

École LaVérendrye

Community Report

2025 - 2026

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Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of every learner's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and ways of being necessary for nurturing a just, sustainable, and democratic society where everyone belongs, thrives, and is included.

Guiding Question

What are the most powerful actions WSD can take to ignite and cultivate paths to the good life, **Mino-Pimatisiwin**, for all learners, particularly those most under-served?



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



About our school

École LaVérendrye is a vibrant French Immersion milieu school located in the heart of Fort Rouge within the Winnipeg School Division. Serving students from Nursery to Grade 6, the school is home to approximately 230 students and 30 dedicated staff members. Known for its strong sense of community, École LaVérendrye is proud of its diverse student population and its shared passion for learning, the French language, environmental stewardship, and inclusive education. The school fosters a warm, collaborative atmosphere where students, staff, and families work together to create a rich and supportive learning environment.

Notre énoncé de mission - Our Mission Statement

École LaVérendrye believes that every child has a place in our French language learning community, and we strive to empower confident, independent youth who take risks, collaborate, and think critically. We are committed to fostering social emotional health and wellbeing for all.

French Oral Language

We are an “en français toujours” school. French is the language of learning, interaction, and identity in all spaces.

Daily Non-Negotiables

- French is used 90%+ of the time
- Students speak French in every lesson
- Teachers model, scaffold, and re-cast
- Minimum 2 oral language opportunities per lesson

Nature Based Learning

We provide structured, hands-on outdoor learning experiences that foster curiosity, environmental awareness, critical thinking, and social-emotional development.

Literacy—Decoding

We use explicit, systematic decoding instruction in both English and French. We guide practice, model strategies, and scaffold students’ decoding skills to ensure fluent and confident readers.

Daily Non-Negotiables

- Explicit phonics & decoding instruction
- Use of decodable texts, word walls, and print-rich environments
- Guided small-group instruction targeting decoding needs
- Daily opportunities to practice decoding strategies

Regulation & Inclusion

We create an inclusive environment where all students learn to recognize, manage, and regulate emotions, attention, and behavior. We model, teach, and scaffold self-regulation strategies across all classrooms and school settings.

Daily Non-Negotiables

- Explicit teaching of strategies
- Safe spaces or calm corners accessible in every classroom
- Students practice strategies daily
- Reflection opportunities integrated into lessons



Priorities for 2026 - 2027

Priority # 1 French Oral Language

As a French Immersion milieu school, we will strengthen students’ oral communication skills in French by ensuring French is the primary language of learning, interaction, and identity throughout the school. Through intentional, authentic, and culturally rich experiences, students will develop confidence, fluency, and accuracy in speaking and listening.

Priority # 2 Nature Based Learning

Our school will integrate nature-based learning across all grade levels, providing students with hands-on, experiential learning in outdoor environments. Through exploration, inquiry, and play, students will develop curiosity, critical thinking, environmental stewardship, and social-emotional well-being.

Priority # 3 Literacy—Decoding Focus

Our school will strengthen decoding skills in English and French, ensuring that students can accurately recognize and sound out words, and understand letter-sound relationships. Emphasis will be on phonemic awareness, word recognition, and systematic decoding strategies to build a strong foundation for reading comprehension and lifelong literacy.

Priority # 4 Inclusion Practices—Regulation

Our school will foster an inclusive learning environment where all students develop effective regulation skills. We aim to support students in recognizing, understanding, and developing strategies to manage their emotions and behaviours, enabling them to engage in learning and social interactions. Staff will model, teach, and scaffold regulation strategies across all classrooms and social contexts.

LAV HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER

- Welcome Back / Meet the Staff BBQ
- Orange Shirt Day / TRC Work
- Family Groupings
- CBC Music Challenge
- Milk Run

OCTOBER

- Fall into Reading
- Halloween Parade
- Annual Jack-o-Lantern Contest
- Escape Room

NOVEMBER

- Remembrance Day
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Used Book Fair
- Family Groupings

DECEMBER

- Winter Concerts
- Spirt Week
- Holiday Bazaar

JANUARY

- Family Groupings
- Skiing, Snowshoes, Skating
- Family Movie Night



LAV HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY

- NK Open House
- Valentine's Day
- Festival du Voyageur
- Black History Month

MARCH

- International Women's Day
- Bake Sale & Scholastic Book Fair
- Student-Led Conferences
- Concours d'art Oratoire

APRIL

- Anti-Bullying Week & Pink Shirt Day
- Earth Week
- Family Movie Night
- Basketball Jamboree

MAY

- Jog in the Park
- Spring Concerts
- Children's Orff Day

JUNE

- June Carnival & Field Day
- Grade 6 Camp
- Patrols to Steinbach
- PRIDE month / School Parade
- NK Graduation / Grade 6 Farewell



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Fundraising Initiatives

We are incredibly grateful for the outstanding fundraising efforts led by our Parent Council and Grade 6 students. Their dedication and creativity helped raise funds for important school initiatives and events that enriched the student experience. Having such a committed parent council and a passionate group of grade 6 students truly strengthens our school community.

Parent Council

Fundraising Initiatives

- Monthly Fun Lunches: Money raised went towards a few initiatives: the grade 6 babysitting course and grade 6 hoodies
- Glen Lea Plant Sale: Money raised went towards our environment initiatives which are spearheaded by our Éco-Vert team.
- June Carnival: Money raised went towards a large outdoor canopy which will be used by the school and the Parent Council for our many events held throughout the year.
- Holiday Bazaar: A school tradition, the Holiday Bazaar raises money for a charity selected by our school leadership team. This year, money raised was donated to Cancer Care Manitoba.

Grade 6 Students

Fundraising Initiatives

- Family Movie Night: Students sold popcorn and drinks. Money raised went to support the cost of Grade 6 camp.
- Loonie Cookies: Students sold Biscoff cookies. Money raised went to support the cost of Grade 6 camp.
- Bake Sale: Students brought in home made treats and sold them at our student-led conferences. Money raised went to support the cost of Grade 6 camp.



Thank you to all the families who generously contributed to our fundraising initiatives—whether through baked goods, household items, or other donations. Every contribution made a difference and supported a great cause. Your generosity and community spirit are truly appreciated.

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Balanced School Day & Clubs

Our balanced school day model continues to be a great success, providing students with more consistent energy and focus throughout the day. This schedule also allows valuable opportunities to introduce a wide variety of clubs, allowing students to explore interests, build friendships, and strengthen school spirit.

CLUBS GRADES

1 - 2

- Karaoke Club
- Intramurals
- Running Club
- Fitness Club
- Drawing Club
- Soccer
- Art Club
- Lego Club
- Just Dance
- Indoor Club
- Outdoor Explorers

CLUBS GRADES

3 - 4

- Running Club
- Outdoor Explorers
- Intramurals
- Karaoke Club
- Eco-Vert
- Drawing Club
- Soccer
- Ukelele Club
- Book Club
- Knitting Club
- Concours d'art oratoire
- Choir
- Nap Club

CLUBS GRADES

5 - 6

- Intramurals
- Baking / Cooking Club
- Dodgeball
- Karaoke Club
- Eco-Vert
- Knitting
- Drawing Club
- D & D
- Drama Club
- Orff Club
- Ukelele / Recorder Club
- Skating Club
- Concours d'art oratoire
- Choir

A Message to our Families

From all of us at École LaVérendrye, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and involvement. Your care, generosity, and commitment help make our school a truly special place. We are deeply grateful to be part of a community that feels like family—where everyone works together with the shared goal of doing what's best for our children. This year's success is a direct result of that partnership, and we couldn't have done it without you. Merci!