



# The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of École Luxton School

# NOV 2024

"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

École Luxton School recognizes the leadership and service of **Rita Legary**. Rita has been the lunch program coordinator for the Luxton Parent Advisory Council since 2007. Although we began a school-run program this year, Rita had graciously consented to stay for two months to help us transition to the new program. Rita told me "I'm going to miss these kids!" and promised to stop by and see everyone in the days ahead.

Thank you to the parents/guardians who taking an active role with the Luxton Parent Advisory Council (PAC). We are truly fortunate as a school community to have such support. A new opportunity for parent or community member to volunteer has arisen: an ad hoc committee to build a natural play area on the east side of the property. Please get in touch with me if you are keen on taking part.

**Jodi Kelsh** will be resuming her position as learning support teacher in November. We thank **Donna Last** for working with our students at Luxton.

We are also saying a farewell in November to **Tami Berg, Nicole Normandeau, and Anna Nepolda**. They have been at Luxton as part of the *Diagnostic Learning Team*, providing small-group instruction in

reading, writing and word study, as well as learning strategies, for a group of students in grades three to six. The instruction has been ongoing every afternoon for 10 weeks.

We have all appreciated the fair October weather, but as we head toward colder temperatures, it's worth remembering that at École Luxton School, students will go outside every day at recess no matter the weather - only when temperatures are extreme do we stay inside. Outdoor play is valuable and fresh air is healthy. We believe in outdoor play and education and encourage students to enjoy their environment. Thank you to our guidance counsellor **Kim Zeglinski** for organizing the winter clothing exchange. As we approach the colder months, please be sure your child has a toque that covers ears, a heavy jacket for warmth, snow pants, insulated gloves or mittens suitable for handling snow, snow boots, and warm socks. Having extra dry clothes in the backpack or locker is also a great idea. If you're struggling to provide these necessities, contact our family centre.

W. Nickerson  
Directeur / Principal

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



Nous nous souviendrons.  
We remember.

In November, we will honour the sacrifices made for peace in our Remembrance Day service. The service will focus on the theme *Service, Courage and Sacrifice – At home, around the world and across generations*. 2024 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

A CAF Corporal Ola Babolola is coming to Luxton to speak to our middle years students about life in the Canadian military.

The ceremony will take place on **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 10:45 AM. Our music teacher, Ms Drewniak, has put together a student choir to sing at the event.

## SAFE ARRIVAL

*Safe Arrival* is the system the school uses to verify student attendance. It's easy to report your child's absence. With Safe Arrival, please report your child's absence in advance using any of three convenient 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> ).
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 the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

All calls to the Safe Arrival system should be made before 9:00 AM or after 4:30 PM.

When the system calls you regarding your child's absence, listen to the whole message and respond at the end. It is not necessary to call the school if you follow the prompts.

## UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE SNACK PROGRAM

At the start of October, Luxton began offering a snack new program. Any child can have the food that is available. Long-time staff member, **Carolyn Lotz**, has taken on the role of Luxton's food coordinator. High quality, nutritious snacks are made available to classrooms in snack bins each morning. We are observing all guidelines for food safety. The program is supported by funds from the Winnipeg School Division as well as a grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba.

## ÉLS NO FEE LUNCH SUPERVISION PROGRAM



The Luxton No Fee Lunch Supervision Program is well underway. If your child needs to stay at school during lunch time, please remember to register them at <https://forms.office.com/r/w3fEsfA24E> or scan the QR code. Please remember that the lunch program provides supervision, but not food. Students must bring their own lunch. For more information go to our school website and look under Programs and Initiatives tab – Luxton No-Fee Lunch Supervision.

## LOST AND FOUND EMERGENCY!

Our lost and found is overflowing! Please stop by the main hall of the school and check if any items belong to your child.



## PHOTO RETAKES



Photo Retakes will take place on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, in the morning. If your child missed the first photo session or requires a retake. Parents with a student in the afternoon Nursery and Kindergarten program can bring their child at 8:45 AM on retake day to have their photo retaken.

# MUSIC

- Ms. Drewniak

This year in music we're reading and writing rhythms, learning how to play instruments, writing songs, and refining routines in dance. The students enjoyed the "Wednesday Dance", and we just finished "Better When I'm Dancing".

The primary students will continue learning singing games, that include movements, patterns and rhythms. We are exploring how syllables can create a variety of rhythms. We learned new songs and games, including ways that animals move to show expression within the music.

The intermediate students have begun to write their own recorder music using rhythms and words, creating tunes using notes that they are familiar with. They will continue to practice their skills for writing and reading music on the staff. Our composer study was about George Frideric Handel and included writing a lifeline, viewing listening maps, movement, comparing and analyzing selections, and creating their own visual of a piece of his musical work. The students in grade 5-7 classes are working on completing their small group dances, choosing their own song and writing choreography to present to each other.

We have a choir group that has been rehearsing a song for the Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 8. We will begin working on our class performances and choir selections for the Winter concert in December. Hope to see you at the school and I look forward to the students' performances.

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

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION \*\*October Highlights and Upcoming Events\*\*

As we embrace the vibrant season of October, our Physical Education program has been bustling with exciting activities and events. Here's a recap of what we've accomplished and what's coming up!

### **Soccer Tournament:**

We kicked off the month with an exhilarating soccer tournament featuring our Grade 4, 5, and 6 students. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young athletes to showcase their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We were thrilled to see so many students participating and supporting each other!



### **Thanksgiving Celebration:**

Midway through the month, we celebrated Thanksgiving with fun-themed games in the gym. These activities encouraged teamwork and gratitude, allowing students to engage in friendly competition while reflecting on the spirit of the holiday. It was heartwarming to see everyone come together to enjoy a day of laughter and movement.

### **Spook Gym:**

To wrap up October, we transformed the gym into a "Spook Gym" filled with Halloween-themed physical activities. Students enjoyed a variety of games that combined fitness with festive fun, ensuring a memorable end to the month.



### **Looking Ahead: November -Volleyball Tournament:**

We're excited to announce that Luxton School has been invited to participate in a Volleyball Tournament hosted by Machray School this November. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their volleyball skills, learn the importance of teamwork, and represent our school. Further details will be shared as we approach the event.

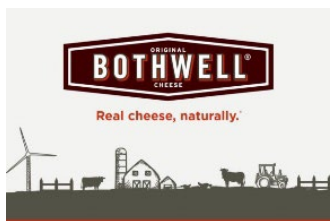
Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our students' physical education journey. We look forward to another month filled with activity, growth, and fun!

Keep fit and have fun,

Mr. Kay

# ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Little Caesars pizza fundraiser!



Back by popular demand ... **Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser**

Watch for blue order forms heading home with your students soon. Orders need to be returned to the school by Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> no later than 4:00 PM and will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.

Shelmerdine's Wreath, Door Swag, Poinsettia and Gift Cards

Sneak Peek at the next PAC fundraiser... Order all your decorative needs from Shelmerdine's and help support the school. Official launch of this fundraiser is Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and you can order until Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. You can either choose to pick up your order from the Green House or have it shipped to the school for pick up on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> between 3:30-4:30 PM.

Now for the spoiler alert -- **the link went live early** so feel free to beat the rush and **order today**. Remember we are **listed under E for École Luxton School** when you select the school.

Order here: <https://fundraisers.shelmerdine.com/shop-fundraisers/>

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULING WITH SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

In November, École Luxton School will use *School Interviews*, a web-based app used for organizing parent conferences. November features *Tri-Conferences*, a format where parents, grades 1 – 7 students, and teachers talk together about student progress and achievement. It's a three-way conversation. In Nursery and Kindergarten, the format is more traditional parent-teacher conferences, a meeting between teacher and parent to discuss growth and achievement.

These conferences will be held on the evening of **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** and during the day on **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Each appointment will be a maximum of ten minutes long and will be held in-person. Report cards will be distributed electronically at the latest on **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Please book these conferences in the School Interviews App with your child's classroom teacher. Appointments with specialist teachers are available and you can see them just dropping in (Mr. Kaye, Physical Education; Ms. Drewniak, Music; Mr. McCartney, Ms. Castelli-Harms, Ms. Kelsh, Ms. Zeglinski, Mr. Nickerson).

When you click on the link below, you will be able to access your account or create a new one. Then, you can enter your children's names and schedule interview times. Once you choose and confirm interview times, you will receive an email confirmation message with connection information. You can save the appointment in your smartphone calendar.

Please follow this link to schedule your conferences:

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/vwsbs>

### SHELMERDINE Winter Fundraiser Program

POINSETTIA \$20	DOOR SWAG \$40	WREATH \$45	GIFT CARD \$25, \$50, \$100
<p><b>2 OPTIONS AVAILABLE</b> <b>PICK UP AT ORGANIZATION</b> Available in 5 dazzling colours, Shelmerdine grown poinsettias come in 6.5" pots and are festively decorated with an elegant pot cover!</p> <p><b>REDEEM A VOUCHER IN STORE</b> Purchase a Poinsettia Voucher and choose your own from our large selection of colours and varieties. Redeem in store before December 23, 2024.</p>	<p><b>2 OPTIONS AVAILABLE</b> <b>PICK UP AT ORGANIZATION</b> Fragrant, fresh and finished with a bow! These door swags are 24"-30" long and contain Shelmerdine's signature blend of pine, balsam, cedar and fir. When used outdoors, they will last through the holiday season!</p> <p><b>REDEEM A VOUCHER IN STORE</b> Purchase a Door Swag Voucher and redeem in store before December 23, 2024.</p>	<p><b>2 OPTIONS AVAILABLE</b> <b>PICK UP AT ORGANIZATION</b> Fragrant, fresh and finished with a bow! Complete with pine cones, this mixed greens wreath is perfect for decorating your front door or to hang anywhere outdoors. The wreath form is 14" and outer diameter of greens is approximately 23".</p> <p><b>REDEEM A VOUCHER IN STORE</b> Purchase a Wreath Voucher and redeem in store before December 23, 2024.</p>	<p>Shelmerdine Gift Cards never expire and can be used towards almost everything in the store - from plants to decorative pots, gifts, garden tools, fountains and fashion. Gift cards will be distributed by your organization.</p> <p>Available in \$25, \$50 &amp; \$100 increments.</p>

**ONLINE ORDERING** Buy poinsettias, door swags, gift cards or vouchers online! Simply share the link to your organization's fundraiser with family and friends. Secure payment is taken right on our website.

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## WINTER CRAFT CLUB

Are you a crafty guardian/parent that would be able to volunteer during the school day? Please contact Ms Howard at [khoward@wsd1.org](mailto:khoward@wsd1.org) by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, as we are coordinating a holiday craft morning in early December and looking for some parent volunteers to run a station and/or move around with groups of children from classroom to classroom to help them make winter/holiday themed crafts. Ms Howard will need the following information: Your name and your volunteer preference (leading a craft / supporting students with making a craft).

All craft supplies will be provided. The date is to be determined but will take place during one morning in December. Please let Ms Howard know if you are only available on certain mornings to better help coordinate the date.

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Howard



## MAKER SPACE CLUB

Calling all engineers! We will be having a Makers Spaces Club for **grades 3-4** students on Wednesdays at lunch. If you love building, creating, and designing please sign up! Permission slips will go home **November 4<sup>th</sup>** and will be **due November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please return to Mrs. Chan. A random selection of students will be drawn from the returned Permission Slips on November 7<sup>th</sup>, if there is more interest than space available. The club will run on Wednesdays at lunch in the library beginning **November 13<sup>th</sup> until December 11<sup>th</sup>**, inclusive.

Thank you!

Mrs. Chan



## DANCE CLUB NEWS

Dance Club has started up again and currently open to students in grades 4-7. We will be practicing at lunch hours in the Music Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get ready to perform. Students may still sign up if they are interested, forms are available in Room 7.

Ms. Kuyp



## ESD CLUB

### Recycling



ESD Club will be starting up soon. It will be student initiated with guidance from staff. With the expansion of lunch program, we will be focusing on recycling and composting to start.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 18?

## In ELA

We are **writers**. We are creating our own pages using the anchor book:

We are **readers**. We are reading "Just Right" books on our own, to each other, and with our learning buddies. We are reading together. We have read 18 books, including our latest suspenseful book, The Skull by Winnipeg's own creator Jon Klassen.



## In Math

We are **builders and problem solvers** during our learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We are learning **math language** as we discover how to name and recognize patterns.

## In Science

We are **engineers**. We are learning what makes structures stronger (folding, stacking, triangulation). We help each other by adding ideas together.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 18? (continued)

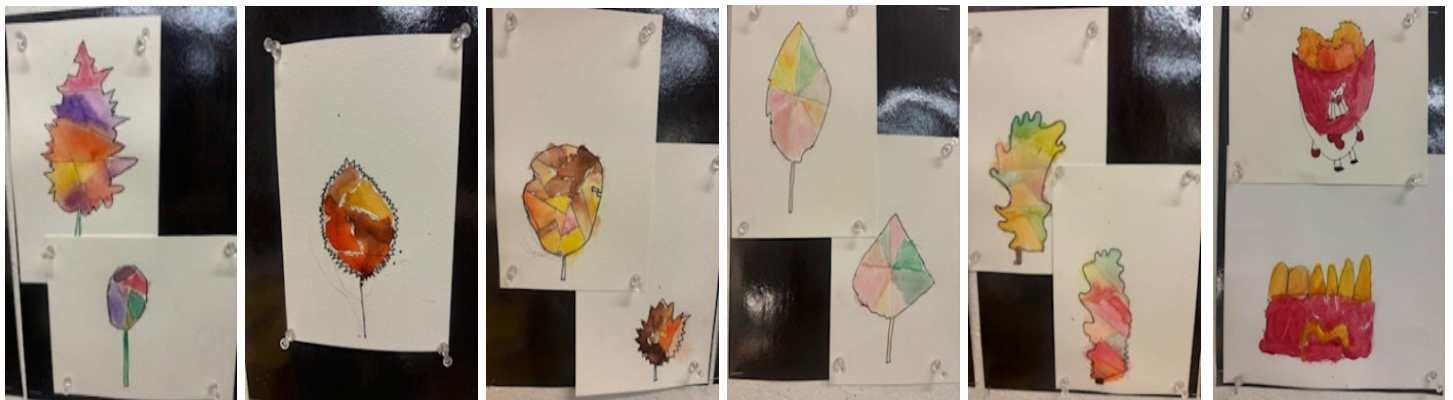
## In Social Studies

We are **cartographers**. We are learning about countries in the world. We are **researchers**. We are doing a research project on a country of our choice!



## In Art

We use watercolour to create!



## Scholastic Book Fair

École Luxton School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school library. Each student will be bringing a flyer home shortly with more information about the Book Fair.



Scholastic Book Fairs

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 8

Room 8 (12) has been busy celebrating several holidays during the month of October. For Thanksgiving, we talked about what we were thankful for and compiled a list of French words to write on turkey feathers, demonstrating the things we are thankful for such as family (famille), friends (amis), and many other things! After we gobbled up the task, we decided to have some fun and construct our own turkey hats using fall colours to create a festive look!

For Halloween, we practiced new spooktacular French vocabulary to really get us in the spirit of the day. The students learned a new song that goes to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down" and created our own version of it using the Halloween vocabulary taught in the classroom. The students crafted their own personal versions by choosing 8 Halloween words to follow within the song pattern. In French, it's called "Qui a peur de la sorcière?", but in English it translates to "Who's afraid of the witch?"

Who's afraid of the witch?	<b>Qui a peur de la sorcière?</b>
Of the witch?	<b>De la sorcière?</b>
Of the witch?	<b>De la sorcière?</b>
Who's afraid of the witch?	<b>Qui a peur de la sorcière?</b>
No, it is not me!	<b>Non, ce n'est pas moi!</b>



# FAMILY CENTRE

With the weather getting colder, come and stop by the Family Centre (Room 66). The coffee is always on. We're always happy to see you and meet new parents.

We're open Monday to Friday – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM unless otherwise posted.

Don't hesitate to make suggestions. We're always looking for parent input on activities at the Family Centre, such as Food Bingo, Painting Class, Potlucks, or just getting together for coffee/tea and conversation.



# MARY KARDASH CHILD CARE CENTRE

Mary Kardash Child Care Centre currently has **TERM** openings (until June 27, 2025) in their School Age Program (starting in grade 1). Please contact Colleen at 204-989-4752 for more information.

Reminder – MKCCC is **closed** on Friday, November 8.



# LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTER FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM



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

**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



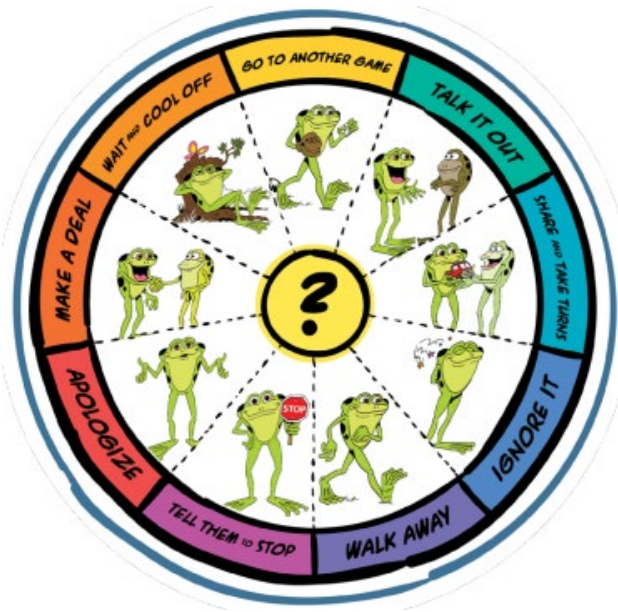


# MS ZEGLINSKI'S COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Ms Zeglinski has purchased the *Kelso's Choice—Conflict Management* curriculum, to support our students in gaining valuable interpersonal skills. Following, are some of the student goals we will be working on together:

- Students will differentiate between minor and serious problems.
- Students will be able to understand the source of conflict when they are experiencing a minor problem.
- Students will be able to describe their personal reaction to conflict.
- Students will develop the skills necessary to solve minor problems.
- Students will understand which of the choices works best for them.
- Students will be able to identify adults who are in their personal safety support system.

I may be reached at 204-589-4368 or [kzeglinski@wsd1.org](mailto:kzeglinski@wsd1.org). Please refer to my counselling website for more information about school counselling at École Luxton School. <https://sites.google.com/wsd1.org/luxton-counselling>



## KID VOX— This month's theme is "Conflict."

Don't swear.

Put-downs about how I look really hurt my feelings.

When I fall down, I like when kids check to see if I'm OK.

I'm no snitch. I don't want to tell on people.

I try to ignore it and walk away but it's hard sometimes.

Kids asking me what's wrong overwhelms me. I need to be left alone when I'm sad.

Playing rough is fun but sometimes people just take it too far.

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1/ Day 6 PD Day NO SCHOOL	2
3	4/ Day 1	5/ Day 2	6/ Day 3	7/ Day 4	8/ Day 5 Remembrance Day Ceremony  MKCC - closed	9
10	11 Remembrance Day 	12/ Day 6	13/ Day 1  Maker Space Club at lunch	14/ Day 2	15/ Day 3	16
17	18/ Day 4	19/ Day 5	20/ Day 6 Maker Space Club at lunch  Photo retakes	21/ Day 1  Triad Conferences in evening	22/ Day 2  Triad Conferences AM	23
Scholastic Book Fair in the Library						
24	25/ Day 3	26/ Day 4  PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in the library	27/ Day 5  Maker Space Club at lunch	28/ Day 6	29/ Day 1	30

## Upcoming Dates in December

- 3 - PAC Bothwell cheese and Shelmerdine's Fundraiser Pickup.
- 4 - Maker Space Club meeting at Lunch
- 11 - Winter Concert – Gr. 1 to 7; 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM
- 20 – Last day of School before Winter Break
- 23 – January 3 Winter Break

