

École Laurier

Community Report 2020-2021

École Laurier is a Jr.K-8 French Immersion school with 44 students 4.5 professional staff and 4 support staff members.

The goal of the French Immersion program enables students to interact spontaneously, autonomously, and confidently in French with pride and ease. They seek opportunities to engage in the Francophone community. Their identity as Canadian citizens, competent in both French and English, creates lifelong opportunities and fosters openness to other languages and cultures. This program is designed for students whose first language is not French.

French is the language of instruction for all subject areas except for English Language Arts and Music/Band, which are taught in English. French Immersion students learn the same curricular outcomes as students registered in the English program. In addition, they take French Language Arts.

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School Goals

During the 2020/2021 school year, École Laurier set very high goals that focused on improving their priorities.

1. By June 2021, 85% of grade 3-8 students will be reading at instructional level for their grade according to F&P Benchmark reading assessment. *We are slightly below our target goal with 76% of the grade 3-8 students reading at instructional level.*
2. By June 2021, 70% of students in grade 6-8 will demonstrate understanding of 80% or more of the essential outcomes in math. (using mRLC essential outcome quizzes). *We have not met this goal. Areas for growth include fractions, algebra, surface area of 3D shapes and area and circumference of circles.*
3. École Laurier staff will do 10 mental health activities with the students by June 2021. *We have exceeded this goal completing 14 school-wide activities along with many other individual class activities.*
4. During the 2020-2021 school year, Ecole Laurier students will complete 10 ESD projects throughout the school year that incorporate the fundamental principles of sustainable development. *We have exceeded this goal by completing ESD 14 projects.*



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École Laurier Priorities

Building a Stronger Literacy plan for student success

- L'approche intégrée
- Quality literature
- Guided reading
- Home Reading Program

Mental Health and Wellness

- Zones of Regulation
- Thrival Kits
- Spirit Week
- Mindfulness

Building a Stronger Numeracy Plan for student

- MRLC numeracy project
- Guided math
- Hands-on activities
- Strong focus on problem solving

« A l'École Laurier, mon Français m'ouvre les portes du monde. »

French Jr. Kindergarten Program

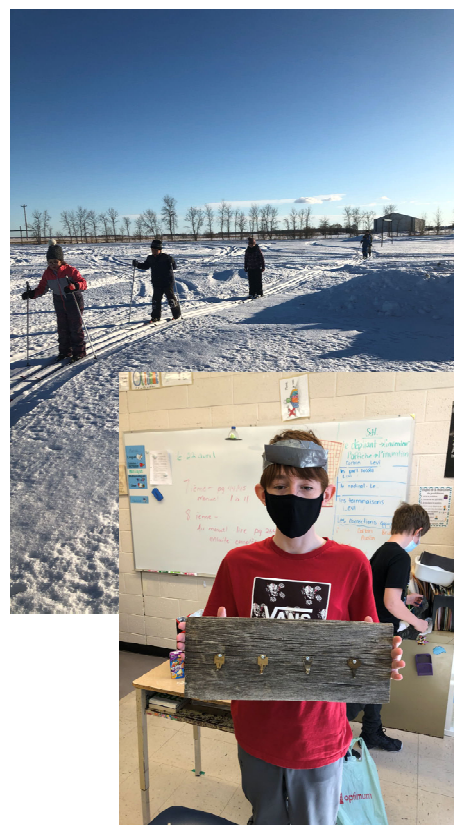
This is the fifth year of our French Jr. Kindergarten program for the division. We had 2 Jr. K graduates this year. The program introduces the students to the school environment. It orientates them to classroom routines and expected behavior, while helping to improve social skills and relieving possible anxieties about starting school. Through play, the students are introduced to academic fundamentals such as letters, shape and numbers. They are exposed to the French language and culture, quickly being able to understand French and eventually repeating songs and basic commands. This program is offered free of charge to four year old children and it complements our full-time Kindergarten program. We want to offer families with options and this program will be offered again next school year. We are pleased that Mme Jeannine Delaurier will be returning to teach this program in the fall.



Special Events Highlights

Terry Fox 40 Activities Day
Heathly Students School Program
Virtual Remembrance Day ceremony
Virtual Concert de Noël
Members of Canadian Parents for French
Multiple School Spirit Weeks
Concours d'art oratoire 4e à 8e année
Virtual Year End Class Field Trips

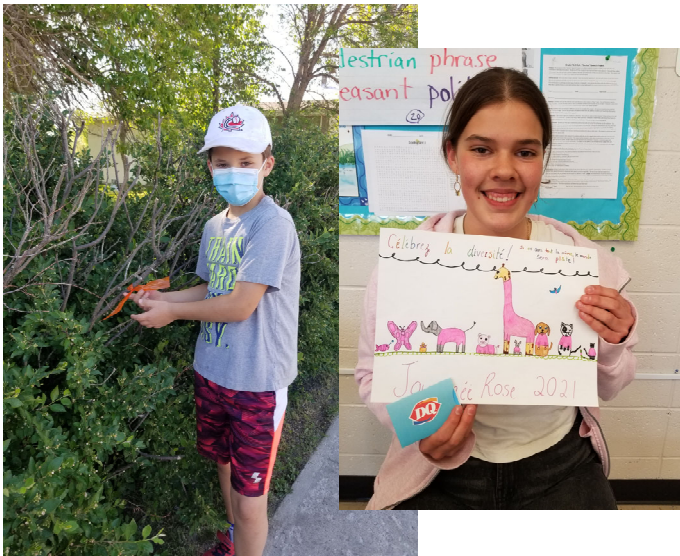
Sautons en Cœur
Rocks n' Rings Curling purchase
Day of Pink
Virtual Oak Hammock Marsh Presentation
Gr. 4-6 Cross Country Ski program with Dead Ox Trailblazers
Earth Day Activities
Mindcraft: Education Edition Workshop
Bigger Than That - Ryan Laird Virtual Concert



School Community Highlights



5th year pilot project - Jr. Kindergarten
Homemade Christmas cards for the elderly in Laurier & Ste Rose
Zones of Regulation-School Wide Initiative
Thanksgiving Food Bank Collection
Halloween Activities
PITCH IN Canada town clean-up
Christmas Hamper
Dieleman fundraiser
Reading Month Activities
"100" days of school
Pink T-Shirt Day
Festival du Voyageur day
Daily Breakfast program
Hot Lunch Days
Les copains de l'esprit
Mom's Pantry fundraiser
Received 20 year Banner for Terry Fox Run



Sustainable Development Highlights

École Laurier students continue to recycle, reuse and reduce. The grade 2-3 class planted the school garden with tomatoes, radishes, lettuce, carrots and zucchini. We been watering the garden and flowers using rain water collected in our rain barrel. We raised butterflies from caterpillars and then released them into our community.

Reusable cloth shopping bags were handed out to the students to use when grocery shopping with their family. The school emails all newsletters and notices to parents, replacing the need for paper copies.

Teachers, through curriculum, guided students to connect their personal lifestyle to their ecological footprint and understand the impact on others and take action. Students gave back to their community through the Terry Fox Run, Thanksgiving Food Bank collection, Christmas Hamper Program and the annual town clean-up.

In the spring and fall months, the grade 5 students were in charge of the school compost program.

In June, the students commemorated the death of the 215 children of the Kamloops Indian Residential school in BC. by putting orange ribbons on the shrubs at Laurier Centennial Park to represent each child.



Concours d'art oratoire

The Concours d'art oratoire is Canada's largest annual French public-speaking competition.

The competition is open to students in every province and territory in a wide range of age/grade categories and French abilities. Thousands of students participate every year in communities big and small for their opportunity to win prizes and/or scholarships to postsecondary institutions!

Our students were organized into the following categories: grade 4, grade 5-6, and grade 7-8. All students did a fantastic job! The speeches were well written and interesting. Congratulations to the following winners:

Grade 4

1st: Weston Rank

2nd: Ava Thompson

3rd: Jacksen Soucy

Grade 5-6

1st: Destiny Cull

2nd: McKenzie Soucy-Dillon

3rd: Luke Soucy

Grade 7-8

1st: Aidan Thompson

2nd: Julien Lagarde

3rd: Kent Delaurier



Odyssey Program

The OLP (Explore, Destination Clic, and Odyssey) are funded by the Government of Canada and administered by ministries and departments of education across the country. Officials from each province and territory work with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) to promote the programs, establish common procedures and regulations, and help to ensure success for all participants. The programs have been operating across Canada since 1971.

École Laurier is grateful to Turtle River School Division for supporting the Odyssey program in our school for many years. We have been fortunate to have the extra support of a French Language Assistant.

What is a French Language Assistant?

The French Language Assistant plays a key role in the lives of our students. Under the direction of the teacher, they provide students with opportunities to practice their French language skills and learn about other Canadian cultural identities. They develop and deliver activities to help students improve their French language skills in real-life situations. By drawing on their interests and those of the students, they motivate them to

French Second Language Revitalization Program

École Laurier was fortunate this year to receive two French Second Language Revitalization Grants to help support our French Immersion program. The first grant targeted the initiative of creating a school setting appropriate for learning French by ensuring appropriate materials are in place to support French language learning. With the grant money, we purchased resources to support our Jr. Kindergarten program and books for our library and classrooms.

The second grant aimed to enhance the linguistic and cultural identity of our students so that they can communicate in French with confidence and fluency in academic, cultural and social contexts. This year, it supported events such as Festival du Voyageur, Marc Tardif, le magicien, Magic Shows and French virtual presentations.

Sports Highlights

Although all divisional sports were suspended this year due to Covid-19, our grade 5-8 students were fortunate to participate in a modified Turtle Derby Track Meet. Each school hosted their own grade 5-8 track and field event. All results across the division were compiled and ribbons were awarded to the top three participants in each event. Congratulations to all participants!

Turtle Derby Jr. Track Meet Results (Grade 5/6)

Grade 6 — Damien Soucy: 2nd shotput

Turtle Derby Jr. Track Meet Results (Grade 7/8)

Grade 7 — Marcus Assailly: 2nd shotput, **Dominique Lagarde:** 1st discus, 3rd long jump, **Aidan Thompson:** 3rd discus, 3rd 200m, **Corbin McLaughlin:** 2nd high jump, 2nd 200m, **Kent Delaurier:** 1st 200m, **Tamiya Bennett-Letain:** 1st discus, 2nd 100m, 3rd long jump, 3rd shotput

Grade 8 — Levi Campbell: 2nd high jump, 2nd long jump, 2nd 400m, **Ashton Delaurier:** 1st 200m, 3rd 100m, **Julien Lagarde:** 1st 400m, 1st 1500m, **Mireille Raffray:** 3rd shotput, 3rd discus



Comité de Parents

We are so fortunate to have an active and dedicated Comité de Parents. This year they purchased goodies to make Halloween loot-bags for the students, gave Christmas gift cards to the staff, and ran Teacher appreciation week. They received a generous donation from 100 Women Who Care. With this donation, they purchased two Rocks N' Rings curling kits as well as set of Volleyball end-post padding.

Here is your Comité de Parents 2021-2022

President-Katherine Chartrand

Vice-President-Nadine Soucy

Secretary- Kristina Pearson

Treasurer-Nikkol Taylor

Members at Large- Bryce Soucy and Craig Pearson

Félicitations et Bonne Chance

Congratulations to our grade 8 graduates, Levi Campbell, Bridie Cimarno, Ashton Delaurier, Julien Lagarde, Mireille Raffray, Sarah Raffray, Quinton Sigurdson, and Austin Tucker.

This year, Julien was awarded the Marcel and André Soucy Sports award and Sarah received the Angèle Mignon French award.

We wish them much success as they depart École Laurier and enter high school. We hope they stop by and visit as all our former students always have a home at École Laurier.

Bonne Chance



Next year...

This coming year we will see familiar faces at École Laurier. Mme Jeannine Delaurier is our Jr Kindergarten instructor. Mme Loni Thompson is teaching Kindergarten and grade 1. Mme Christine VanHumbeck is the grade 2-3 homeroom teacher, resource teacher and principal. M. Craig Vandepoele is the grade 4-6 homeroom teacher and Mme Pearson is the grade 7-8 homeroom teacher. Mr. Jason Nadeau will be teaching grade 7-8 English Language Arts. Ms. Alicia Tait is the school's music teacher. Mme Jeannette Fayant will be returning in the fall as our French Language Assistant.



Our Year in Pictures

