



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of École Luxton School

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September has been a time for making relationships with between teachers and students. In our multiage program, many children have the continuity of having the same teacher for a second time, while some students are getting to know a new teacher.

Luxton is in the process of launching its Middle Years (grades 5 – 8) school program. For grade 7, that has meant starting Practical Arts Programs at St. John's on day 6. Grades 5 and 6 have been invited to play soccer against other schools. We've also taken delivery of a classroom set of acoustic guitars for our grade 7 music program. We want the experience of middle school to be rich and engaging at Luxton, different than elementary school and different than high school.

Please know that in addition to our new No-fee Lunch Supervision Program, Luxton has a universally accessible breakfast and snack program. Carolyn Lotz, an education assistant at the school, has taken on the role of food coordinator. Breakfast is available

at the Luxton Community Centre, while grab-and-go snack is available at the school.

We've also launched a remodeled organization of the way we do learning support at Luxton. We now have three learning support teachers, including a full-time bilingual person, Ms. Castelli-Harms, to support French Immersion students. Each cycle, learning support teachers provide an hour of in-class direct support for every classroom.

Our Parent Council met at the end of September and elected an executive. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month (except December and June). Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be class representatives – the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29th in the library.

W. Nickerson, Ph.D.
Directeur / Principal

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. 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.

NEW STAFF AT LUXTON

We are so fortunate at Luxton to add two experience and awesome educators to our staff. Please welcome Ms. Horsman and Ms. Dodd.

Nadine Horsman

Hello! I'm Nadine Horsman, and I'm thrilled to become a part of the École Luxton School community. I'm teaching grades 4 – 5 in the English program in Room 20 this year.

I'm a proud parent of two adult children and a grandmother to six delightful grandsons. My husband and I cherish our time at our trailer with our two dogs.

With a teaching career that began in 2001, I've primarily worked with Junior High students. I'm eager to embark on this new chapter at Ecole Luxton and look forward to meeting all the students and families here.



Sheena Dodd



Hi,

As you all probably already notice new faces around the schools. My name is Ms Sheena, and I am the newest staff member to join Luxton. I am an education assistant.

So, a little about me, I have a 3-year-old son, I am also a student in the WEC program at the U of W. I am in my 2nd year of education to become a teacher. I grew up working in different daycares and coaching basketball. Basketball was my passion when I was a kid. I do not play it anymore as most of my time is spent with my son Alex or at school when I am not working with the wonderful students at Luxton.

Thank you for making me feel welcome and joining your team.

PATROLS

September 30 – October 4
October 7 to 11
October 14 – 18

SQUAD A
SQUAD B
SQUAD C

October 21 to 25
October 28 – November 1

SQUAD A
SQUAD B

CLASSROOM NEWS

Rooms 20/25/26

On Friday, September 13th, the students from Rooms 20, 25 and 26 took part in the 11th *Rotary Elementary School Peace Walk* held at the Forks. This walk encouraged our children to use their voices for inclusivity, reconciliation, and equity for all. Prior to the walk the students were read stories about peace and wrote about what peace means to them. As well students created posters and noisemakers which they used while walking through the Human Rights Museum.

A big thank you to the students that volunteered to speak on behalf of our school by letting others know what peace meant to them.



Students from Rooms 20, 25 & 26 attended the Peace Walk at the Forks



Luxton Students that spoke at the Peace Walk



Part of the Peace Walk

What's happening in Rm 9...

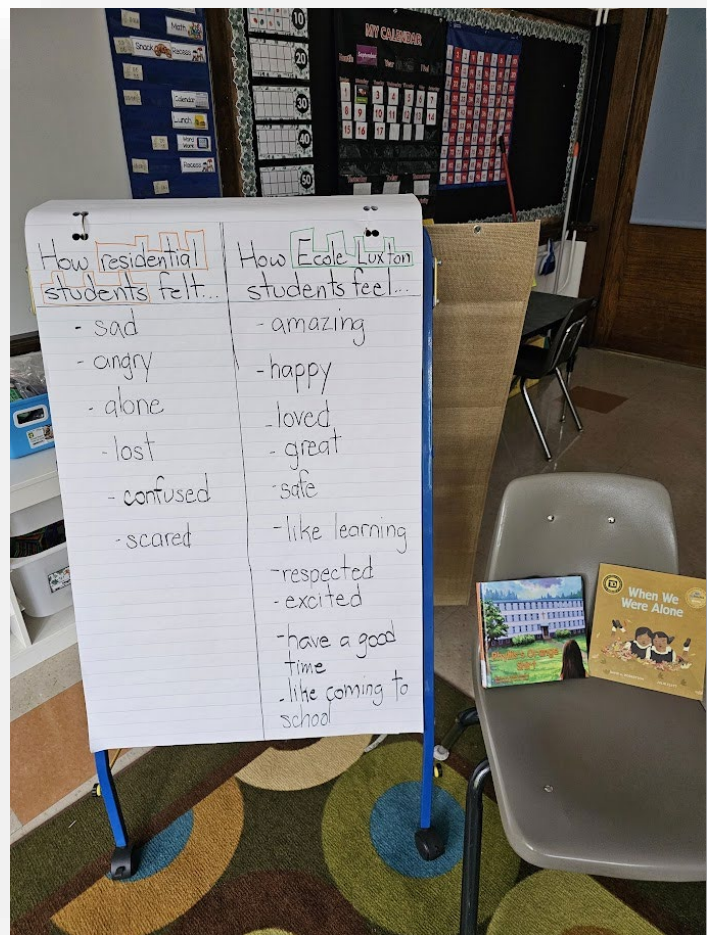
It is hard to believe we have only been at school for a month as Room 9 students have been off and running! We have been busy creating a community of learners through daily morning meeting, which gives us a chance to get to know each other better.

In Math, students have been thoroughly engaged as we practice numerous math skills with what better item than fruit loops! Students used them to practice sorting, estimating, counting and graphing. More fun is always had when food is involved.

We have also been exploring Truth and Reconciliation in room 9 by doing a comparison of what residential schools were like vs. what school is like now. Some great discussions were had which was then followed by an activity that allowed students to share what students should be feeling when they come to school.



Mrs. Tolentino



FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC

Ms. Drewniak

Thank you for such a great first month at École Luxton School! We are getting to know one other and starting to learn new songs and dances.

The early years students have been singing poems, chanting in chorus, and playing echo games. They are also building movement and actions into music selections and patterns. The students are learning to read rhythms, sing songs, on pitch, with confidence, and participate in singing and movement games and rhythms. This month's circle game, "Button You Must Wander" is great fun.

In the middle years, students are learning read rhythm patterns and notes. They will soon write their own Autumn pattern chants, songs, and melodies. They can take their recorders and music books home to practise their pieces, building their fluency in note reading, and improving their tone quality.

We have been working on a composer of the month: George Frederick Handel, exploring his life, music and a timeline. We have also experienced his music through "boomwhackers" and compared and contrasted two of his pieces. During class, students are practising a dance routine. Each month we will have a different dance to practise and learn.



It is important to find your love of music through varied and diverse opportunities to live a happy and healthier life.

PHYS ED MONTHLY NEWS

Mr. Kay, Phys Ed Teacher

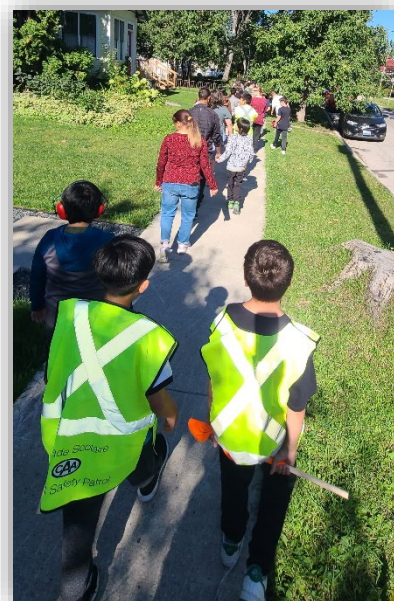
In September, the entire school community came together for our annual Terry Fox Walk. This school-wide event is always a special time where we honor Terry Fox's incredible legacy while promoting physical fitness and community spirit.

As we come to the end of September, I'd like to share some exciting news and updates from our Physical Education program! Our Grade 5 and 6 students will soon be attending a soccer tournament, where they'll have the chance to showcase their skills and represent our school with pride. We're looking forward to seeing their hard work and teamwork in action!

Starting at the end of September and continuing into October, soccer intramurals will be making a return! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved, stay active, and have fun during the fall months.

Looking ahead, there are even more exciting activities planned for the year! In November, we'll be diving into Triple Ball, followed by 3-on-3 basketball in February. In May, we'll switch gears to Ultimate Football, with many other engaging activities in between to keep our students moving and learning new skills.

Thank you for your continued support of our Physical Education program!



MS ZEGLINSKI'S COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

September was a busy month of 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, as long as it is safe, is expected of school colleagues. We never know when a colleague might become a friend.



I may be reached at 204-589-4368 or kzeaglinski@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 “Inclusion.”

Be nice to each other.

Out of my whole bullying life --facing bullies--the worst kind of bullying I've experienced is exclusion. Kids should include other people and make them feel that they belong. It shouldn't matter what reputation, age, ability, room, or grade.

You should always include others no matter what they look like. It doesn't matter if they are big or small, heavy or skinny, and the colour of their skin doesn't matter.

I have high hopes that people won't treat me like they did last year. I really believe that kids should respect people how they'd like to be respected.

I like playing with kids in different classes.

Include people who may not be your friend yet. You never know what kind of person they might be. They might become your friend.

It doesn't matter if you have a hard time. You can still choose kindness.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY @ HEALING FOREST



BREAKFAST AND SNACK PROGRAM



Breakfast Program is available at the Luxton Community Centre from Monday to Friday. Breakfast program is not available on school closure days. On school days, students and their caregivers may receive breakfast from 8:00 AM until bell time.

Each classroom has a bin for grab-and-go **snacks**. Students can also access healthy snacks, such as fresh produce, in the Family Centre.

Funding for breakfast and snack programs is generously provided by the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba and the Province of Manitoba.

READY FOR WINTER?

Have winter items? Need winter items?

Come to the École Luxton School WINTER CLOTHING “FREE STORE”



Thursday, October 24th in the main hallway. Come and select items for your family from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Accepting donations of CLEAN, NEW or GENTLY USED winter clothing items.

(Please do not bring items before Thursday, October 24, as we do not have the room to store it.)

You do not have to donate to participate.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN GETTING EVERYONE OUTFITTED FOR WINTER.



WE WELCOME YOU
TO JOIN THE
**LUXTON FAMILY
PROGRAM**

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

WHAT WE OFFER

READING/ CIRCLE TIME

SONGS AND DANCE

ARTS AND CRAFTS

HEALTHY SNACKS

SOCIALIZATION

STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 AM
In the Family Centre Room 66

École Luxton School
111 Polson Avenue

Questions? Email us!

Luxtonfamilyprogram@gmail.com



ÉCOLE LUXTON SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Volunteer Opportunities

PAC is looking for Parent Volunteers for the following positions:

- Vice Chair
- Fundraising Co-chair
- Online Media Coordinator

Interested? Email PAC at luxton.pac@gmail.com



School Fundraising – Get ‘Yer 50 – 50!

École Luxton School PAC has **exciting news to share....** We have been **approved for a lottery licence!** Our first **50/50 draw is already underway.**

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/luxton>

Draw will happen on **October 3, 2024**, at 9:00 AM and the **winner will get 50%** of the total sales. You can **watch the pot size grow online.** The money raised from the raffle will go to help our students go on more field trips and get extra supplies for classrooms.

Looking forward to an exciting school year!

Lost and Found

Please take a moment when you are in the school to check the lost and found located on the main floor by the washrooms at the main entrance.

Support École Luxton School by purchasing our special deal. Little Caesars® will donate \$5 to École Luxton School for every special sold!

ÉCOLE LUXTON Special Deal \$25 WALK IN ONLY

1 Medium Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, 1 Medium Specialty Pizza & Crazy Combo®
(Specialty pizza, choose from 3 Meat Treat,® Canadian or Hula Hawaiian®)

OCTOBER 21-27 2024, ONLY AT THESE WINNIPEG LOCATIONS:
59 Goulet St • 1155 Main St, Unit I, • 1050 Henderson Hwy #5 • 801 Regent St #2

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OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30/ NO SCHOOL National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	1/ Day 2	2/ Day 3	3/ Day 4 Grade 5-6 Soccer Tournament Grade 6 immunizations	4/ Day 5	5
6	7/ Day 6	8/ Day 1 Dental Screening	9/ NO SCHOOL Non-instructional Day NO SCHOOL	10/ Day 3	11/ Day 4	12
13	14/ NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	15/ Day 5	16/ Day 6	17/ Day 1 Picture Day	18/ Day 2	19
		Hearing Screening				
20	21/ Day 3	22/ Day 4 Bus Ridership	23/ Day 5	24/ Day 6 - Rms. 15-16 @ Children's Museum - ÉLS Winter Clothing FREE Store 4:00-6:30 PM	25/ NO SCHOOL MTS PD Day	26
27	28/ Day 2	29/ Day 3 Luxton PAC Meeting in the Library at 6:30 PM	30/ Day 4	31/ Day 5 Halloween	1/ NO SCHOOL School PD Day	

Upcoming Dates in November

- 1 - No School
- 8 - Remembrance Day Service
- 11- Remembrance Day – No School
- 19 - Report cards go home
- 18 to 22 - Scholastic Bookfair In library
- 20 - Retake day
- 21 - Triad conferences in evening
- 22 - Triad conferences in AM – No School
- 26 - PAC Meeting in the library 6:30 PM