The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of

École Luxton School

Nov. 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Members of the École Luxton School Community,

It is hard to believe that two months have already passed since the start of the school year and that November is upon us! Traditionally, report cards are sent home in November, followed by tri-conferences. However, there will be a change to the reporting schedule this term. Please see page two of this newsletter for further details.

As our school community continues to grow, we have experienced an increase in student enrolment across several grade levels. While we are excited to welcome new students and families to École Luxton, this growth also brings additional demands on our classrooms and staff. We have been advocating for additional support to help us meet the evolving needs of our students, and we are pleased to share some updates.

To help address the growing enrolment in our English Early Years classrooms, we will be opening an additional Grade 1/2 classroom this week. After much thought and careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to locate this classroom in Room 66, also known as the Family Centre.

We recognize how important the Family Centre is to our school community. Please know that this decision was not made lightly. Unfortunately, Room 66 is the only viable space currently available to accommodate an additional classroom. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment this change may cause.

Provincial guidelines provide direction regarding classroom size, and it is our responsibility to ensure that we are meeting these requirements while providing the best possible learning environment for our students. We are currently exploring alternative locations for activities that have traditionally taken place in the Family Centre. For example, the Luxton Literacy Program will begin meeting in the school library this month. We will also work collaboratively with our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to identify alternative arrangements for other activities, including the Fun Lunch organizational hub. We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we work through these changes.

We are also seeing increased enrolment in our Nursery/Kindergarten program. Our two existing classes have grown considerably, and we have requested additional support to help meet the needs of our youngest learners. We are pleased to share that we will be opening a third English Nursery/Kindergarten classroom in the afternoon. Details are still being finalized, and we will be reaching out to families in these grades soon with additional information.

We are grateful for the continued support and partnership of our school community. As École Luxton School continues to grow, we remain committed to making thoughtful decisions that prioritize the learning, well-being, and success of our students.

Yours in education,

Madame Kutcher & Ms. Gilman

FRAGRANCE-FREE SCHOOL

Please note that École Luxton School is a fragrance-free school. We have staff that are severely allergic to scented products. Please do NOT wear any scented products when you are visiting the school. Even a brief visit to the office by someone wearing a scent can have adverse effects on our staff. Thanks for your cooperation in helping to keep all our school community safe.



REPORT CARD DATE CHANGE

The Winnipeg School Division has transitioned from its previous student information system to PowerSchool. As this new system is implemented across the division, there will also be changes to the report card process. Information about how to access your child's report card will be shared soon.

To support a smooth transition and align with other schools in the division, **report cards will go home on December 2, 2026.**

Tri-conferences (parent-teacher-student) will take place as previously scheduled on the evening of November 19th and the morning of November 20th, 2026.

These conferences will provide a valuable opportunity for students, families, and teachers to celebrate learning, discuss progress, and identify next steps together.

NEW STAFF

Jeph Niragire - Grades 7/8 French Immersion (room 27)



Hello Luxton community,

My name is Mr./Coach Jeph, I am super excited to join the Luxton Community. I am new to Winnipeg from Montreal, Quebec.

I am starting my 10th year as a teacher this year with grades 7/8 French Immersion here at Luxton school.

I am a passionate fitness instructor. I also like coaching international sports!

Coach/Mr. Jeph

Mellisa Porco – Grade 1 / 2 Teacher (room 66)

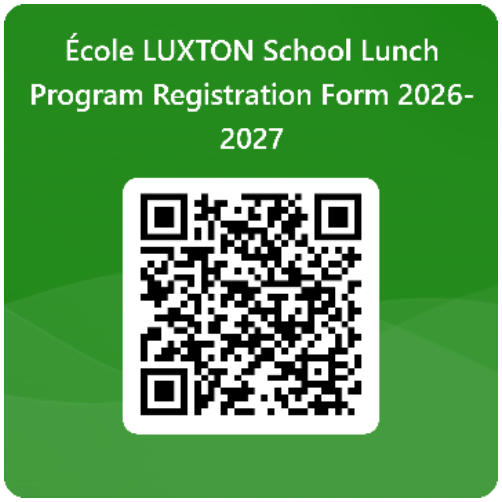


Hello! My name is Mrs. Mellisa Porco, and I am very excited to join the Luxton School community as a Grade 1/ 2 teacher in room 66.

I have been teaching for 9 years and have had the opportunity to teach grades 1,2 and 4. Outside of school, I love spending time with my husband, my dog, and my family. I enjoy going to my family's cottage in the summer months.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the students, families, and staff at Luxton.
Mrs. Porco

NO-FEE LUNCH PROGRAM



The Luxton No Fee Lunch Supervision Program is running again this year. If your child needs to stay at school during lunch time, please register them at École LUXTON School Lunch Program Registration Form 2026-2027 – Fill out form or scan the QR code**. ***All students need to be registered for this school year.**

Please remember that the lunch program provides supervision, but not lunch. 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 behaviours 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.

Students not registered must leave the school grounds and not return to the school grounds before 1:25pm. Please remember the lunch hour is from 12:30pm to 1:25pm this year.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

SCHEDULE:

Students will eat at tables in the hallways and will be supervised by educational assistants.

- Grades 1 to 3 will eat lunch between 12:30 PM & 1:00 PM and go outside from 1:00 PM to 1:25 PM
- Grades 4 to 8 will go outside between 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM and eat lunch from 1:00 PM to 1:25 PM

Several children and staff at Luxton have life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Our goal is to provide a safe classroom and school for all students. Please assist us in ensuring that your child's lunches and snacks are nut-free.

SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM

****Please note there have been technical issues with the SafeArrival system over the last few days. Your child/children may not appear in the list in the app or you may have experienced other issues. We apologize for any inconvenience. The Winnipeg School Division is aware and is working on rectifying the issue.**

If your child/children will be absent from school, please enter their absences in SafeArrival using any of these three methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger 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 select **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, https://go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then select **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. If you as a parent or guardian have questions about SafeArrival, please contact the school office or consult the document linked below.

Communicate - Parent Guide - Mobile App WD.PDF

SchoolMessenger_SafeArrival_Family_FAQ.pdf

MICHIF LANGUAGE PROGRAM

As part of Winnipeg School Division's ongoing commitment to Indigenous Education and reconciliation, we are pleased to provide opportunities for students to learn Michif, the Métis language and Métis culture.

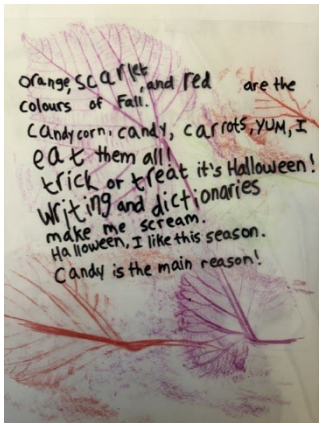
A Michif Language Teacher, Ms. Lambert, works with students in rooms 20, 24 and 25 providing opportunities to hear and engage with the language while learning about Métis culture, history and traditions. The goal is to build students' awareness of Michif and provide meaningful exposure to the language in a welcoming and engaging learning environment.

Michif is an important part of Métis identity, culture and heritage. Language learning begins with exposure and experiences such as listening to stories, singing songs, learning words and phrases, and participating in cultural activities. These opportunities help students become familiar with Michif, build connections to Métis culture and understand the importance of keeping the language alive for future generations.

Winnipeg School Division is committed to creating learning environments where Indigenous languages, cultures and perspectives are recognized, valued and celebrated. Thank you for supporting our efforts to strengthen students' understanding and appreciation of Michif language and Métis culture.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Room 9 and 13



We have been continuing to explore how seasons change our environment, from clothing we wear, what the weather is like with different extremes, and what the clouds bring to us. Students liked measuring the teacher's shadow at different times and talked about how the shape and height changes throughout the day. We learned about the angle of the sunlight on Earth, its effect on our planet, revolution and rotation, day and night, and how we move through space.

Reading and language – Students in room 9 are working on choral reading, novel studies, and word families. We have talked about contractions and "tion" words. Students in Room 13 are working on poetry, including Fall poems, our Words their Way spelling program, and exploring books related to the Halloween season. We LOVED Stumpkin and even did some artwork inspired by his story.

Math- Students in room 9 have been experiencing money counting and skip counting of 5 and 10's (nickels and dimes). We are working on our understanding of parts of a whole with fruit, one piece of 3 = 1/3, and that 4 quarters = 1 dollar. Students in Room 13 have been skip counting, patterning, counting to 100, and working hard on our Halloween math.

Both classes will be counting, graphing, and sorting pumpkin seeds, while being curious about how a pumpkin grows.

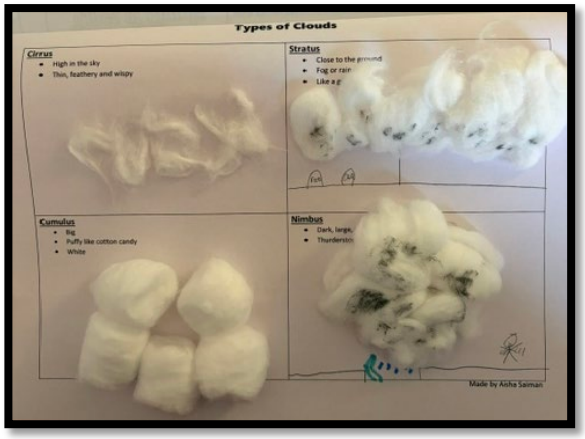
Students will continue to work on learning about their community and neighbourhood, what is available, and around them.

Next month we will learn about getting along and peace practices for positive living together.

Art- This month we had fun with cheesecloth ghosts, pumpkin design and creation, water colour pumpkin painting, and room 9 did some leaf lacing.











STUDENT VOTE 2026

On October 27th, students from grades 4-8 participated in Student Vote, a student version of the municipal election. 138 students cast their ballots. Our election numbers were very similar to the general election held on October 28th. In the Student Votes election, both Scott Gillingham and Natalie Smith won. Scott Gillingham won for mayor with 15% of the total votes cast, and Natalie Smith won for councillor with 33% of the votes cast.



Photo by Theresa Meinders


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Students from Room 20 and Room 25 ran the voting station. They had jobs from checking names off the voting list, to handing out ballots, to ensuring that everyone knew where to vote as well as where to put their completed ballots. It was wonderful to see everyone in action. Matt Henderson, the Superintendent of the Winnipeg School Division, stopped in to visit the voting process. In his weekly update to the division, he wrote "I was struck by the deep dives into platforms, mock elections (like the one hosted by the cool cats at Luxton), and the number of our buildings hosting polling stations."

Mme Horsman and I are very proud of the work the students did to run the polling station, and the real, engaging participation of all the students in Grades 4-8. Until next time.


Photo by Matt Henderson

LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (C.C.)

FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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.

LUXTON C.C. GYM NIGHT

Please check your child's backpack for information about Luxton C.C.'s gym nights that will be starting on November 12.

ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL PAC

A huge **thank-you** to all the parents and guardians who joined us for our October AGM! We had great attendance and important discussions took place. Elections were also held, and we're excited to introduce the **2026–2027 PAC Executives**:

MEET YOUR PAC EXECUTIVE!

ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL | 2026–2027

CHAIR Carissa G.	**VICE-CHAIR** Onyi A.
SECRETARY Reesa S.	**TREASURER** Simon H.
FUNDRAISING CO-COORDINATORS Jill S. & Angie H.	**COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR** Kim S.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Next PAC Meeting is:
Wednesday, November 25, 2026 | 6:30 PM | School Library (2nd Floor)

Fundraiser Update: We have a lot of great fundraisers on the go… there's something for everybody!

Mitchell's Soup Co.
- Deadline: Place your online order by Monday, November 2nd
- Order Link: Click here to order Mitchell's Soup

Manitoba Moose Game Outing
- Date: Sunday, November 22nd | Details: Join other Luxton Families at the game!
- Some families are sitting in Section 124! | Tickets: Manitoba Moose - Powered by Spinzo

PAC Bake Sale — Calling All Bakers!
- Details: We are having a bake sale during Tri-Conferences on November 19th & 20th. We need volunteer bakers to make this event a success! | To Register: Email Jill at **jill.a.stockwell@gmail.com** or Kim at **Kimberlys_25@yahoo.com**

Purdy's Chocolates
- Details: Support our school while stocking up on sweet treats! | Shop Link: Shop the Purdy's Chocolate Campaign

Fun Lunch: Our next Fun Lunch is **SUBWAY!** This will happen on Tuesday November 24th. Order forms will be going home soon!

IMPORTANT UPDATE: PAC has recently learned that the School Division is in the process of **closing the Family Centre** to make room for a new classroom. If you would like to discuss this change, or want to learn how to share your feedback, please reach out to us: **Luxton.pac@gmail.com**

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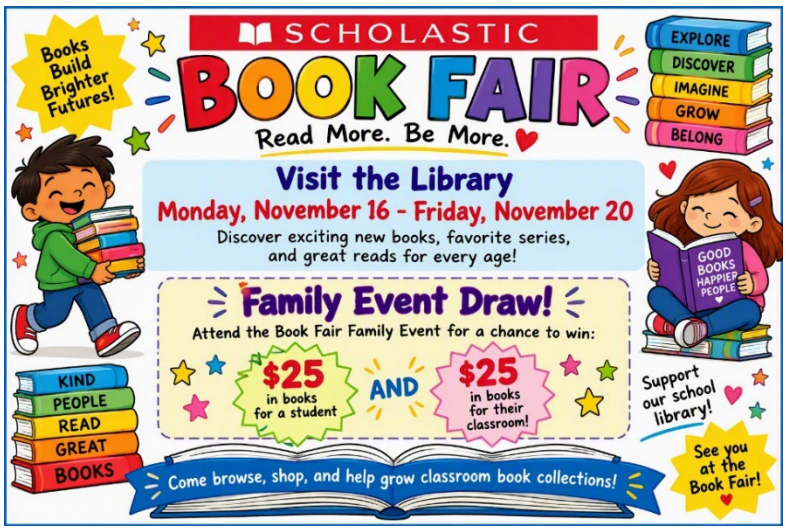
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LIBRARY NEWS – COME *CHECK IT OUT*!

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives at École Luxton School during the week November 9th and will be open for preview the week of the Triad Conferences. Please check student backpacks for notes and flyers for more information about the book fair which will be set up in the library from Monday, November 16th to Friday, November 20th. All sales from the book fair will provide new books for the library.

Thank you for your support.

Arlene Bell
Library Technician





NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4 Swimming Counts in-school session (grade 4s)	5 / Day 5	6 / Day 6	7
8	9 / Day 1 Hearing screening (Kindergarten students)	10 / Day 2 Remembrance Day Service 11:00am	11 Remembrance Day  **NO SCHOOL**	12 / Day 3 Hearing screening (Kindergarten) Swimming Counts pool session (gr. 4s)	13 / Day 4	14
15	16 / Day 5 Hearing screening (Kindergarten students)	17 / Day 6	18/ Day 1	19 / Day 2 Rms 20, 24, 25 to Fort Whyte Triad Conferences – 4:00 to 7:30 PM	20/ Day 3 Triad Conferences 9AM to 11:30AM Non-Instructional Day **NO SCHOOL**	21
	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library					
22	23 / Day 4	24 / Day 5 Subway Fun Lunch	25 / Day 6 Picture Retake Day PAC meeting 6:30PM (library)	26 / Day 1 Swimming Counts gr. 4s 	27 / Day 2 Grade 5/6 Volleyball	28
29	30 / Day 3					

UPCOMING DATES

- Wednesday, December 2 – Primary Winter Craft Day
- Wednesday, December 2 – Report cards released
- Thursday, December 3 – Grade 4s Swimming Counts
- Wednesday, December 9 – Winter concert in the afternoon and evening
- Thursday, December 17 – PAC Movie Night
- Friday, December 18 – Last day of school before Winter Break
- Monday, December 21 – January 4 – Winter Break

SCHOOL CLOSURE/PD DAYS 2026-2027

- **Friday, November 20: Tri-conferences**
- Monday, January 18: PD day
- Friday, February 5: PD day
- **Friday, March 19: Student-Led Conferences**
- Friday, April 16: PD day
- Friday, May 7: PD day
- Friday, June 4: Administrative day

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(While appointments last)

Monday to Friday (9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3:30pm)

November 2 - 27, 2026

(Closed November 11th)

Registered online last year? Type **pdh.link2feed.ca** in the address bar
Use your email and password to book your appointment

Registering for the very first time? Type **pdh.link2feed.ca** in the address bar
Follow the online instructions

No internet? Call (204) 946-9491

For questions only, not registration
ToyMountain.Winnipeg@salvationarmy.ca

LOST AND FOUND REPORT

If your child is missing an article of clothing or lunch kit items please come by and check our Lost and Found items. Do any of these items look familiar?















