



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of
École Luxton School

MAR
2024

Hello Luxton Families!

Please join us on March 14th (evening) and March 15th (day) for student-led conferences. I look forward to this occasion because students are always so proud to show their families what they know and can do. Students celebrate their learning with their caregivers by showing and explaining examples of their learning. Caregivers play an important role in these conferences by encouraging and celebrating their child's progress and achievement. Teachers are on hand to answer questions and guide the process.

Appointments will be made through our school appointments app. We'll book no more than four students and their families into each block of time.

Now that we are late into the winter, we have a large amount of unclaimed clothing in our lost-and-found collection. Please consider writing your child's name clearly on the tags of their outerwear so that we can return items more easily. The lost and found will on display at student-led conferences, and any unclaimed items will get washed and go into our give away collection in the family center.

As the month of March brings us closer to spring, the weather will be fickle. Dress for the changing conditions.

- Warren Nickerson

OPEN HOUSE AND WELCOME TO NURSERY / KINDERGARTEN

On the evening of March 7, École Luxton School will host an Open House from 5:30 to 6:00 PM. We will review of our school's programs, offered in both English and French, highlighting some of our schoolwide goals. We will walk new parents through all that is needed to register a child for our school.



Then, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, our Early Years Team will host parents of Nursery-Kindergarten aged students in a *Welcome to Nursery and Kindergarten* session. The session will feature stations that give examples of activities families can do at home to prepare children for success in school. The stations include gross and fine motor skills, social skills, emotional maturity, literacy and numeracy, and communication skills.

FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR WEEK (MARCH 4 – 8)

The Festival du Voyageur will run at Luxton School on March 4th to 8th. Students are encouraged to participate in classroom activities, as well as dressing up at a voyageur over the week.

Habillez-vous comme un voyageur!
DRESS LIKE A VOYAGEUR - SPIRIT WEEK

Lundi- Portez une toque.

Monday- WEAR A HAT.



Mardi- Portez une chemise carrée.

Tuesday- WEAR A CHECKERED SHIRT.



Mercredi- Portez une ceinture fléchée.

Wednesday- WEAR A SASH.



Jeudi- Portez une barbe.

Thursday- WEAR A BEARD.



Vendredi- Et voilà, porte tout! Vous êtes un voyageur!

Friday- WEAR IT ALL AND YOU'RE A VOYAGEUR!



On Tuesday, March 5th, there will be an assembly for students to watch a performance by T'bert le Voyageur in the afternoon in the gym.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



École Luxton School promotes active, healthy lifestyles. One engaging way to interest students in fitness for life is friendly competition with other schools. On February 27th, nearly 40 Luxton Bobcats from grades 4 – 6 participated in the 2024 Athletics Manitoba Elementary Relay Races. The competition introduces elementary and middle years students to track and field events. In the Shuttle Relay, eight team members ran 40m each, back and forth in shuttle style. The lap relay engaged four team members each running one complete lap around the oval. Other students participated in shot put and long jump team events.

Previously, Luxton students have attended two volleyball events at other schools. Next up, three-on-three basketball! Students are also in for an April surprise, as Fit Kids Healthy Kids brings its Gym Blast program to Luxton – stay tuned for details. Don't forget to stop by the gym on Student-led Conference evening as students will be showcasing their learning about active, healthy lifestyles.

- Mr. Kay

FIELD TRIPS: FUN + LEARNING

This year Luxton teachers have been active in getting students out beyond the walls of the school. This past month, different classes have gone to the Manitoba Museum, the Assiniboine Park Zoo, and Festival du Voyageur. Thank you to the teachers, educational assistants, and volunteers for making these learning opportunities available to our students. Did you know that Luxton students get EXTRA field trips because of the generosity and fund-raising of the Luxton PAC?



Pictured here are students from rooms 13 and 18 from their field trip to the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Pictures courtesy of K. Howard.

ARTS EDUCATION

Dear Luxton families!

During the month of February our students have been learning to play Djembe - an African drum. They learned numerous techniques and rhythms, played individually and in a group. During the classes, the students also learned about the continent of Africa.

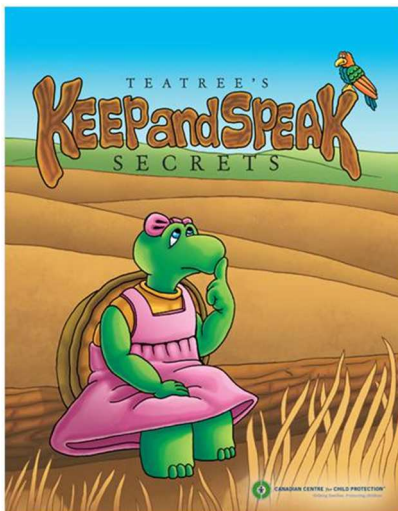
The djembe is one of West Africa's best-known instruments. This goblet-shaped drum is traditionally carved from a single piece of African hardwood and topped with an animal skin as a drumhead. Africans say that the drum contains three spirits. The belief is that the djembe drum contains the spirit of the tree from which it was made, the spirit of the animal whose skin is played, and the spirit of the carver or the one who cut the tree and the people who assemble the drum.



Mrs. Ella



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



KEEP & SPEAK SECRETS

Please review the concept of "Keep & Speak Secrets" from the "Kids in the Know" program, together with your children.

https://protectchildren.ca/en/videostorybooks/teatree/https://kidsintheknow.ca/pdfs/KIK_Grade1_KeepAndSpeakSecrets_en.pdf

Unsafe secrets must be told to a safe & trusted adult.

Who are the safe & trusted adults in your child's circle of care?

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GETTING THE MOST FROM STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-led conferences are an opportunity for students to show caregivers what they know and can do at school. They are taking a big risk in sharing, and many will be nervous. Let's make certain it's a nurturing experience.

First, it must be said how important it is for caregivers to attend the conferences. It is possible that a busy schedule may get in the way, but then have a grandparent or auntie or some other significant adult bring the child to the conferences. I've seen students prepare for several days for student-led conferences, only to find out their caregivers were unable to attend. The children were quite upset by not being able to present their learning.

One tip for making the most of the conference is simply to **notice and name**. Good feedback starts with recognizing and describing out loud what children know and can do. For instance, you might say "*I see you've got a strategy for adding two-digit numbers.*" There's no judgement there, just a recognition of what the child is showing in their math folder: noticing ("adding two-digit numbers") and naming it ("a strategy").

Asking **open-ended questions** is also a productive way to engage in a positive conversation. Here are some possibilities:

- How do you feel about your learning so far in math?
- What can you do better now than you could at the beginning of the year?
- Is the math you're doing too easy, too hard, or just right?
- What do you want to get better at doing?
- How can you extend your practice at home? How can I help?

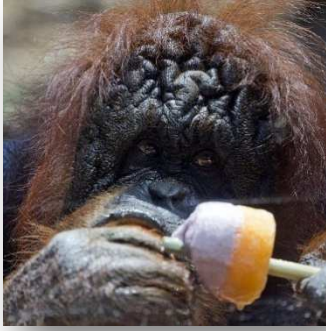


Although the conversation typically revolves around academic achievement, caregivers can also invite **talk about learning behaviours**, such as effort, participation, and attitude. Here are some sample starters:

- This sample shows you are really made an effort. Are you focusing on your schoolwork in math class and concentrating on getting better?
- Tell me about participating in solving math problems. Do you share ideas and contribute?
- Do you feel confident about getting better math?

The teachers will provide students with a guide to the conference. If the dialogue goes well, students will feel heard, supported, and motivated to try even harder and achieve more.

KUAMINI REPORT



Kuamini had a Popsicle fundraiser on February 14th to raise money for the World Wildlife Foundation to support Orangutans (a species that is critically endangered). Through our popsicle sale we raised \$251.90! This fundraiser would not have been possible without the 300 Space Pops donated by No Frills. We are thankful for Casey Hollard (Owner) and Scott Edie (Manager) for the donation. We would also like to thank our custodians for helping us set up the tables, Mr. Nickerson for approving the idea and of course the staff and students who brought a dollar to buy a popsicle.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Room 24 and 25 went to the Children's Museum on February 6th, 2024. We spent the first half of the morning in sessions to learn more about Forces and Machines and Properties of and Changes in Substances. The rest of the day was spent exploring the museum like going on the big train, sliding down the optical illusion slide, the Spaghetti Jungle Gym and more. Can't wait for our next field trip to the St. Boniface Museum on March 6th, 2024!



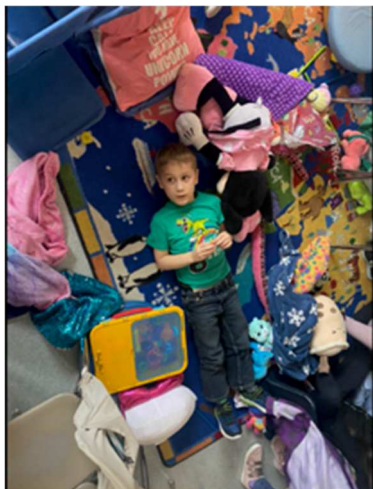
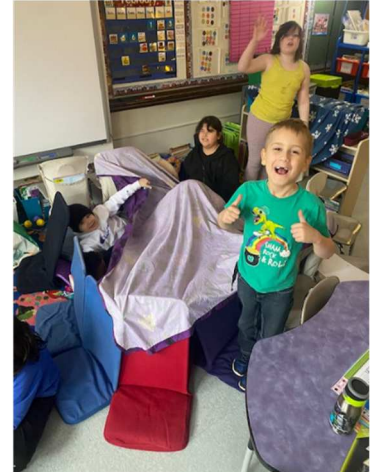
100TH DAY

On February 15th, we celebrated the 100th day of school by eating 100 pieces of cereal and making necklaces out of 100 pieces of pasta.



GLOBAL PLAY DAY

On February 7th, it was Global Play Day! Room 13 had a great time playing, collaborating and problem solving together.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

STAY IN TOUCH!

PAC has a new website! Please check it out at www.ecole-luxton-pac.com
Follow PAC on social media as well to stay on top of all the current information about fundraising, events and meetings:

Instagram: @luxton.pac

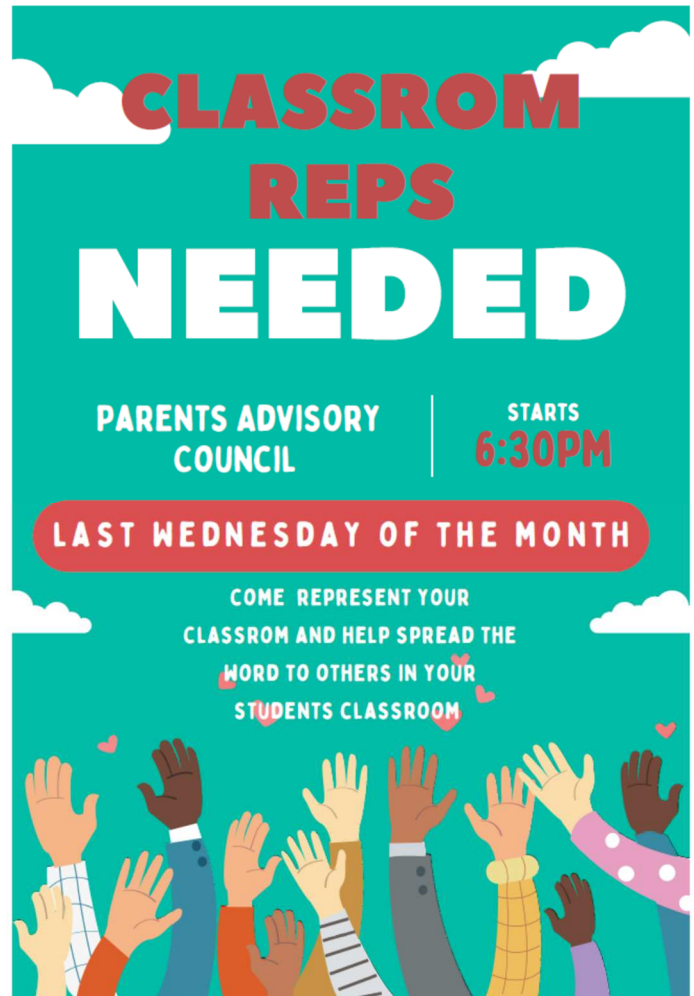
Facebook: Ecole Luxton School Parent Advisory Council

PAC MEETING

There is no Parent Advisory Council meeting in March. Our next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday April 24th at 6:30 PM in the Library. That evening will feature an opportunity for parents to have input into the Luxton School plan.

FUNDRAISING

École Luxton School PAC has teamed up with the Moose, the SeaBears, and the Bombers. More details will be sent home soon.



**École Luxton School PAC
& The Manitoba Moose
Have teamed up**



Sunday April 14 at 2 pm against Iowa

Tickets are 21.99 each
(regular price is \$37)

Buy your tickets here:

[Ecole Luxton School \(fevo-enterprise.com\)](http://Ecole Luxton School (fevo-enterprise.com))



**\$10 from each
ticket goes to PAC**

READ-A-THON

Our Read-a-thon fundraiser has concluded. Please hand in all pledge forms and money collected March 6th – news about students total reading and reward will be announced.

Thank you for your support.



LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BREAKFAST



Luxton Community Centre runs a **FREE Breakfast Program** every school day from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

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

Breakfast supervisors will remind children when it is time for school.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT GYM NIGHT

March is the last month for Thursday Night Gym night for grades 1 to 6.

MOBILE VISION CLINIC

Mobile Vision Clinic will be happening again during the week of April 8 - 12. Like in years past, this will be an OPT-OUT program. More information will be sent home with students in March.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please remember to call our Safe Arrival system to if your child is going to be away for any reason. Calls are accepted before 9:00 AM on the day of the absence.



SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit week will in the last school week of March.

Mismatch Monday - clothes inside out? Mismatched socks and shoes? That's mismatch Monday!

Tropical Tuesday - sick of winter? Get that summer gear out! Hawaiian shirts, shorts, hats and sun glasses! Bring on the vacay!

Staff VS Students day

White out Wednesday- a blizzard in March? Dress in all white!

Throwback Thursday- Dress for any decade! 80s... 90s... whatever!

Formal Friday- break out your best duds for formal Friday!

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Day 4 Wear a toque/hat 	5 Day 5 Tibert le Voyageur Wear a plaid/checked shirt 	6 Day 6 Kuamini Lunch Rm 18 Wear a sash 	7 Day 1 Wear a beard 	8 Day 2 Wear it all and you're a Voyageur! 	9
						
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Kuamini Lunch Rm 18	14 Day 6 Student Led Conferences (Evening)	15 Day 1 Student Led Conferences (No School)	16
						
17	18 Day 2 Mismatch Monday 	19 Day 3 Tropical Tuesday 	20 Day 4 Kuamini Lunch Rm 18 White Out Wednesday 	21 Day 5 Throwback Thursday	22 Day 6 Last day before Spring Break Formal Friday	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						

UPCOMING DATES

April 1 – Classes resume after Spring Break

April 3, 10, 17 and 24 - Kuamini Lunch Rm 18

April 8 – 12 – Mobile Vision Clinic

April 19 – Common Closure Day – NO SCHOOL

April 24 – PAC Meeting 6:30 in the library; Parent input into school planning for 2024-2025

SCHOOL PATROLS

Schedule:

March 4 – 8

Squad C

March 11 – 14

Squad A

March 18 – 22

Squad B