pm Tuesdays) <https://wpgforfree.ca/2025/05/13/10-winnipeg-free-weekend-events-activities-this-weekend-15/>

K. Zeglinski

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 6	3 Day 1 Lockdown Drill	4 Day 2 Fit Run AM Gr. 4, 5 & 6	5 Day 3 6 th Annual Celebration Pow Wow	6 Day 4 Rm. 8 / 9 Zoo Field Trip	7
8	9 Day 5 Non- Instructional Day NO SCHOOL	10 Day 6	11 Day 1 Online Safety – WPS 9:30 AM Rooms 18, 20 and 26	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 Camp Manitou Grades 5 / 6 / 7	14
15	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6 Last Day of Shops for Gr. 7	19 Day 1	20 Day 2 Celebration of National Peoples Indigenous Day	21
22	23 Day 3	24 Day 4 WATER DAY!	25 Day 5 Report Cards sent home via school messenger Grade 1-4 Talent Show Last day for Nursery/ Kindergarten	26 Day 6 No N/K classes Room 24 & 27 Human Rights Museum Trip	27 Day 1 Last day of school. Early dismissal 11:30 AM Class of 1961 visit	28
29	30					

UPCOMING DATES

- **September 2** - School re-opens – no classes
- **September 3** – First day of classes for grades 1 – 8
- **September 4 & 5** -Nursery / Kindergarten – Individual Appointments
- **September 30** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
- **October 8** – Divisional Inservice – no school
- **October 13** – Thanksgiving – no School