



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of

École Luxton School

November
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear École Luxton School Families,

It's hard to believe that two months of this school year have already come and gone! The days are getting shorter, and the temperatures are getting cooler. The change in weather means students are coming to school in warmer outerwear as well as toques and mittens. Such items can easily be misplaced, so labelling these articles of clothing is a good way to ensure your child's items can be returned to them. The lost and found is located inside the school, just at the top of the stairs on the left.

This year, École Luxton School is having regular assemblies to explore the Seven Teachings. The Seven Teachings are a set of teachings from Indigenous culture that guide humans in their interactions with one another as well as with nature. This month, our assembly focused on the teaching of respect. The students from rooms 13 (Ms. Howard) and 20 (Ms. Horsman) collaborated to present an acrostic poem with examples to help illustrate an example of respect in various settings. Thank you to these students and their teachers for starting off our Seven Teachings assemblies in a good way.

Finally, we want to let all Luxton families know about one change that is starting this month at École Luxton School which affects the schedule of our grades 7 and 8 students. When the balanced school day schedule was created, it included a time slot for Middle Years Recess in which the grades 7s and 8s were included. However, students in grades 7 and 8 are supposed to receive more instructional time than students in grades 1 to 6. Therefore, starting today, grades 7 and 8 students will no longer have the thirty-minute recess break in the morning. Students will still have the opportunity to go outside during the lunch break (for those that stay for the lunch program). This change aligns with what many other schools that have grades 7 and 8 in the Winnipeg School Division are already doing.

Your partners in learning,

Kerry & Anita

MARK KARDASH CHILDCARE CENTRE NOTICE

The MKCC will be closed on November 7, 2025, for a staff professional development session. Those students who normally eat lunch at daycare are welcome to join the lunch program for lunch on this day. Accommodations are being made so there will be space for everyone to eat in a safe, comfortable manner.

MUSIC NEWS - MS. DREWNIAK

This year has been off to a busy start. We have worked with reading and writing rhythms, learning how to play non-pitched percussion instruments in patterns, playing the recorder or guitar, and refining routines in dance. The students enjoyed the Dua Lipa dance, and we tried some “Thriller” dance moves as well.

The primary students will continue learning singing games, melodies and songs that include movements, patterns and rhythms. We are exploring how syllables can create a variety of rhythms.

The intermediate students have begun reading recorder music in standard notation on notes B, A, and G. They will continue to practice their skills for writing and reading music on the staff, expanding their abilities in performance and reading notations.

Our composer study was about Edvard Grieg and the music he composed for the Norwegian Folktale- Peer Gynt. We listened, moved, compared and contrasted the varied music he composed as well as discussed how the music tells the feelings and emotions in the stories of Peer Gynt.

We have an optional Grades 1 -4 choir that has been rehearsing a song for the Remembrance Assembly on Monday, November 10. We will begin working on our class performances and choir selections for the Winter concert in December. Hope to see you at the school and I look forward to the performances. “Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don’t live it, it won’t come out of your horn.” —Charlie Parker

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS - MR. KAY

October was another exciting and active month in our Physical Education program! We kicked things off with our Grade 5 and 6 Soccer Tournament, where students showed great teamwork, effort, and school spirit. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the event, your support made it a huge success, and the students had an amazing time!

Throughout the month, we also ran our Soccer Intramurals, giving students from across the grades a chance to get involved, stay active, and enjoy some friendly competition. To wrap up October, the gym was transformed into our annual Spooky Halloween Jungle Gym, a favorite tradition filled with fun challenges and a few surprises!

Looking ahead to November, our Grade 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in a Triple Ball Tournament at Machray School. To get ready, volleyball intramurals will be starting up in the next week or two, another great chance for students to develop new skills and enjoy playing together.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our Phys Ed program. And as always, keep fit and have fun, everybody!

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

From "Safe & Caring Schools: Taking Action Against Bullying"

https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/taking_action/document.pdf

What is bullying? Bullying is behaviour that is intended to cause fear, intimidation, humiliation, distress, or other forms of harm to another person's feelings, self-esteem, body, or reputation or is intended to create a negative school environment for another person. Bullying takes place in a context of a real or perceived power imbalance between the people involved and is typically, but need not be, repeated behaviour. It may be direct (face to face) or indirect (through others), and it may take place through any form of expression—including written, verbal, or physical—or by means of any form of electronic communication (referred to as cyberbullying), including social media, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, or email.

What types of bullying can occur? The most common types of bullying are:

- verbal or written bullying (e.g., calling people names or laughing about weaknesses)
- physical bullying (e.g., physical aggression such as hitting, kicking, punching, or shoving someone, as well as destroying someone's belongings)
- social bullying (e.g., harmful rumours, excluding or shunning, ignoring, getting others not to be friends with a child, using negative facial expressions and body language, such as eye rolling or turning a cold shoulder)
- cyber- or electronic bullying (e.g., using technology, such as a cell phone, social media, such as Facebook or Twitter, or the Internet to harm someone)— cyberbullying may use text messages, social networking sites, email, or the posting of embarrassing pictures or videos on the Internet (Craig, Pepler, and Cummings)

More resources for understanding and preventing bullying:

Kids in the House 13: Bullying <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrCQKlc9SnU>

Bullying: What Makes a Bully? (Dr Gordon Neufeld) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhcT7jf5Av4>

Intro to Bullying: Their Making and Unmaking <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8ErW4zub2s>

The Vulnerability Problem of the Bully <https://www.neufeldinstitute.org/editorials/the-vulnerability-problem-of-the-bully>

For more about counselling at École Luxton School

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

To contact Ms Zeglinski please email: kzeglinski@wsd1.org

LUXTON HOLIDAY STORE

The Luxton Holiday Store is fast approaching! Thank you to everyone in the community for sending in donations. If you have any last-minute donations, please get them to the family centre ASAP (by Friday, November 27th). Here's what we are looking for: small gifts, like what you would save for a garage sale, such as gently used mugs, books, kitchen items, or holiday decor items. We are not collecting perishable items such as candy. Please label them clearly as "Holiday Store". Have your child give items to their classroom teacher, Ms. Howard, or Mrs. Houston in the Family Centre.



Please look for a note coming home in November that will explain that students can bring in a small donation of \$1 or \$2 to purchase a holiday gift for their family members (monetary donations for purchasing items will also be due by November 27th). Our Holiday Store will be open on Wednesday, December 3 and classrooms will be assigned a designated shopping timeslot. Many thanks to the Houston family who will be helping to run the store in the Family Centre and for the many volunteers who will be wrapping gifts (including students in Room 20) to help make this a magical event!

All monetary donations collected from the Holiday Store will go to Luxton community members in need around the holiday time in the form of holiday hampers. If you have any questions about the Holiday Store, please contact Ms. Howard at khoward@wsd1.org

With thanks,
Ms. Howard

Safe Arrival Absence Reporting System

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

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we use an efficient student absence reporting system called Safe Arrival. This system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

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. For more information and detailed explanations, please see the following documents:

[Communicate-ParentGuide-Mobile AppWD.PDF](#)

[SchoolMessenger SafeArrival Family FAQ.pdf](#)

NO-FEE LUNCH PROGRAM

The Luxton No Fee Lunch Supervision Program is running again this year. 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.



FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Well, the month of October certainly went by fast. It was a busy month for the Tuesday Morning Literacy Program in the Family Centre. We celebrated October with doing fall crafts and talked about Thanksgiving and read a story about giving “Thanks”. We had a wonderful time celebrating Halloween. We read stories about a square pumpkin and a silly ghost. We made a few crafts of Halloween to display at home. It was a spooky kind of day.



For “Remembrance Day” in November, we will be talking about what it means, reading a story, and making poppies.

As usual, the coffee will be on from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM every day. Please come in and join us if you like.

If you have a little one and would like to register them for the Tuesday Morning Literacy Program, please come and see me in the Family Centre.

Thank you.

Angie Houston

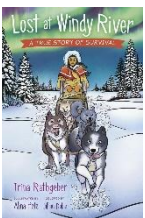
Room 66, Family Centre

LIBRARY NEWS - COME *CHECK IT OUT!*

Now that the days are cooler, it is a good time to cuddle up with a good book and go on an adventure through your imagination. There are many new books in the library that can take you anywhere you want to go.

We have all the 2026 MYRCA (Manitoba Young Reader’s Choice Awards) available for you to check out and read. There are some great titles to tickle your imagination; tales from the North and some from the eerie bogs of England.

Please remember to return your library books on time and in good condition. There are other students waiting to read them. If you accidentally rip a page in a book, please do not try to repair it with scotch tape; just bring it back to the library and I will make the repairs.



Keep an eye out for the Scholastic Book Fair flyers that will be coming home in early November. The book fair will be set up in the library for a week so students, staff and parents can preview the books before they make their desired purchases. A portion of the sales are converted to rewards, which allows us to order books from Scholastic for the school at no cost. We hope to see you there.

Arlene Bell, Library Technician

PARENT COUNCIL

Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month. All families are encouraged to attend. Childcare is available at every meeting. The next meeting will be Wednesday November 26th at 6:30pm in the school library.

Get in touch with PAC through our social media:

Instagram: @luxton.pac

Facebook: Ecole Luxton School Parent Advisory Council

Or through our website: <https://www.ecole-luxton-pac.com/>

Meeting minutes will soon be posted on our website. If you cannot make a meeting but would like to know what was discussed, please head to the website. Minutes will also be posted on the École Luxton School's website.

Why does PAC fundraise

Last year PAC fundraising allowed classrooms to take extra field trips, invite special guests to the school, purchase supplies for classrooms to do extra projects, reduce costs for activities, show our school staff they are appreciated and so much more.

This year we are hoping to provide the same support for our school and cannot do that without your help! Take time this year to participate in the fundraisers – whether that is purchasing, sharing information with others or volunteer on pick up days.

50/50 Raffle

Tickets are available for the Just in Time for the Holidays 50/50 raffle to be drawn on December 19 at 9:30 am. Purchase your tickets here: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/luxton>

What is Next

Keep an eye out for the Bothwell Cheese and Shelmerdine Fundraisers in November.

The Luxton PAC is always looking for help with the fundraising efforts. Please come to the next meeting to find out how you can help!

Survey

In October, a member of the Luxton PAC attended the Winnipeg School Division's Environmental Advisory Committee meeting. At this meeting, the use of traffic calming measures was discussed. The École Luxton School representative at this meeting is now soliciting feedback from Luxton community members on the use of traffic calming measures which will be brought to the Environmental Advisory Committee. If you wish to provide some feedback, here is a link to the survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyjepWvtotZs-oG34neUdWZmEKw6nIr-GCBvQ17ByqBGtt0A/viewform>

Luxton Community Center 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.

**Have winter items? Need winter items?
Come to the École Luxton School
WINTER CLOTHING "FREE STORE"
Donate, Take, or Trade.
You do not need to give to receive.
Thursday, November 27 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
in the Family Centre (Rm 66) during tri-conferences.**



**Come and select items for your family.
If you have anything to donate or exchange, we are accepting
CLEAN, NEW or GENTLY USED
winter clothing items in READY-TO-WEAR condition.
Warm: boots, mittens, ski pants, jackets, snow suits
—all sizes welcome.
(Please do not bring items before Thursday, November 27,
as we do not have the room to store them.)**

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

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3 / Day 1	4 / Day 2	5 / Day 3 Rooms 20, 25 and 26 to the Manitoba Museum	6 / Day 4	7 / Day 5	
	10/ Day 6 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am	11 Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL	12 / Day 1	13 / Day 2 Grade 4 'Swimming Counts' program (in- school session)	14 / Day 3	
	17 / Day 4	18 / Day 5 Picture re-take day Grades 5/6 Triple Balls at Machray School (PM)	19 / Day 6	20 / Day 1 Grade 4 'Swimming Counts' program (in-pool session)	21 / Day 2 Inservice - NO SCHOOL	
	24 / Day 3	25 / Day 4 Report cards sent home electronically	26 / Day 5	27 / Day 6 Grade 4 'Swimming Counts' program (in-pool session) Tri-Conferences 3:45 to 7:30pm Scholastic Book Fair 3:30 to 8:00pm Luxton Winter Store 4:00pm - 8:00pm	28 / Day 1 NO SCHOOL AM: Tri-conferences 9:00am to 12:00pm Scholastic Book Fair 9:00am to 12:00pm PM: Staff professional development	

SCHOOL CLOSURE/PD DAYS 2025-2026

- Friday, November 21: PD Day
- Friday, November 28: AM tri-conferences; PM staff professional development
- Monday, February 2: PD day
- Friday, March 20: AM Student-Led Conferences; PM staff professional development
- Friday, April 10: PD day
- Friday, May 8: PD day
- Monday, June 29: PD day

UPCOMING DATES:

- Winter concert: Wednesday, December 10
- Winter break: December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026

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.