



The Communiqué  
Monthly Newsletter of  
**École Luxton School**

May  
2026

## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear École Luxton School Community,

Welcome to May! It's wonderful to see everyone enjoying the warmer weather and spending more time outdoors across the city.

With the change in season, we have also noticed an increase in challenging behaviours at school, including more frequent conflicts between students and, at times, interactions that are not respectful toward staff. While this can sometimes happen as routines shift in the spring, we want to acknowledge the impact it has on our learning environment.

Please know that we are committed to keeping our school a safe and caring place for everyone. Staff are continuing to support students in developing positive problem-solving skills, managing conflicts, and making respectful choices both in the classroom and on the playground.

We would greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home by talking with your child about kindness, respect, and how to handle conflict in positive ways. Working together, we can help ensure a safe and supportive environment for all members of our school community.

Respectfully,

Madame Kutcher & Ms. Gilman

## MUSIC NEWS - MS. DREWNIAK

Welcome to May, officially designated as [Music Month in Manitoba](#), a time to celebrate music education in schools.

Music surrounds our daily activities from infancy to adulthood, and contributes to our lives on personal, social, and creative levels. While music is an important part of the Manitoba school curriculum throughout the year, its role in education is highlighted during Music Month.

We are sad to see Mr. DeGroot leave us this month. He has taught us so many new and different things in music class. We had "The Wellerman Dance" for the dance for April and it had a lot of cool pirate jumping moves that everyone liked. Students in the primary grades learned songs about bunnies, singing pitch and volume, as well as circle games that included playing and passing shakers, and learning the bunny hop in a train. They created their own rhythm patterns and shared their rhythms to each other.

Students in grades 3-6 worked on recorder and orff instruments to the song "This Little Light of Mine". There was layering of sounds, instruments and music parts.

Room 27 was able to perform their learning to rooms 8 and 16. It is important to present and perform to others to build confidence and abilities. Students learned and practiced question and answer style music making as well as set and organized music pieces.

Students in grade 7/8 from rooms 18 and 19 worked on guitar chords, collecting a diverse repertoire of songs they could play using 5 chords. They will continue to build their guitar skills and make personal choices for the songs they practice and perform.

This month students will continue to work on building songs and creating their own pieces to perform to others at school.

## MICHIF LANGUAGE PROGRAM

On April 30, École Luxton School had the honour of welcoming Mr. Murray Gillespie to our school to present to students in rooms 15, 20, 23 and 26 on migration and ecosystems throughout the seasons. Mr. Gillespie is a former Manitoba biologist who enjoyed a decades-long career with Manitoba Natural Resources and the Canadian Wildlife Service. He shared knowledge, photos/videos he took and stories from his experiences and interactions with wildlife in various parts of Manitoba and the Canadian Arctic.



## FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Well, here we are in the month of May with only one more month to go until Summer. This year has certainly gone by fast. I am sure that we are glad April is over and that we are all looking forward to warmer weather and sunshine.



The Tuesday Morning Literacy program kids will be making a Mother's Day craft on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The program runs every Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Come and join us for stories, crafts and a snack with your little ones.



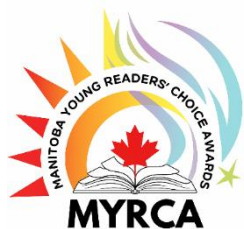
As usual the coffee and tea are on every day from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Come and join us for a cup or two, we would love to see you.

Angie Houston  
Family Centre, Room 66

## WINNIPEG PRIDE FESTIVAL 2026

This year's Winnipeg Pride Festival will take place from May 26 to June 7, 2026. The Winnipeg School Division always has a large contingent participating in the parade. The parade will take place at 10am on Sunday, June 7 at the Manitoba Legislature Building. See the Pride Winnipeg website for more information.  
<https://pridewinnipeg.com/>

## LIBRARY NEWS - COME CHECK IT OUT!



Thank you to all the dedicated students who showed up for the MYRCA Book Club. Your votes have been tallied and sent in so they could be added to the provincial tally for the 2026 Sundogs and Northern Lights book nominees. Our readers voted and the results are in the 2026 Sundog winner is a tie between *The Curse of Eelgrass Bog* and *Noah Frye Gets Crushed* and the 2026 Northern Lights winner is *Little Moons*. If anyone is interested in checking out these titles, you just have to look on the MYRCA shelf in the library.



As always, I would like to remind everyone that if you find a library book that has been damaged, please bring it to the library for me to access. If the book can be repaired, I will repair it as long as it has not had scotch tape used on it. It is almost impossible to repair a book properly if it has been taped together. Please do not write in library books, this is not repairable.

On Friday, June 12 all library books must be returned to the library for inventory purposes. The following Monday, notes will be made and sent home to parents/guardians to help find any missing books. The remainder of June will be used to search classrooms for missing books and take the year-end inventory.

Thank you for your help with keeping our library in great shape.

Mrs. A. Bell  
Library Technician

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

The beautiful weather has finally arrived, and with it, outdoor free play after school hours. I often walk my dog around the neighbourhood, and it's lovely to greet students having fun outdoors. Caregivers, please take note of community centre hours and become familiar with supervising staff and their responsibilities. It is not possible for them to be supervising both inside and outside simultaneously. Be sure you communicate your expectations clearly to your children. Many are off-grounds and caregivers may not have clearly communicated the bounds of *Free Range* play permitted. *Free Range* play is important to child development but must be negotiated clearly with boundaries established and respected. Trusting children includes the expectation that they pay respect to what's been negotiated by their caregivers. The more they respect established parameters, the more freedom & responsibility they may be granted as they grow.

- Are they permitted off grounds?
- How far may they go?
- Are they allowed to go over to the homes of their friends?
- If so, do caregivers have one another's contact info so they may communicate the whereabouts of their children?
- Who are the safe adults in the neighbourhood where they can go if they run into an issue?

One of the "Kids in the Know" root safety strategies is "Bring a Buddy Along." When free play is over, what buddy system is in place to ensure everyone gets home safely?

Baxter Bunny Brings His Buddies: <https://protectchildren.ca/en/video-storybooks/baxter-bunny-brings-his-buddies/>

Kids in the Know: <https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/en/parents/>

Resources: <https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/en/resources/list/>

The Free Range Play Effect: <https://www.ecoparent.ca/eco-parenting/free-range-play-effect>

## LUXTON COMMUNITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Luxton Community Centre runs a **free breakfast program** every school day from 8:00AM to 10:00AM at 210 St. Cross street

**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.



# PAC INFORMATION & UPDATES

The PAC has been busy! Please see below for more information. All are welcome at the next PAC meeting which will be on May 27 at 6:30pm in the school library.

- **Fun Lunch – Nuburger**  
Orders are due by May 4. Please return your forms on time to ensure your order is included.
- **School Clothing Store**  
The online store is now open! Browse and order here:  
<https://luxtonschool2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/>  
The store will close on May 15, so don't miss out.
- **Hummus Fundraiser**  
A delicious fundraiser is coming in June—stay tuned for more details!
- **Save the Date: Little Caesars Fundraiser 🍕**  
If you order pizza from Little Caesars on Main Street on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28 between 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Little Caesars will generously donate 30% of all sales to the Luxton CC Breakfast Program. Be sure to mention you're supporting the Luxton CC Breakfast Program when placing your order.
- **The PAC Wants Your Feedback!**  
The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is seeking input from our school community about its website. Please visit the site (link below or scan the QR code to the right) and help decide whether the PAC should continue maintaining (and funding) it. If the decision is to keep the website, the PAC would also appreciate your ideas on what content you'd like to see included. You can share your feedback by email or attend the meeting on **May 27** to discuss your thoughts in person.

PAC website: <https://luxtonschool2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/>  
PAC email address: [luxton.pac@gmail.com](mailto:luxton.pac@gmail.com)



## Safe Arrival Absence Reporting System

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive safely at school each day.

Please note, if you as a parent or guardian have questions about Safe Arrival or School Messenger, please contact the school office directly.

With Safe Arrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three 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>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance, then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the Safe Arrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. 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 using the automated phone system. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

# NO-FEE LUNCH PROGRAM

For families that are new to Luxton, we have a No Fee Lunch Supervision Program at our school. If your child needs to stay at school during lunch time, please register them at <https://forms.office.com/r/bWHHMds1dg> or scan the QR code. Please note this is an updated link. The old link is discontinued. **\*\*\*All students need to be registered for this school year.** We apologize if you have already registered using the old link but we ask you to please register again using the new link above or the QR code at the bottom of the page. We want to have the most current information. Merci!

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

\* Please note that these rules/expectations are aligned with the Winnipeg School Division Student Code of Conduct.

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 1:50pm. Remember the lunch hour is from 1:05 to 2:00pm this year. If a student needs to stay for lunch *occasionally*, please phone the school.



# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1/ Day 5 Rooms 20 & 26 at Niji Mahkwa	
	4 / Day 6	5 / Day 1  Grades 7/8 at Practical Arts  Grades 7/8 Badminton at Shaughnessy Park	6/Day2  Grade 6/8 Immunizations	7/Day3	8/Day4  <b>Non-Instructional Day (No school)</b>	
	11 / Day 5  Rooms 20 & 26 at Niji Mahkwa	12/Day6	13 /Day1  Grades 7/8 at Practical Arts	14/Day2  Middle Years Talent Show (2:15pm)	15 / Day 3  School of Choice registration closes	
	18  <b>Victoria Day (Noschool)</b>	19/Day4  Honour Choir – students in room 25  Rooms 20 & 26 fishing in St. Laurent	20 / Day 5  Grades 4 to 6 Ultimate Football	21 / Day 6  Rooms 9 & 23 to a Goldeyes game	22 / Day 1 Grades 7/8 at Practical Arts  Nuburger Fun Lunch  Rooms 6 and 7 to the Children’s Museum	
	25 / Day 2  Rooms 18,19,27 to the Leaf	26 / Day 3  Welcome to Kindergarten evening 5:30 to 6:30pm	27 / Day 4  PAC meeting 6:30pm in the library	28/ Day 5	29/ Day 6  Future Cities Engineer visit	

### FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, May 8: Non-Instructional Day - no regular classes

Friday, June 26: **Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony - 12:00pm in the gym**

Monday, June 29: Non-instructional Day - no regular classes

Please remember that École Luxton School is a

# SCENT FREE ZONE

Help us keep the air we share  
healthy and fragrance-free

The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions.

**PLEASE**

**DO NOT** wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

**USE** unscented personal care products.

