



# The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of  
École Luxton School

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Luxton Families!

I want to share with all families that I am feeling so fortunate to be a school leader in a school with such a committed, sincere and talented staff. Furthermore, Luxton students and caregivers have been so generous in offering support for our school.

September has been a month of establishing routines and launching learning. We're focused on supporting positive behaviour that leads to classrooms that are calm, engaged, and learning.

### **Playground**

Our school year is off to a tremendous start. The Mary Kardash Child Care Centre funded an extension to the playground in front. Playgrounds-R-Us installed the new equipment, including a place to balance on, climb over, rock back and forth, and crawl under. There's even a communication board for those who need it. The play structure is surrounded by a deep layer of natural wood fibre. Our youngest Luxton students are buzzing about the chance to try out the new structures.

### **Family Centre**

The Family Centre (affectionately called 'Room 66') is restarting programming on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in October. The centre has offered early years literacy programming for caregivers and incoming preschoolers, as well as adult programming. Ms. Banasiuk is coordinating the resumption of programming. At Luxton, we're very excited about this relaunch.

### **Technology**

In the classroom, we've also renewed a few pieces of technology that have been aging out. The music room's video projector quit, but she now has a large screen monitor in its place. We've added three new document cameras in classrooms and replaced some obsolete iPads. Our next goal is to refresh our supply of Chromebooks so that we have one for each student in grades 3-6, and to outfit our gymnasium with a A/V system.

### **Books and Resources**

Our French Immersion programme is new and it will take time for the school to acquire the books and resources it needs to support the program. However, we received funds from the French Revitalization Grant, and we are in the process of acquiring books. We've also ordered books for our English program students with a credit we have from Scholastic Book Fairs.

### **Clubs and Sports**

Patrols are a great opportunity for student leadership. Thank you to Mrs. DerochieLotz and Ms. Prince for leading our patrols this year. Ms. Howard and Mrs. Chan are restarting an extracurricular opportunity called Kuamini. Thanks to Mr. Kay for getting intermural soccer up and running!

### **Provincial Election**

Get out and exercise your right to vote on Manitoba provincial election day, **Tuesday, October 3**. Please note that schools in Manitoba are closed on Tuesday. Luxton's gym will host one of the polling stations.

W. Nickerson, Ph.D.  
Directeur / Principal

# ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRUTH AND SUPPORTING THE RESURGENCE

This week École Luxton School staff and students engaged in conversations about the legacy of the residential school system in Canada. They visited with elders at the Kapamayak Achaak Healing Forest at St. John's Park.

Around a fire, the students learned about the significance of ceremony and medicine, and how residential schools were designed to eradicate Indigenous cultures. Our students tied orange ribbons to our front fence and wore orange shirts to signify our school's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

In our classrooms, we acknowledge the historic harm caused to Indigenous people. Our classrooms are also places where, beyond wearing an orange shirt on one day, we work towards children attaining their share of Mamàhtawisiwin (*The Good Life*).



In early October, students will explore the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada. It contains opportunities for students to see the cultural geography of Canada before colonization, and a timeline chronicling the changes over time.

## DANCE CLUB!

Dance club for grades 4 - 5 - 6 will begin every Friday beginning on October 13. Students will learn choreography to be presented at the winter concert. Permission forms will be coming home soon. Contact Ms. Kuyp if you have any questions.



# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

## Lunch Program

The PAC lunch program has succeeded in clearing the waiting list, as two new lunch program supervisors were hired. Now, the lunch program is full to capacity, but the students who had been on the waiting list have been accommodated. Please remember, École Luxton School strives to be nut free so please avoid sending any products that contain nuts in your child's lunch. Please remember to send cutlery with your child's lunch.

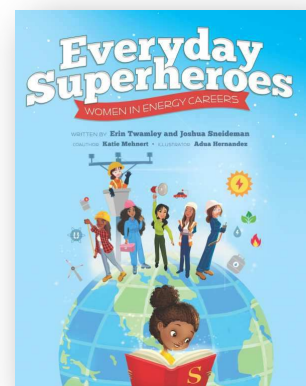
**October Fees: \$28.00**

## SCIENCE LITERACY

Thank you to Science First and author, **Erin Twamley**, who presented to Grades 5 and 6 students on September 21 for Science Literacy Week.



Ms Twamley gifted signed copies of her books to our school including her newest book, *Everyday Superheroes: Women in Energy Careers*.



Ms. Twamley's presentation highlighted many engaging careers that students could pursue in the energy sector. For more information about Science First, visit: <https://www.sciencefirst.ca/>.

For more about author Erin Twamley, please visit: <https://erintwamley.com/>

Students in Rooms 24 (Ellana) and 27 (Prince) will also travel to the Inner City Science Lab to take part in programming there, starting in October.

## MINECRAFT

Pictured at right are members of Ms. Groff's class. They've been working with Corbin, a divisional technology support teacher to build a replica of Luxton School using Microsoft Education's Minecraft.



Minecraft is an open-world game that promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in an immersive environment where the only limit is imagination. Minecraft Education differs from the regular video game version. The classroom version contains features such as classroom mode and assessment tools that enable powerful learning experiences.



# COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

– K. Zeglinski

September was a busy month of counsellor classroom visits, and getting to know one another. We have been focussing on how to access counselling services with students who may wish a 1-on-1 session with me. As well, we have been discussing the concept of friends and colleagues. A colleague is someone we work with. Since the work of children is play, inclusive play is also expected of school colleagues. We never know when a colleague might become a friend.



Please continue to refer to my counselling website for more information about school counselling at École Luxton School. <https://sites.google.com/wsd1.org/luxton-counselling>

**AND...BIG NEWS from KIDTHINK!** <https://www.kidthink.ca/>



We're incredibly excited to launch a series of **FREE** live online workshops tailored for caregivers. And the best part? The workshops are led by KIDTHINK clinicians and are built to help you understand and support the young minds in your care. These sessions are available at no cost to you thanks to the generosity of the Bell Let's Talk Community Fund!

## Upcoming Workshops:

- **October 18th:** Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children | 5PM – 7PM
- **November 15th:** ADHD for Caregivers | 5PM – 7PM
- **December 20th:** Understanding Childhood Anxiety | 5PM – 7PM
- **January 17th:** Understanding Childhood OCD | 5PM – 7PM
- **February 21st:** Mindfulness for Children and Caregivers | 5PM - 6:30PM
- **March 20th:** Self-Regulation in Children | 5PM – 7PM
- **April 17th:** Parenting Tips for Healthy Sleep Habits | 5PM – 7PM
- **May 15th:** Understanding Depression in Youths | 5PM – 7PM
- **June 19th:** Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children | 5PM - 7PM

**How to Register:** Register now by going to the following website:

<https://www.kidthink.ca/events/category/workshops/>

To find out more about me & School Counselling services at École Luxton School, please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/wsd1.org/luxton-counselling>

## WINTER CLOTHING EXCHANGE



Bring your CLEAN, NEW or GENTLY USED winter clothing items to school for a **Winter Clothing Exchange** on Thursday, October 19. Come and select items for your family from 4 PM - 8 PM in the school's main hallway. (Please do not bring items before Thursday, October 19, as we do not have the room to store it.) Thank you for your support in getting everyone outfitted for winter.



## FOOD DRIVE

Please bring non-perishable food items to school—canned or jarred foods are preferred – during the month of October. Most-needed items: canned meat/fish, peanut butter & nut butter substitutes, soups, sauces, vegetables, and fruit.

## BUS RIDERSHIP

In October, students will learn school bus safety. They will learn how to safely cross streets to get to the bus, how to safely get on and off the bus, and to how to be aware of danger zones and blind spots.

They also learn how to behave while on the school bus. When our students go on field trips, they will know how to ride the bus safely.



## PICTURE DAY



Lifetouch offers these tips to help your child get ready picture day, held on **October 26<sup>th</sup>**:

- Help your child pick out clothes and colours that look good on them. After all, your child is the star of the photo—not their shirt -- so avoid slogans, logos, and big patterns.
- Glasses are okay! Lifetouch photographers know all the tricks to reduce glare.
- Any hairstyle works for Picture Day. Schedule haircuts a few weeks ahead of time to allow hair to grow back a little, or you can go for a fresh-cut look.
- Keep kids relaxed and ready to be themselves. Smiles can look fake if they're practiced ahead of time. Remember, smiles are like French Fries—they're better when they're fresh.
- Don't worry about "perfect"! That hair that always sticks up or a missing tooth shows your child just as they are right now—and you'll enjoy looking back on that for years to come.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS



## *Terry Fox School Run*

In the week of September 25 - 29, our whole school took part in the annual Terry Fox School Run during physical education classes with Mr. Kay.

Students learned about Terry Fox's courage and character. Students ran or walked around the school in support of Terry Fox and his vision of finding a cure for cancer.

## SCHOOL PATROLS

### Schedule:

October 2 – 6	TROOP A
October 9 – 13	TROOP B
October 16 - 20	TROOP C
October 25 – 29	TROOP A

## MONARCH TEACHER NETWORK

Facilitators from the Monarch Teacher Network came to École Luxton School to help our students learn about Monarch butterflies. Do you know how to distinguish a male from a female? The male monarchs have black dots on their hindwings, while the females have thicker black lines on their wings.



Students in Mrs. Chan's room 18 and Ms. Howard's Room 9 witnessed a caterpillar go through the life cycle, emerging from its Chrysalis and spreading its wings. These butterflies were released into the trees at the front of the school. The photograph on the right is the Room 18 Monarch.

From the presentation, students learned about butterfly migration, life span, functions, and habitat. They also learned that, because of human activity, their habitat is disappearing: lawns are no good, and neither are farmer's fields. In Mexico, deforestation is threatening the Monarchs. We can help by planting flowers and milkweed.

## VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOU!

School volunteers are essential to a healthy school community. If you are interested in volunteering in support of your child's class, generally in the school, and/or wish to apply to the École Luxton Parent Advisory Council to work as a lunch program supervisor, please contact [kzeglinski@wsd1.org](mailto:kzeglinski@wsd1.org) as a first step, to fill out the forms and receive the links for the required Winnipeg School Division trainings. We look forward to working together!



# KUAMINI

Hello École Luxton School Families,

We are happy to announce that our Kuamini Leadership group is back! Many years ago, a group of grade six students wanted to make a difference in their community. They chose the name “Kuamini”, which means “believe” in Swahili.

Kuamini is a Middle Years leadership group and the mandate of the group will be to research, plan, raise awareness, and raise funds for one local and one international or national initiative. Kuamini will be open to interested grade 6 students first, and then we will extend the invitation to any interested grade 5 and grade 4 students. Please speak with your child about this wonderful experience. Permission notes will be going home to interested students in the first week of October. Our first meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> over the lunch hour!

Thank you,

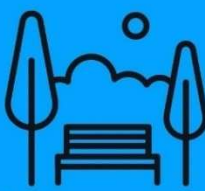
Ms. Ellana, Ms. Howard, and Mrs. Chan

## LUXTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BREAKFAST NEWS



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.



Luxton Community Centre  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Monday, October 2nd  
6:30pm  
@210 St. Cross Street





WE WELCOME YOU  
TO JOIN THE

# LUXTON FAMILY PROGRAM

A ROCK AND READ STYLE FAMILY PROGRAM FOR  
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND THEIR PRE-SCHOOL  
AGED CHILDREN FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE  
LITERACY OF FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY

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WHAT WE OFFER:

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READING/CIRCLE TIME

SONGS AND DANCE

ARTS AND CRAFTS

HEALTHY SNACKS

SOCIALIZATION

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 26TH**

Ecole Luxton School  
111 Polson Avenue  
Family Centre room 66

**Questions? Email us!**  
luxtonfamilyprogram  
@gmail.com

**TUESDAYS AND  
THURSDAYS**

930-1130







# BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg School Division  
**is hiring:**

- School clerks
- Educational Assistants
- 5th Class Power Engineers
- Bus Drivers



**JOIN US**

[winnipegssd.ca/careers](http://winnipegssd.ca/careers)



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

# OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Indigenous People's Atlas of Canada @ Luxton	3 <b>School Closure</b>  Provincial Election	4 Rm 27 @ Inner City Science Centre	5 Grade 6 Immunizations  Tin for the Bin collection	6   Tin for the Bin collection	7	
8	9 Thanksgiving Day – No School	10 Dental Screening	11 Kuamini Meeting in Rm 18 at lunch	12	13	14	
15	16	17 Bus Ridership  Hearing Screening	18 Kuamini Meeting in Rm 18 at lunch  Hearing Screening	19 Winter Wear Clothing Exchange 4 - 8	20 MTS PD Day – No School	21	
22	23	24	25 Kuamini Meeting in Rm 18 at lunch PAC Meeting 6:30 PM	26 Picture Day	27	28	
29	30	31 Hallowe'en	October is <b>Dyslexia Awareness Month</b>				

## UPCOMING DATES

- November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 28 - Kuamini Meeting in Rm 18 at lunch.
- November 2 – Rm 24 @ Inner City Science Centre
- November 14 – Report cards go home
- November 16 – Triad conferences in evening.
- November 17 – Non-instructional Day – Triad conferences.
- November 29 – Picture Retakes in AM only