



The Communiqué

Monthly Newsletter of

École Luxton School

October
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear École Luxton School Families,

Our first month here at Luxton has certainly been a busy one. It has been a pleasure getting to know the students and staff as well as meeting many of our parents and guardians. We look forward to continuing to build relationships with the people of this community.

We recognize the importance of communication between school and home, and we welcome calls, emails and messages through school-based communication platforms (Seesaw, ClassDojo). In-person meetings are also important. However, schools are busy places, and impromptu meetings are often not possible. If you want to meet with a school staff member, please contact that person to arrange a mutually convenient time. Thank you for your understanding.

This month we recognized the significant efforts made by Terry Fox, a Canadian hero, by participating in a Terry Fox Run/Walk on September 25. The school came together to honour him and his Marathon of Hope to raise awareness of the continuing need to support cancer research. A huge thank you to Mr. Kay, our school's physical education teacher, for organizing the event and for having discussions in physical education classes about Terry's legacy.

We also recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Teachers have been leading discussions in classrooms, and several rooms visited the Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest at St. John's Park the morning of September 25 (see student article further in the newsletter). At École Luxton School, we are committed to advancing the calls to action put forth by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Respectfully,

Madame Kutcher & Ms. Gilman

MICHIF LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Our school has been selected to host a Michif language pilot program funded by the Manitoba Métis Federation. Winnipeg School Division teacher Heather Lambert will be at our school every Thursday to lead a Michif Language program in rooms 20, 23 and 26. What an exciting opportunity to help keep a traditional language alive!

Ms. Lambert's goal is to introduce students to French Michif (a variety of the Michif language) through both language and cultural teachings using a thematic approach. She will be working in our school all year long. There will be the opportunity to work with an elder and possibly even participate in land-based teachings away from the school. If you have any questions about this exciting new program at our school, please contact the school.

SCHOOL FEES & SUPPLIES

School fees for Nursery and Kindergarten are \$30 and for grades 1 to 8 they are \$40. This covers all materials used in class such as paper, pencils, markers, scissors, rulers, etc. Please send cash or cheque (made out École Luxton School) to your child's teacher. Please don't bring money to the office. Students are still required to bring a backpack, water bottle, indoor, non-marking shoes and a box of Kleenex. Thank you!

THE BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

École Luxton School Daily Schedule Outline

TIME	Grades 1 to 4	Grades 5 to 8
9h00 - 9h05	Homeroom	Homeroom
9h05 - 9h35	1st learning block	1st learning block
9h35 - 10h05		
10h05 - 10h35		
10h35 - 11h05	Recess	Recess
11h05 - 11h35	2 nd learning block	
11h35 - 12h05		
12h05 - 12h35		
12h35 - 13h05		
13h05 - 13h30	Lunch time	Recess
13h30 - 14h00	Recess	Lunch time
14h00 - 14h30	3 rd learning block	3 rd learning block
14h30 - 15h00		
15h00 - 15h30		

Please note the nursery and kindergarten classes are not part of the balanced school day; their start and end times have not changed. The morning classes are from 9:15am to 11:45am and the afternoon classes are from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

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.



VISIT TO KAPABAMAYAK ACHAAK HEALING FOREST

On September 25th, École Luxton School went to the Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest in St. John's Park, to learn about Truth and Reconciliation. There were lots of activities there. Three of the activities were storytelling, an ox cart led by Bonnehomme Beaudry and bannock led by Judie. There were two types of bannock with butter and jam. After the activities, we all went to the playground and played there for a while. There was also a warming hut, honouring there called the Rainbow Butterfly*. The classes that went to the park were rooms 25, 26, 8, 20 and 15.

By: Angus, Room 25.

**From the City of Winnipeg: "Rainbow Butterfly stands as a permanent symbol of love, peace, and protection for Indigenous women, girls, gender-diverse individuals, and Two-Spirit people. Located in St. John's Park, she represents the energy and spirit of ancestors, bringing together community members to honor and reflect on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Gender-Diverse, and Two-Spirit people (MMIWG2S+)."*

More information about that subject can be found here: [Rainbow Butterfly - Indigenous Relations Division - City of Winnipeg](#)



Photo Credit: Madame Meinders

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

The first month of school has gone by very quickly. The Family Centre is all set up and coffee is available every day.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to come in and enjoy a cup of coffee while they wait for their child to finish Nursery or Kindergarten class.

The Tuesday Morning Literacy Program started on September 23rd from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. If you have a little one, and would like to join, please see me in the Family Centre to register for the program. Flyers will be posted by rooms 6 and 7 with more information on the program.

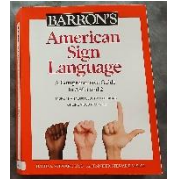
Angie Houston: Family Centre (Room 66)



LIBRARY NEWS - COME *CHECK IT OUT!*

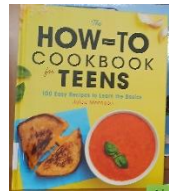
Wow! It's already October, the leaves are starting to change colour and the temperatures are getting cooler. Perfect weather to curl up with good book and go on an adventure.

When you come to the library check out all the books that will let your imagination soar. We have copies of all the Manitoba Young Reader's Choice Award (MYRCA) nominees for 2026 ready for you to read and when you have read at least 3 you can vote for your favorites. Ms. Drewniak and I will be hosting a MYRCA club over the lunch hour twice a school cycle starting soon. In the meantime, you are welcome to start reading them any time.



I have also purchased some special interest books from what students asked me about. These include American Sign Language books and cookbooks, as well as some sports and computer interests.

We also have a Kiosk computer in the library, where you can go online and search for books that we have in the library. Not only our library, but anywhere in the division. If you would like to learn more about how to search for books, please ask and when I have a moment, I will show you what to do and then you can show others.



Next month, we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in the Library. Keep an eye out for notes and flyers to come home in a few weeks. In the meantime, happy reading.

Mrs. Bell, Library Technician

PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADE 1 - GRADE 8

Hello Luxton Families,

September was such a fun month in the gym! It was wonderful to see everyone back after the summer break and kick off the school year with so much energy. We wrapped up the month with our Terry Fox Run, and it was inspiring to see our students come together to celebrate Terry's legacy.

Looking ahead, October is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month:

- Intramurals: Our intramural program will begin this month! Students are invited to come to the gym during the lunch period to play lead-up soccer games. This is a great way to stay active, have fun, and play with friends.
- Grade 5 & 6 Soccer: Students in Grades 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a co-ed soccer tournament one afternoon this month, competing against other schools within the Winnipeg School Division.
- Grade 7 & 8 Volleyball: Students in Grades 7 and 8 will have the chance to represent École Luxton School in the WSD Junior High Volleyball season. We're looking forward to some exciting matches and the school spirit!

It's going to be a month full of soccer, volleyball, and plenty of fun. From the gym, always remember; keep fit and have fun!

Sincerely, Mr. Kay Phys. Ed. Teacher

MUSIC NEWS - MS. DREWNIAK

We are one month back and one month closer to our winter concert.

This month students learned a line dance to the music "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire. Our composer for the month was Beethoven, and students experienced his musical works through boomwhackers, art, storytelling, non-pitched percussion instruments, and recorder.

The primary classes learned songs about apples, creating their own rhythmic chants. They formed creative movement through the development of an apple.

Students in grade 3 /4 classes begin recorders, reading and playing a variety of musical selections. The recorders will be used until grade 6 and they are learning responsibility for their own recorders. Students are encouraged to practice their technique at home and understand that facing a wall and playing with intent is important.

The middle years students will work on playing guitar chords and reading tablature.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Kids in the Know from the *Canadian Centre for Child Protection* is used throughout the Winnipeg School Division for age-appropriate lessons on child safety. Ms Zeglinski spends time supporting teachers with topical lesson delivery.

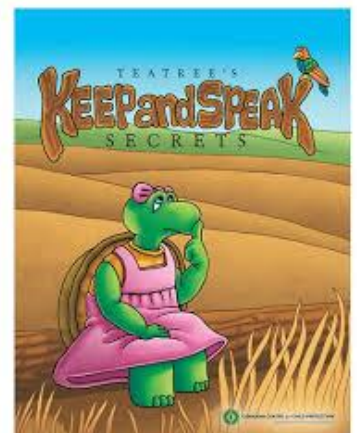
A very important concept, revisited across all age groups is, *Keep and Speak Secrets*.
https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/pdfs/KIK_Grade1_KeepAndSpeakSecrets_en.pdf

What kinds of secrets are safe to keep?
What kinds of secrets must be told to a safe adult immediately?
Who are our safe adults?

For the *Tea Tree's Keep and Speak Secrets* story (and more titles in the Canadian Centre for Child Protection collection) visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvsGPS-oxBE>

For more about *Kids in the Know*,
visit: <https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/app/en/about>

To discuss your child's counselling-related needs, please email Ms Zeglinski at kzeglinski@wsd1.org



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](#)

LUXTON HOLIDAY STORE

In December 2025, École Luxton will host our first-ever École Luxton School Holiday Store. The holiday store is a place where students can bring in a small donation, such as a \$1 or \$2, and purchase a holiday gift for their family members. For the holiday store to be successful, we are now collecting donations of 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.



Items can be sent in at any time this fall. 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. A big thank you to Mrs. Houston in the Family Centre who will be collecting, sorting, and storing the items until next December.

All donations collected will go to community members in need. In the past our school collected money for families who have lost their home to fire and supported families in need around the holiday time. The fundraising from the Holiday Store will continue to support our Luxton community in this way.

If you have any questions about the Holiday Store, please contact Ms. Howard at khoward@wsd1.org

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 October 29th 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.

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.

Peak of the Market Vegetable Fundraiser

Our Peak of the Market Vegetable orders are well underway. Make sure to place your online order at <https://peakfarmtoschool.com> prior to October 10.

Paper forms and payments are due back by 3:30 on October 7. **Vegetable pick up will be in the gym from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm** on October 21. All donated vegetables will be distributed to families in our school community.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed on October 21 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm to help unload and sort vegetables in the school gym. If you are able to help, email Jill at jill.a.stockwell@gmail.com.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 / Day 3	2/ Day 4 Dental Screening (K to grade 6)	3 / Day 5 Grade 6 Immunizations ----- Grades 5/6 Soccer tournament at Chalmers field	
	6 / Day 6	7 / Day 1 Grades 5/6 soccer rain date ----- Grades 7/8 Practical Arts at St. John's ----- Peak of the Market paper orders due	8 / Day 2 Divisional Inservice - NO SCHOOL	9 / Day 3	10 / Day 4 Peak of the Market online order deadline	
	13 Thanksgiving - No School	14 / Day 5	15 / Day 6	16 / Day 1 Picture Day ----- Grades 7/8 Practical Arts at St. John's	17 / Day 2	
	20 / Day 3	21 / Day 4 Peak of the Market delivery - Pick up in gym between 3pm and 5pm	22 / Day 5 Bus ridership	23 / Day 6	24 / Day 1 Non-instructional Day - MTS PD Day NO SCHOOL	
	27 / Day 2	28 / Day 3	29 / Day 4 PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library	30 / Day 5	31 / Day 6 HALLOWEEN! 	

SCHOOL CLOSURE/PD DAYS 2025-2026

- Wednesday, October 8: PD day
- Friday, October 24: PD day
- **Friday, November 21: PD Day ****
- Monday, February 2: PD day
- Friday, March 20: Student-Led Conferences
- Friday, April 10: PD day
- Friday, May 8: PD day
- Monday, June 29: PD day

**CORRECTION:

Please note there was an error in last month's newsletter. There WILL BE school on Tuesday, November 25. The divisionally mandated PD day that was thought to be on that day will be on Friday, November 21, and NOT on Nov. 25. We are currently in discussions to see how we will proceed with tri-conferences, which usually take place that morning. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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.

Housing and I.D. Resource Event

October 7, 2025, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
École Victoria-Albert School
110 Ellen Street

Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg are hosting events to help our community members get income and housing supports they qualify for. Join us to receive on-site sign-up services and information on available resources for individuals and families.

This event will also have settlement and newcomer agencies and organizations in attendance.

To sign up for services you will need some ID such as:

- Manitoba Health Card
- Government Issued Photo ID
- Proof of Income/Option C
- Current Tenancy Agreement
- Direct Deposit/Banking Information
- EIA Budget Letter
- Proof of Status/Residency
- Completed Guarantor Form

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact:

Kasia (Katarzyna) Guzzi
Community Support Program
Coordinator
kguzzi@wsd1.org
204-788-0203



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