Message from Administration:

“A picture is worth a thousand words”

We would like to send our continued thanks to all the staff, families, and community members who contributed to another busy and educational month. We sang and danced in celebration of Festival du Voyageur. We also had many great reading opportunities for “I Love to Read” month. Our sports program is in full swing and we have many music and E.S.D. activities on the go. Our science fair for grades 7-8 was a success and showcased the students’ hard work. We hope the many photos throughout this month’s newsletter convey the wealth of learning opportunities that our students are enjoying!

- M. Vince Audino (Principal)
- Mme Sherry Jones (Vice-Principal)
**Important Dates 2016**

March 17  
Student Led/Book Fair: **4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

March 18  
NO SCHOOL
Student Led/Book Fair: **8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

March 25  
NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

_Last day of classes – March 24, 2016 classes resume April 4, 2016_

April 13  
International Day of Pink (Wear Pink)

April 21  
Spring Fling/Craft Sale: **5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
Grades 4-8 Spring Concert: **6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
Earth Day (Wear Green)

April 22  
NO SCHOOL (Administration Day)

May 6  
Walk-A-Thon Assembly: **2:00 p.m.**

May 9  
NO SCHOOL (Administration Day)

May 23  
NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)

June 24  
NO SCHOOL (Administration Day)

June 29  
Last Day of School for Nursery and Kindergarten

June 30  
Assembly at **9:00 a.m.**
Early Dismissal at **11:00 a.m.**

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**Jokes of the Month!**

Q: Why did the robber take a shower before he left the house?
A: So he could get a clean getaway!
- Noah Almazan, P2

Q: Why didn’t the skeleton cross the road?
A: He didn’t have the guts!
- Lance Ponce, 114

Q: What is Darth Vader’s wife’s name?
A: Elia Vader! (elevator)
- Desiree Cabaltera, 118

Please tell Mme. Sabrina your funny jokes, she will pick a few to be featured in the newsletter every month!

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**Maximus Musicus Visits the Orchestra**

**Sun, Mar 20 | 2:00 pm**
Julian Pellicano, conductor  |  Matthew Fletcher, narrator

In the best-selling and award-winning book _Maximus Musicus Visits the Orchestra_, Iceland’s best-loved musical mouse discovers the wonders of the symphony orchestra.

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**Join us for Pre-concert Activities at 1:00 pm!**
Children can visit the Conducting Station where they get the chance to conduct a group of symphony musicians or visit the Instrument Petting Zoo to touch and play the orchestral instruments. They can also participate in musical activities such as crafts, rhythm ensembles and round-singing.
We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children’s books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

You will find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Visit the Scholastic Book Fair’s website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to get more detailed information about these books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the BookTube page.

We will be sending home a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair. The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents can deposit during our Family Event. You could win $50 in books – $25 for your family PLUS $25 for your child’s classroom!

Do not forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event and for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child(ren)’s future.

Sincerely,
- Mme Sabrina

N/K Information Evening

Our information evening on February 4th was a success! The sessions included presentations on health and nutrition and academic resources for nursery and kindergarten students.

Here is the list of academic resources shared that evening:

Websites:
- TAKA T’AMUSER https://www.takatamuser.com
- LA SOURIS http://www.lasouris-web.org/index.html
  (USERNAME: WSD, PASSWORD: books)
- PETIT OURS BRUN: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkSHGODz0-M
- ALAIN LE LAIT :https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu03KjiwVM
- LE MONDE DES PETITS https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=le+monde+des+petits
- ÉCOLE LANSDOWNE (ALPHABET VIDEO)
  https://www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/Lansdowne/StudentResources/internet-activities/Pages/default.aspx

Apps:
- ALPHABET TRACING
- L’ALPHABET AVEC LES ANIMAUX

Many parents attended the sessions and we have many people to thank. Thank you to our junior high students who volunteered their time in the evening to be babysitters. We are also grateful for Mme Galvez and Mme Cayanan who volunteered their time in the evening to serve as interpreters. Finally, a big thank you to Dr. Cormack who volunteered his time to do a presentation on dental health.

Thank you to all parents who attended, it was nice to see all those wonderful Lansdowne families. Congratulations to the Pessima family who entered a draw by completing a feedback form. They won a gift card to Subway. UN GRAND MERCI À TOUS!

- The N/K team; Mme Haggart, Mme Kanta, Mme Morden, Mme Lanctôt-Blanchard, and Mme Jones.
February was a busy month for our junior high basketball teams. The tier 2 boys played very well in the Hedges basketball tournament and participated in another tournament at Arthur Day at the end of February. The tier 2 girls came in 2nd in two separate tournaments, well done girls! They will end their season by participating in one final tournament March 4/5th. Playoffs for both tier teams began at the end of February. We saw skill improvement in both our developmental basketball teams. They represented Lansdowne well. Good work on your seasons! Thank you again to the coaches.

- Mme Ginsburg

Congratulations to the grade 7 and 8 developmental basketball team who played extremely well this season!

- Mme Galvez and Mme Cayanan

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- Mme Tugby

As you know, our school has started a new recycling program. During snack and lunch, you can recycle items such as yogurt containers, juice boxes, aluminum cans, and milk cartons. There are now posters in each classroom that clearly show what is recyclable and what is not. This month, the grade 4 classes are responsible for putting the blue bins in the hallways and for emptying them after lunch. Next month, a different grade will be responsible for the bins. Thank you for helping us protect our planet!

Spirit Week

Have you heard the action group is planning a spirit week for all students? (including teachers!) We hope that everyone will participate, and show some amazing École Lansdowne school spirit! Here is the schedule for spirit week:

Monday, March 21st - Pyjama Day
Tuesday, March 22nd - Wacky Hair Day
Wednesday, March 23rd - Twin Day
Thursday, March 24th - Lansdowne Spirit Day (Please wear Lansdowne gear or school colours - royal blue and black)

(There are only four days because of Good Friday.)

- Abi Nangan and Christian Gutang

Grade 7:
- Tianna Bushie
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- Alexa Francisco
- Alexa Galvez
- Carrie-Lynn Hryenchuk
- Lily Kantyluk
- Abi Nangag

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Science Fair Highlights

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Library News

Spring is coming soon, which includes spring cleaning! If you have any gently used books that your family is no longer using and that you would like to donate, I would love to add them to the library to share with the entire school! Please make sure that they do not have any rips or tears.

Thanks in advance for your help,

Mme Sabrina

Highlights from “J’aime lire” Month
News:

- Grant applications for Phase 2 of the playground improvements are in and are pending. This includes the building of a N/K play area and basketball courts.

- **We still need parent volunteers** to form a committee of 4 or 5 to take charge of the general Fundraising efforts as well as the Nutrition Committee, the Outreach Committee, and to form a Band Committee. In the March L.P.C. meeting, we will be reviewing the roles/responsibilities of committee chairs, to help make the committee’s work clear. This will become part of the Constitution’s appendices regarding L.P.C.’s Procedures.

- The school division’s District Business Administrator (D.B.A.), Shaune Precourt, is still at work auditing our books (L.P.C. requested this audit in 2015). All current and future committees, L.P.C. Executive, and lunch program practices will follow her recommendations.

- **BUDGET TIME!** M. Audino & Mme Jones invite parents and guardians to phone or email with suggestions regarding the school’s discretionary funds for infrastructure, sports, arts (including band), technology, and science programming. Now is the time to give them your “two cents” to help with next year’s planning (please note there is no “extra” money, just options for how to distribute the usual funds).

- The W.S.D. has an online survey for parents regarding the upcoming budget. They are planning a school tax increase. Please visit the W.S.D. website. You can also contact your school trustee by phone, email, or regular mail to voice your concerns or suggestions.

- Mme Jones has scheduled the babysitting course for students 11 years old and up. It will take place on April 22nd at the school. A registration form has been sent home and is due back by March 18th.

- The remainder of this phase’s landscaping of the playground will finish in the spring once the ground thaws. Trees were planted before the frost. Please remind your children that these trees are not for climbing and need to be treated with respect.

- The Lansdowne Community Garden Committee is looking forward to spring and will need volunteers to help with a spring clean-up as well as the summer maintenance schedule.

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**Lansdowne Parent Council**

Executive 2015-2016:

President: Sandra Donald chair.elaq@gmail.com
Vice-President: Alison Godfrey
Secretary: Nikki Tresoor nicolaraks@mts.net
Treasurer: Debra Urbanik treasme@gmail.com

**General Fundraising:**

- **Spring Fling** event is for April 21st in conjunction with the grades 4-8 concert. There will be a bake sale, raffles, and craft sale tables for rent. Please see the office for an application if you wish to rent a table.

- **Donations** of baking and items for the raffle are needed, as well as volunteers for the event.

- At the McGavin’s Bakery at Northgate Mall: every $10 purchased, the school receives a stamp on the school’s sheet; every 10 stamps = $5 savings on bread or buns. Mention the school’s account when you pay for your bread!

- **You can make tax-deductible donations to Phase 2 of the playground, straight to the W.S.D. Childrens’ Heritage Fund. Please see the office for donation forms or find the link on the school’s website.**

- Plans for next year’s fundraising will be made in the April L.P.C. meeting to allow us prep and planning time.

**Quebec Trip 2017 Fundraising:**

- Pizza Hotline coupon card sales have now completed. Totals are not available at this time.

- Thanks to M. Audino and Mme Threadkell for over-seeing the fundraising.

- Reminder that students need to be registered with the tour company to receive their fundraising money.

- LaMontaigne chocolate almonds sales now underway!

- A survey has been sent home with registered students regarding the Quebec trip. These will be compiled and discussed at the next meeting. The **next Quebec trip meeting is March 14th after the regular L.P.C. meeting.**

*All fundraising is voluntary! It is your choice as a family if you would like to participate.

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**NEXT MEETINGS:** March 14th and April 18th. A.G.M. and June transition meeting dates are T.B.A. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

While babysitting is provided for free, it helps to know that you are coming with your child(ren) so we know how many sitters to hire! Please let the treasurer know if you will be bringing your child(ren) to a meeting.
L.P.C. Lunch Program News & Menu:

DID YOU KNOW?

- Our school division puts full responsibility for the lunch break on parents? This means parents must pick up their children or register in the Lunch Program. The Lunch Program must staff, oversee, and manage their school's lunch program.
- All children staying at school over the lunch break must be registered.

GENERAL REMINDERS/INFO:

- Parents are responsible for providing morning snack (except for Nursery).
- Lunch fees do not cover snacks or other food and drink from the canteen (these must be purchased). Milk is 10 cents per day/$2 per month.
- When visiting the school during lunch, please let Mary Sutton and the supervisor(s) on duty know who you are.
- Fees cover only the cost of supervision. Our paid supervisors are responsible for the full break, including upholding P.B.I.S. guidelines (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). Some of the supervisors are École Lansdowne staff members.
- Fees are due by the 20th of each month. Multiple payment options are in place. N.S.F. (Non-Sufficient Funds) are $10.
- For security, please give payments directly to Mary Sutton in the lunch program office (adjacent to the gym). If Mary is not there, please give them to Margaret in the main office. Do not send it with your child.
- Lunch fundraisers are optional (they are not included in lunch fees).
- If you have concerns/questions about the menu, please forward your comments in writing to the lunch program coordinator or to the school administration.
- Menu choices must meet minimum health guidelines. The menu is subject to change based on lunch fundraisers or availability.

ALLERGY/SENSITIVITY ALERT:

- Menu choices must take into account serious food allergies.
- The canteen is a peanut-safe zone (like the rest of the school).

March Menu ($3 each)

March 1 Tostitos
March 2 Mac & Cheese
March 3 Pasta & Meatballs
March 4 Fun Lunch - Burgers
March 7 Pancakes
March 8 Chicken Burgers
March 9 Grilled Cheese
March 10 Rice and Chicken
March 11 Mac & Cheese
March 12 Chicken Burgers
March 15 Baked Chicken & Rice
March 16 Pasta & Meatballs
March 17 - Fun Lunch - Hotdogs
March 18 - NO SCHOOL
March 21 Pancakes
March 22 Mac & Cheese
March 23 Grilled Cheese
March 24 Burgers
March 25 NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

Parents are needed to sit on the Nutrition Committee. This committee’s job is to draft a menu, which must follow the W.S.D. and government guidelines for healthy choices.

Until we have a working committee, the menu will be repeated as is.

To volunteer, please contact the President, Sandra Donald.
# March 2016

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Lansdowne Library  
Quebec Trip  
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9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. | Track Meet #3 @ U of M | Club d’action globale 11:15 a.m. Room 133  
Canteen Fun Lunch  
Student Led 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. | |

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**SPRING BREAK!**