# **Capital Project**

École Lansdowne is situated in the northern quadrant of the city close to many business and residential properties all of whom utilize the green space located on the school grounds.

## **Parent Council Involvement**

École Lansdowne's Parent Council (LPC) is vital in supporting and enhancing the school community through active involvement and successful fundraising. Their dedication has been instrumental in improving school grounds and creating enriching and engaging educational opportunities. LPC consistently goes above and beyond in supporting students. Our parents are involved in nearly every aspect of school life, fostering a strong, flourishing school community and partnership. Over the years, their numerous successful fundraising initiatives have allowed us to continually improve our school grounds and create new educational opportunities for our students.

#### **Capital Project Completion:**

In the summer of 2024, our school proudly broke ground on a significant capital project: the construction of a 200-metre rubberized trail designed for walking and running. We are pleased to share that this exciting project was completed in October 2024.

This new addition reflects our school's ongoing commitment to enhancing both educational and wellness opportunities for our students and the wider community. The trail is a valuable improvement to the shared green space behind our school and will support physical activity, outdoor learning, and community use for years to come.

On May 30, 2025, we celebrated this achievement with a grand opening ceremony to recognize and thank the many partners and supporters whose generous contributions made this project possible. Thank you to: Winnipeg School Division Superintendents Department and Board of Trustees, Land Dedication Reserve Fund (City of Winnipeg – Ross Eadie), Children's Heritage Fund, WSD WAG Trustees, Building Sustainable Communities Program, and Lansdowne Parent Council.



## Une fois un lion, toujours un lion!

# École Lansdowne

# Community Report *2024-2025*

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## Respectful, Responsible, Safe; En français

#### **Our Mission**

École Lansdowne is dedicated to cultivating the skills and values essential for our students to become independent and contributing members of society. Our mission is to provide an education that is inclusive and accepting of all learners, ensuring that every student feels valued and supported. We strive to create a nurturing and positive learning environment within a French Immersion milieu setting, where equity in education is a top priority.

At École Lansdowne, we believe that education is not just about academic achievement but also about personal growth and development. Learning is a lifelong journey, and we are committed to fostering a love for learning in our students that will last a lifetime. We emphasize the importance of creativity and critical thinking, encouraging our students to explore new ideas, ask questions, and think deeply about the world around them.

In addition, we are committed to building strong relationships with our students' families and the wider community. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for student success, and we actively involve parents and guardians in the educational process. Through open communication and collaboration, we work together to create a community that supports and uplifts every student.

Ultimately, our goal is to prepare our students not only for academic success but also for meaningful and fulfilling lives. We want our students to leave École Lansdowne with the confidence, skills, and values they need to make a positive impact on the world.



# **About Our School**

École Lansdowne, located in the north quadrant of the Winnipeg School Division, is a French Immersion milieu school serving grades N-8. We have approximately 650 students, supported by a dedicated team of 35 teachers, 14 educational assistants, 4 clinicians, 3 clerks,1 library technician, 1 nutrition coordinator and 3 custodians. We have an active and involved Parent Advisory Committee that works in partnership with school administration to continually make our school the best it can be for our students and families.

Our dedicated team of educators works together to create a supportive and stimulating environment where every student can succeed. We provide a wide range of programs and activities designed to engage students in meaningful learning experiences, from arts and sciences to sports, cultural events, and outdoor learning. By promoting a holistic approach to education, we ensure that our students are well-rounded individuals ready to face the challenges of the future.



# Some Highlights of the 2024-2025 Year

- Eco Club: revitalization of front entrance with grassland & medicine plants
- Assiniboine Park The Leaf The Zoo
- Earth Rangers Presentation
- Éco Bus du Marais Oak Hammock
- Friday Morning French "bump songs"
- Leadership Team Morning Announcements
- Meet the Teacher/BBQ
- Lansdowne Monthly Spirit Days
- Bus Ridership
- Cross Country
- Orange Shirt Day Walk for Truth & Reconciliation
- Grade 7/8 Indoor and Outdoor Track at the U of M
- Leadership students volunteering at Winnipeg Harvest
- Halloween Dance, Assembly, and Costume Parade
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Grade 6 Choral Celebration
- Grades 8s to the Inner City Science Center
- Nursery Notes for N/K Students
- Winter Concerts

  N/K and Grades 1-3
- The Spirit of Giving Bazaar
- Grade 4s Swimming Counts
- Royal Aviation Museum
- Game On/Film Jam Grades 7-8
- MYRCA Club
- Expo Science Grades 7-8 (gold, silver, and bronze) medal winners and best in category - Junior Energy)
- I Love to Read Month activities and guest readers
- Developmental and Competitive volleyball and basket-
- Festival du Voyageur Activity Day and field trip
- Concours d'art oratoire
- WSD Esports Expo
- Celebration of Learning
- Let's Talk Science Challenge at U of M
- Babysitting Basic Course
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society for N/K
- WSD STEAM Fair
- Reach for the Top
- Lansdowne's Got Talent
- Annual Walk-a-thon
- Community Clean Up
- Welcome to Kindergarten Information Night
- Lansdowne Superhero Activity Day
- Spring Concerts Grades 4-6
- Band Concert Grades 7-8
- Grade 8 Farewell Quebec trip Gr. 7&8
- Oak Hammock Marsh field trip
- Dungeons & Dragons Club







#### Priorities from 2024-2025

#### 1. Inclusive Education

École Lansdowne's foremost priority is to cultivate an inclusive environment where all learners can thrive. This involves ensuring every student feels welcomed, supported, and empowered to participate in all facets of school life. We achieve this through inclusive classrooms, programs, and activities designed to allow every student to learn together harmoniously. Our approach includes differentiated instruction, flexible learning environments, and diverse teaching strategies to meet the unique needs of all students. We are committed to fostering a school culture that is accepting, supportive, responsive, and respectful, ensuring that each student can reach their full potential.

#### 2. Indigenous Academic Success

Our focus is on supporting the academic achievements of Indigenous students through culturally responsive teaching, integrating Indigenous perspectives, and celebrating Indigenous cultures. We incorporate Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods into our curriculum, provide professional development for teachers on culturally responsive practices, and create opportunities for students to learn from Indigenous elders and community members. This holistic approach ensures that Indigenous students feel valued and that their cultural heritage is respected and celebrated.

#### 3. Outdoor Education

We promote experiential learning through outdoor activities, fostering environmental stewardship and physical well-being. By incorporating regular outdoor lessons and activities into our curriculum, we provide students with hands-on learning experiences that connect them to nature. These activities include nature walks, gardening projects, and outdoor science experiments, which help students develop a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the environment. Additionally, outdoor education promotes physical activity and well-being, supporting the overall health of our students.

Our goal is to strengthen instructional and assessment strategies in numeracy through a comprehensive three-year plan. This involves enhancing students' knowledge, skills, and thought processes to apply mathematics in a variety of contexts. We focus on problem-solving, operations and calculations, number sense, reasoning, critical thinking, and decision-making.

#### Strategies/Supports:

Jump Math: A research-based program that breaks down math concepts into manageable steps.

Targeted Small Group Instruction/Interventions: Tailored support for students at all grade levels to address specific learning needs.

By implementing these strategies and supports, we aim to create a robust numeracy program that prepares students for academic and real-world

#### 5. Literacy with focus on communication and oral French language Acquisition

We aim to prioritize and enhance French vocabulary and communication skills, with a particular emphasis on speaking, presenting, and pronunciation. Through immersive language experiences, conversational practice, and presentations, we help students build confidence in their oral French abilities. By integrating French language use into daily activities and providing opportunities for students to interact with fluent speakers, we ensure that students develop strong oral communication skills that are essential for success in a bilingual environment. We are committed to strengthening instructional and assessment strategies in literacy over a three-year plan. This includes uninterrupted literacy blocks, guided reading, and interventions that promote reading comprehension and writing skills aligned with the curriculum. Our balanced literacy program encompasses Word Work, Read Alouds, Readers Workshop, Writers Workshop, and Shared Reading. These components work together to provide a comprehensive literacy education that fosters a love of reading and writing. We also use formative assessments to identify students' needs and adjust instruction, accordingly, ensuring that all students develop strong literacy skills.

### **École Lansdowne Priorities for 2025-2026**

#### Aligned with the Winnipeg School Division Strategic Plan: Joy • Rigour • Love

At École Lansdowne, our vision is to be a joyful, inclusive, and academically rigorous learning community where every student is known, supported, and feels a deep sense of belonging in our French Immersion Milieu school. We are committed to empowering each learner to reach their full potential—both as engaged students and compassionate citizens of a diverse, bilingual world.

Our priorities are grounded in the principles of Visible Learning—where learning intentions and success criteria are clear, feedback is purposeful, and students are actively engaged in understanding themselves as learners. This evidence-based approach supports our belief that all students can learn at high levels when they can see, understand, and reflect on their own learning journey.

#### 1. Academic Rigour & French Oral Language Development

We deliver high-quality, intentional instruction that challenges students to think critically and communicate confidently in both French and English. A strong focus is placed on developing oral French skills through daily conversation, presentations, and rich vocabulary instruction. Foundational literacy and numeracy are embedded through clear learning targets, modeling, and scaffolding. By making learning visible and purposeful, we help students build skills and confidence in all subject areas.

#### 2. Belonging, Inclusion & Engagement

#### (Love • Joy • Rigour)

We intentionally create a school where every student feels safe, valued, and connected. Strong relationships with staff and peers, inclusive practices, and flexible learning environments help ensure all learners can access and participate in meaningful learning. We embed literacy and numeracy instruction in ways that are responsive to individual needs and informed by data. When students know what they are learning and why it matters, they are more engaged, present, and motivated to succeed.

#### 3. Our Journey Toward Truth and Reconciliation

#### (Love • Joy • Rigour)

We are in the early stages of a thoughtful journey toward Truth and Reconciliation, weaving Indigenous knowledge, histories, and perspectives into classroom learning in age-appropriate ways. We partner with Elders and Knowledge Keepers, center Indigenous voices, and support student learning through respectful, authentic engagement. This work affirms student identity and builds empathy, reflection, and understanding key elements of deeper learning and belonging.

#### 4. Outdoor Learning & Environmental Stewardship

Outdoor learning enhances student well-being, curiosity, and connection to the land. From garden projects to outdoor literacy and numeracy explorations, students experience real-world, hands-on learning that supports physical, emotional, and academic growth. Clear learning goals and visible learning strategies—such as modeling and feedback—help students reflect on their understanding while deepening their care for the environment and their role within it.