



École Varennes

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June is a time for celebrating the learning that has taken place throughout the year, thanking those who have contributed to the energetic atmosphere in the school, as well as planning for the upcoming year. Many field trips and celebrations will be taking place this month. Please refer to p. 2 for the list of upcoming events as well as our [online calendar](#).

The school year is quickly coming to an end. We are in the final planning stages for next year. Staffing assignments are in place and the process of assigning students to their new classes is now complete.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank certain staff members who will not be returning and welcome some new faces to École Varennes. As previously mentioned in last month's newsletter, we will say *au revoir* and best of luck to **M. Ben Fowler**, our Grade 7 & 8 teacher who will be teaching at École secondaire Oak Park. Our two Student Services teachers, **Mme Bernice Schick** and **Mme Andréa Léger** will both be leaving us at the end of this school year: Mme Schick will be teaching Grade 2/3 at École Sage Creek School while Mme Léger has accepted a Student Services position at École Julie-Riel. **Mme Stéphanie Wereszko** has just recently accepted a Grade 5/6 position at École Howden. We wish her much success at her new school. We will be saying goodbye to **Mme Theressa François** as well as she has resigned from the Louis Riel School Division. We wish her the best in her future endeavours. We wish to thank **Mme Makaela Peña**, our Grade 3 teacher for her work with our students and staff this year. Finally, we would like to wish all the best to **Mme Gihan El Mahalawy**, **M. Mamadou Drabo**, **Mme Aimée Surrette**, **Mme Sue Einarson** and **Mme Christy Mager** who will complete their term contracts as educational assistants in June. Thank you for the excellent work you have done with our students. In other staffing news, **Mme Monique Ditter** and **Mme Tracy Frédérick** will continue to be on a half-time leave next year.

The following teachers will be welcomed at École Varennes for the 2018-2019 school year: **Mme Rebecca Routhier**, a former École Varennes teacher, will be teaching Kindergarten in the mornings; **Mme Aimée Vandale** has been hired on a term contract and will be teaching Grade 3; **M. Alain Laurin**, has been hired on a permanent contract in LRSD and will be teaching Grade 5/6; and **M. David Boyes**, a current teacher at Collège Béliveau, will be teaching Grade 7/8. We welcome two experienced Student Services teachers to the École Varennes family: **Mme Claire Normandeau** who is currently at École Provencher and **Mme Elizabeth Mittelstadt** from Collège Béliveau, both in Student Services at their respective schools as well as **Mme Tammy Levasseur** as our Positive Behaviour Support Teacher. For a complete staff list, please refer to p. 2.

Finally, we wish all our Grade 8 students a wonderful learning journey as they continue their school career to Collège Jeanne-Sauvé and other schools of choice. Thank you for the various leadership roles you have taken on throughout the years to make École Varennes the wonderful school it is.

Have a fun and restful summer!



Staffing News

Mme Melissa Feniuk, an educational assistant, will be away on medical leave until the end of the school year. We wish to welcome **Mme Joëlle Jeanson** to the École Varennes family!

Congratulations to **Mme Codie Price** who has recently given birth to a baby girl, Emma Rose. Both mother and baby are doing great!



Upcoming Events

Monday, June 4 - Parent Committee Meeting (please contact office for details of location)

Thursday, June 7 - Grade 3 (Mme Muller Bulger's class) outing to St. Mary's Nursery

Friday, June 8 - Kindergarten outing to Six Pines Farm: 9 am—2:30 pm; Grade 4 outing to Legislative Building: 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm

Tuesday, June 12 - Stay and Play for new Kindergarten students

Tuesday, June 12 - Grade 6 & 8 Immunizations

Thursday, June 14 - School BBQ: 5-7 pm

Friday, June 15 - Administration Day: No school for students

Monday, June 18 - Grade 5/6 outing to Lower Fort Garry: 9 am to 2:30 pm

Thursday, June 21 - Hot Lunch (Subway)

Friday, June 22 - Grade 1 outing to Children's Museum: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm



Friday, June 22 - Grade 2&3 outing to the Zoo: 9 am - 2:30 pm

Monday, June 25 - Dolphin Family Activity Day

Tuesday, June 26- Kindergarten Celebration: 10 am and 1:45 pm (AM celebration in the gym, PM celebration in library)

Wednesday, June 27 - Talent Show: 8:45 to 11:15 am in the school gym

Wednesday, June 27 - Progress Reports sent home

Thursday, June 28 - Step Up Day for Grades K-7 at 9 am and 12:45 pm for afternoon Kindergarten

Thursday, June 28 - Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony: 10 am

Friday, June 29 - Farewell Assembly: 10:30 am

Friday, June 29 - Last Day of School, Early Dismissal: 2 pm

Staffing 2018-2019

Kindergarten AM	Susan Benning
Kindergarten AM	Rebecca Routhier
Kindergarten PM	Susan Benning
Grade 1	Tracy Frédérick/Claire Poliquin
Grade 1	Julie Desrochers
Grade 1	Djahida Tir
Grade 2	Sylvie Leochko
Grade 2	Charla Ramsey/TBA
Grade 3	Denise Muller Bulger
Grade 3	Aimée Vandale
Grade 4	Lynne Macri
Grade 4	Laurie Tyndall
Grade 5/6	Alain Laurin
Grade 5/6	TBA
Grade 5/6	Debbie Duncan
Grade 7/8	David Boyes
Grade 7/8	Fiona Cook
Music	Allison Boettcher
Grade 7 & 8 Band	Gabrielle Wiebe
Grade 7 & 8 Guitar	Daniel Bergman
Phys. Ed.	Monique Ditter and Jean Hardman
Teacher-Librarian	Derek Acorn
Library Technician	Amy-Leigh Gray
Student Services	Michelle Bacon, Claire Normandeau and Elizabeth Mittelstadt
Positive Behaviour Support Teacher:	Tammy Levasseur
IPL (Early Literacy)	Claudette Philippot
Family Centre Coordinator	Shawna Crane
Family Centre Assistant	Kristine Bettencourt
Community Liaison Worker	Paulette Côté
Educational Assistants	LeeAnn Bisson, Melissa Feniuk, Rachelle Huberdeau, Chantale Thioux-Asselin, Jessica Schettler
Custodians	Gilles Laplume, Dianne Pauwells and Thomas Brereton
Secretaries	Clarisse Daudet and Danielle Hince
Vice-Principal	Michelle Bacon
Principal	Joanne DeCruyenaere

Volunteer Appreciation

Education is a partnership between home, school, and the community. It is this partnership that makes a school a dynamic learning environment and integral part of the community. At École Varennes, we are fortunate to have a dedicated community of volunteers that support our programs and activities in many ways. Field trips, Hot Lunches, reading with students, and the Parent Committee are just a few ways how our volunteers provide valuable assistance to the school. This year, volunteers will be receiving a small token of appreciation on behalf of the staff and students at École Varennes. Thank you volunteers for all you do!



Step-Up Day

Assemblée d'au revoir

Step-Up Day occurs on June 28 at 9:00 –9:30 am for students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 as well as at 12:45-1:15 pm for our current afternoon Kindergarten students. Students will visit their new classroom and, in most cases, meet their new teacher. The goal is for students to leave for summer vacation reassured and excited for their return in the fall. Students who will not be returning in the fall of 2018 will meet in the gymnasium.

Our Farewell Assembly will take place on June 29 from 10:30-11:15 am in the school gymnasium.

Please consider yourself invited! At the assembly, we will say goodbye to staff members and students who are leaving École Varennes.

Report Card Distribution

All K-8 students will be receiving their report cards on Wednesday, June 27.

If you are leaving early for holidays and your child will not be here to pick up his or her report card, you may choose one of the following options:

A) Send us a self-addressed, stamped (2-3 stamps) 8 1/2 x 11 or 9 x 12 envelope and we will mail it to you.



B) Have the school hold the report card until school opens again in late August.

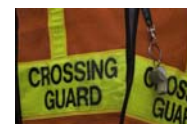
C) Send a letter to the school giving written permission for us to release your child's report card to a person other than yourself.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found bins are overflowing once again. Items will be displayed on tables in front of the office during the last week. Please come by the school to see if any items belong to your child(ren). Any items left unclaimed at the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.

Wanted: Crossing Guard and Lunch Supervisors

Are you interested in a part-time job helping our students? We have Crossing Guard positions open (morning 8-8:30 am and after school (3-3:15 pm) as well as Lunch Supervisor positions open (11:15-12:15) for 2018-2019. These are all paid positions. If interested, please see our vice-principal, Mme Bacon, for more details.



School News



With warmer weather upon us and warmer weather yet to come, it is important to remember to dress suitably for school. Proper attire gives the message that learning is important and valued in our school. We ask parents to assist their children in making appropriate choices. Clothing should allow students to actively participate in all daily activities without risk of inappropriate exposure. Muscle shirts, short shorts that exposes the buttocks, tube tops, beach wear and any questionable or offensive attire will not be permitted on school premises. Clothing that exposes a student's midriff is also not permitted at school. Should a student come to school dressed inappropriately, he/she would be expected to change clothing immediately. We thank parents in advance for their support.

School Supplies—Bulk Ordering

The Louis Riel School Division recognizes that shopping for school supplies can become very expensive and time consuming for families. As a result, the Division will continue with the Standardized School Supplies program in the 2018/2019 school year. What this means is that all basic school supplies will be provided by the school division, and parents will no longer be required to purchase them. In exchange, a small fee of \$40 per student will be collected from parents at the beginning of the school year. More information regarding this initiative will be sent home with your child's report card.



Grade 8 Farewell

Grade 8 farewell celebrations mark an important event for our students. It is an opportunity for them to recall fond memories of their years at École Varennes, to reflect on their progress and to look toward their future. The farewell celebrations place value on learning and honour learning as a social experience influenced by peers, parents, and school staff. A Farewell Ceremony is planned for June 28 at 10 am. Please join us!

An evening meal and social time will follow at Stella's at the Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre on Provencher.

Lunch and School Supplies Fees

Lunch and school supplies fees have been received from most of all families. If you've been leaving it until the last minute, it's still not too late. Payment will be accepted at the school office until June 27. After that date, any outstanding payments must be remitted directly to the School Division office at 900 St. Mary's Road.



Library Books

In order to assist M. Acorn and Mme Amy-Leigh in conducting the year-end inventory, kindly return all library books by June 22. While materials will no longer circulate after that date, classes may visit the library and use materials there. We appreciate your assistance.



Student Services News

Summertime reading adventures

Encourage your children to open books even after school doors close!

Children acquire skills throughout the school year, but they can lose ground if learning stops during the summer break. Fortunately, learning never has to stop. Children who read throughout the summer *gain* skills, can start the new school year with a better understanding of language and the world around them, and discover the joy of reading. The more they *like* to read, the more they *will* read.

It's not hard to help your children keep their interest in reading and learning. Children learn through a variety of activities, and almost everything we do presents an opportunity to read. When you're eating breakfast, read the cereal box; if you're in a restaurant, read the menu. Read the newspaper with your children and discuss what's happening in the world.

Make the most of those long summer days and warm summer nights. Relax, spend time outside, visit friends, and enjoy your time as a family. But don't stop reading. Make it part of your family's summer fun.

A summer of fun learning

You can make your children's summer vacation enriching and entertaining by introducing them to new experiences, encouraging them to pursue their own interests and combining reading and writing with their new adventures. Throughout the summer, take advantage of local resources and everyday activities to read with your children and help them learn. For example:

- Check out the library. Take your children to the library regularly. See if your library has a summer club, story hours, or other reading events.
- Visit parks, zoos, and nature centres. Visit the library afterward to get books on favorite animals and field guides to help identify wildlife in your area.
- Go to museums, science centres, and historical sites. Many have extended summer hours, special exhibitions, and hands-on activities for children.
- Check out local art. Summer events often include summer theater, puppet shows, outdoor concerts, and crafts fairs.
- Read up on your trip. If you are traveling, involve your children in the planning. Read about the trip together and highlight your route on a map.
- Encourage pen pals. If your children will be separated from good friends for the summer, suggest that they write to each other. If they have access to e-mail, have them write online.
- Share the fun of reading. Encourage your children to swap books with their friends. Host a book party and invite the guests to come dressed as their favourite characters.



Source: Reading is Fundamental (www.rif.org)

Parent Committee News

The **next meeting** of the École Varennes Parent Committee will take place on **Monday, June 4**. Please contact the school office for details. Please be sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming Annual General Meeting, scheduled for **Monday, September 24 at 6:30 pm**. Come find out about the many ways your Parent Committee supports learning at École Varennes.

The Parent Committee wishes to thank families and community members for their support of all of our fundraisers this year. At the May's Parent Committee meeting, members decided that some of the funds next year will continue to go towards subsidizing bussing costs for each classroom for one field trip. All parents are welcome to attend any of our regular meetings during the school year, including the AGM in September 2018. Find out how you can add your voice to continue to make École Varennes a wonderful learning place for your children.



Community News

Water Safety

During summer vacation, remember these water safety tips:

- Swim with a buddy.
- Know your limits—swim a safe distance and duration.
- Younger students and weaker swimmers should always be watched by a parent or supervisor. If you are not within arms' reach, you've gone too far into the water.
- Familiarize yourself with the water before diving or swimming.
- Weaker swimmers and young children should always wear a lifejacket or personal flotation device—this is not a substitute for staying within arms' reach.
- The best way to be safe in or near the water is to learn to swim.



Report Vandalism

We are proud of our school! Help us to keep it free of vandalism such as broken windows, graffiti, and damage to roofs and playground equipment.

Keep your eyes open! If you see suspicious activity occurring on school property between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am, call 204-231-4556 to report it. You can call the same number to report acts of school vandalism. A security officer will be dispatched to investigate.

Your assistance will help to reduce costs associated with vandalism, ensuring that funds can be better directed to support student learning.

This service is provided through a partnership with the Manitoba School Boards Association.



June 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Family Breakfast 9:00-11:00am Closed PM
4 Gym N Play 8:45-11:00 am Coffee Time 1:00-2:30pm	5 Baby N Me 9:00-11:00am Coffee Time 1:00-2:30pm	6 Assiniboine Nature Play- ground Day 10:00-2:00pm	7 Outdoor Stay N Play 8:45-11:00am Coffee Time 1:00-2:30pm	8 Stay N Play 8:45-11:00am Closed PM
11 Stay N Play 8:45-11:00am Closed PM	12 Baby N Me 9:00-11:00am Closed PM	13 Stay N Play 8:45-11:00am Closed PM	14 Centre Closed School BBQ	15 Closed Inservice
18 Farm Field Trip *MUST BE REGIS- TERED	19 Baby N Me 9:00-11:00am Coffee Time 1:00-2:30pm	20 Stay N Play 8:45-11:00am Closed PM	21 Outdoor Stay N Play 8:45-11:00am Closed PM	22 Centre Closed
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Kristine and I would like to wish all of our families a fun and safe summer! Looking forward to September and seeing all of our families again.



On June 6th, weather permitting, we will be having a get together at the Assiniboine Park Nature Playground. We will provide a pizza lunch so come and join us from 10:00-2:00pm. We will meet at the shelter to the west of the playground! Please let us know if you will be attending.

FAMILY CENTRE JUNE NEWSLETTER CENTRE FAMILIAL

Our farm trip to Morning Sound farm will take place on Monday, June 18th. We will be taking the 1st 40 people that sign up on the link by June 8th. You must be a registered family with the Family Centre (filled out a registration form). To ensure everyone who wants to come are able to, please only sign up family members who regularly attend the Family Centre, if spaces allows, then we can open it up to more.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/morning-sound-farm-field-trip-tickets-45531213084>



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