# Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

December 2025

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## Important Dates Coming Up

**December**

**5: Kindergarten Holiday Concert 11:00am in Cafetorium**
**10: Gr. 6 Frozen @ Grand Theatre**
**12: Popcorn Day**
**15: Plaid Shirt Day**
**16: Festive Hat Day**
**16: Gr. 1&2 Winter Concert 11am**
**17: Holiday Sweater Day**
**18: Dress as your favourite winter character**
**19: Pajama Day!**

**Winter Break - December 22nd 2025 to January 2nd 2026**

**January**

**20: School Council Meeting**
**23: Popcorn Day**
**23: Gr. 3-5 Winter Concert**
**27: Grad Photos**


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## Admin Message

**Dear Louise Arbour Families,**

It's hard to believe December is already here**!** The first three months of school have been both busy and successful, thanks to the incredible efforts of our students, staff, and families. This month, we'll be embracing the festive spirit with several exciting events planned over the next three weeks. Please take a moment to mark these important dates on your family calendars so you don't miss out on the fun and celebrations.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing staff for their dedication and hard work in creating engaging learning experiences every day. A special thank you also goes to our School Council and all of our volunteers—your time, energy, and support make a tremendous difference in building the vibrant school community we are so proud of.

As we move through this holiday season, we celebrate the joy of learning, the strength of our partnerships, and the warmth of our school community.

**Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year!**

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## HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

### DECEMBER 15

- PLAID SHIRT DAY

### DECEMBER 16

- FESTIVE HAT DAY

### DECEMBER 17

- WEAR A HOLIDAY SWEATER

### DECEMBER 18

- DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE WINTER CHARACTER

### DECEMBER 19

- PAJAMA DAY

# BULLYING PREVENTION UPDATE

December 2025

Bullying prevention means feeling safe, staying connected, and keeping calm.

As winter break gets closer, routines change. This can bring many feelings– happiness, excitement, anxiety or even sadness.

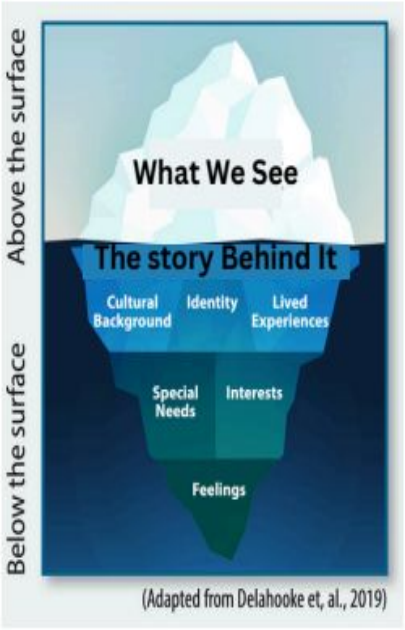
Everyone feels things differently. Our culture, identity, past experiences, special needs, and interests can affect how we react.

Take care of yourself and your family. Try:

- noticing your feelings and each other's feelings without judging.
- taking slow, deep breaths to help you feel calm again.

And check out these helpful links:

- Mental Health Supports for students
- Understanding Emotions and Deep Breathing SMHO



(Adapted from Delahooke et, al., 2019)

# Save Your Pop Tabs

**Hosna Ozbak** is a 10 year old London girl with Muscular Dystrophy. She attends grade 5 at White Oaks Public School. Since this school is one of the largest contributors to our Pop Tab campaigns, TVCC has chosen this bright little student to be our latest recipient. Believe it or not, math is her favourite subject!

Hosna is the 2nd youngest of five children and enjoys T.V., reading and puzzles. Oh, and she just loves chewing gum!

She is using a motorized wheelchair at home and school. It is too large and can't be folded down to fit in a vehicle. Therefore Hosna requires a manual wheelchair which will enable her to join her family on regular outings.

**Hosna will be our 64th recipient!**
**So, please save your aluminum pop tabs to help us reach this goal.**

***Tabs may be dropped off at any participating schools or Thames Valley Childrens' Centre.***

# MITTEN DONATIONS NEEDED IN THE OFFICE

Mme Earls and Mme Rapley are kindly asking for generous donations of gently used or new mittens. There has been an increase of requests from student's to borrow mittens to keep their hands warm at recess.

**All donations can be sent to the office.**
**Thank you very much!**

# Sing a song of HOLIDAY JOY

Our school will be holding a Grade 1/2 Winter Concert this year on December 16th. The concert will start at 11 am, and the doors to the school will open to families at 10:40 am. Admission will be by donation, and all proceeds will go towards the year-end primary field trip. Grade 1 and 2 classes will be performing. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Winter Wonderland Kindergarten Holiday Concert

You're invited to our Kindergarten Division Holiday Concert held in the Cafetorium on Friday December 5th, 2025 at 11:00AM

**Sibilings who are attending Louise Arbour will <u>NOT BE</u> permitted to leave class to attend our concert.**

Doors open at 10:45 AM
We ask you line up outside the front of the school until you're welcomed inside.

Monetary donations will be accepted at the front doors to further support our Kindergarten Year End Trip!

## Your Learning Support Teachers:

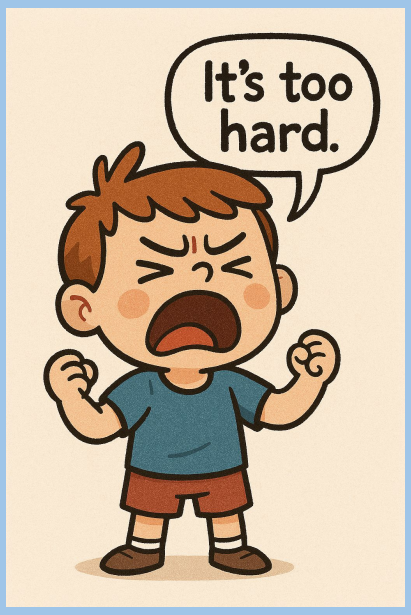
K-Grade 3 = Mme Turpin

Grade 4-8 = Mme Crow

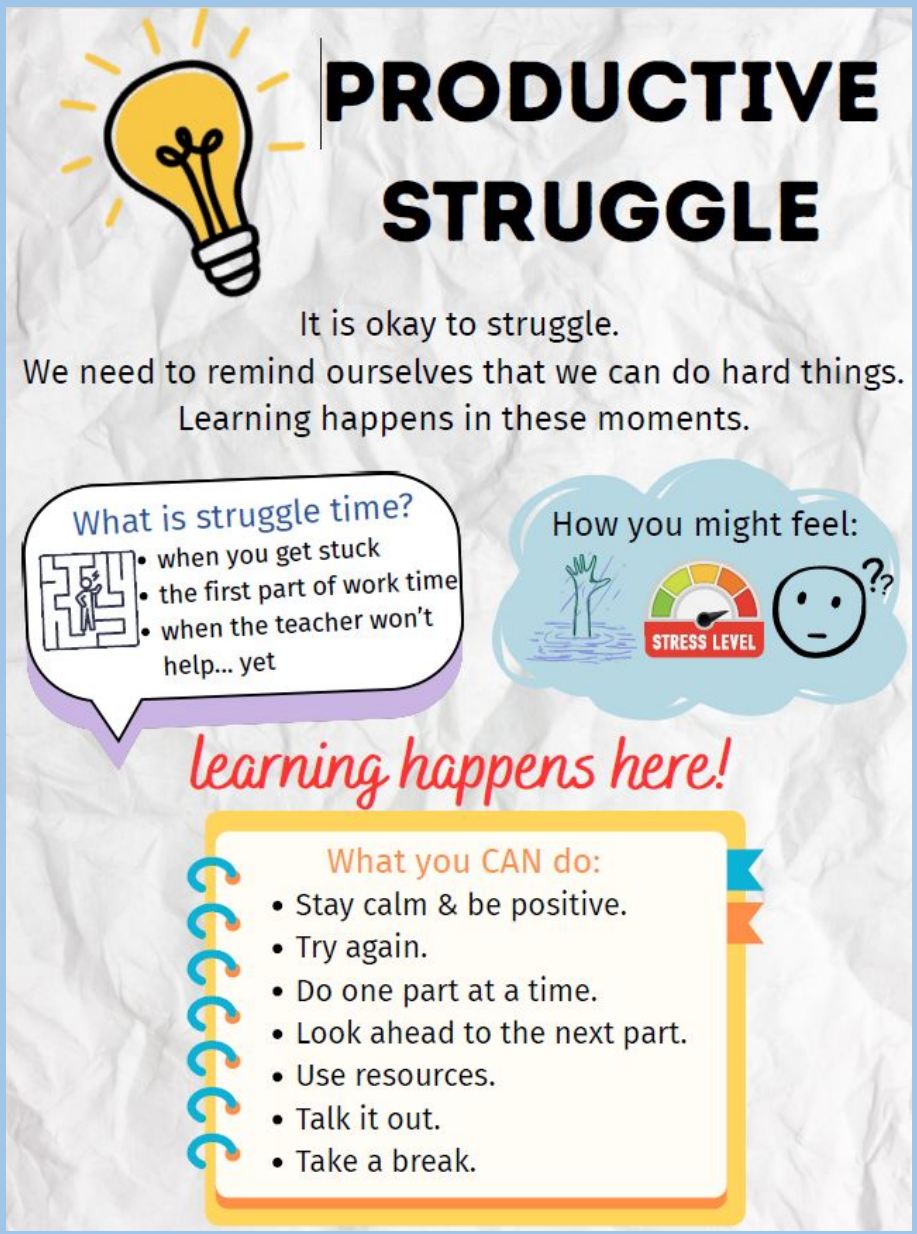
**Productive struggle** is the process of letting children work through challenging tasks that are slightly beyond their current abilities.

For parents, this means **stepping back and allowing mistakes**, rather than immediately intervening, and instead **providing support through encouraging feedback that focuses on effort**.

***Parents, have you heard this before?***




***Let's work on it!***



Our school will be holding a **Grade 3-5 Winter Concert** this year on **Friday, January 23**. The concert will start at 11:00 am, and the doors to the school will open to families at 10:40 am. Admission will be by donation, and all proceeds will go towards the year-end primary field trip and junior/intermediate music resources. Grades 3, 4, and 5 classes will be performing, as well as the Junior Choir. We look forward to seeing you there!

519PLEDGE FOR SOCKS

Please Donate Here

We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated socks towards the 519 Sock Pledge. As a school, we collected 193.

519 Pursuit is on track to raising over 125,000 pairs of socks this year for the community!

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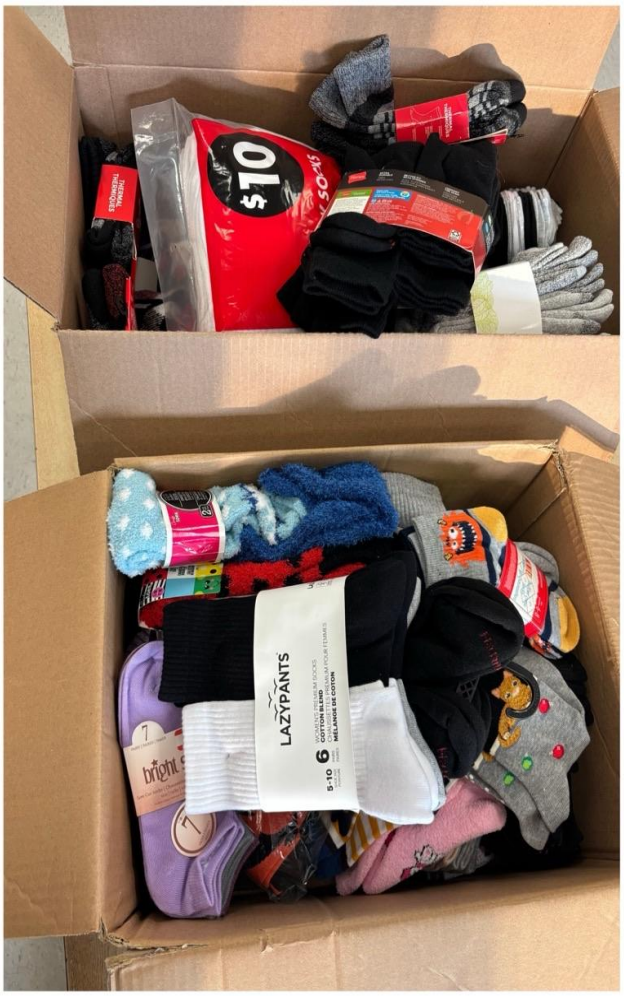

# Library Learning Commons News

## Book Fair Success

Thank you to the entire Louise Arbour community for your support of our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. I am so grateful to the enthusiastic team of volunteers -parents, students, retired LAFI teachers- who assisted with every aspect of this fundraising event. Staff and students enjoyed viewing the new titles; choosing some new books for their personal collections, as well as our Library Learning Commons. All proceeds benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classrooms and the library.

A special thank you to 4 budding entrepreneurs, who this summer organized a lemonade stand in support of buying new books for our library. Thanks to their efforts, these 6 titles will be added to our collection for all students to enjoy.
Merci Piper, Sophie, Poppy et Jack!

## Library Helpers

I wanted to take the opportunity to acknowledge the multitude of ways that my wonderful team of student-volunteers support community building in the Library Learning Commons. From the day-to-day organizational tasks, to reading with our younger students, to helping out with the book fair, your enthusiastic leadership has not gone unnoticed.

Thank you to my amazing team: Ruby, Alivia, Annie, Kimmie, Leo, Anyshea, Ashley, Charlie, Fatimah, Kennedy, Kyla, Kylie, Ruby, Shanaya, Alia, Emilee, Ezzah, Lilac, Maya and River.

SMS Text Opt-In

SchoolMessenger®

# Parents and Guardians

## You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Your school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "**Y**" or "**Yes**" to your school's short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**

For **US-BASED** numbers: **61569 (see next page for QR code)**

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "**Stop**".

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*if your number is Canada-based.

## For Canada-Based Numbers:

**Opt-In from your mobile now!**

**Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 978338**

## Kindergarten Registration is now OPEN for September 2026.

Thames Valley District School Board is excited to welcome you and your child to Kindergarten. Registration will be open from October 22, 2025, until January 30, 2026.

To be eligible for registration for the Kindergarten program, children must be four years of age by December 31, 2026 (Born in 2022).

To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S main webpage at www.tvdsb.ca.

If you do not have access to technology, please contact the school to complete the paper registration form at the school.

# Louise Arbour FIPS

## School Council Meetings

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- Tues January 20, 2026
- Tues April 21, 2026
- Tues June 9, 2026

**Meeting Date: January 20, 2026**

**Meeting Time: 6-7 pm**

**Meeting Location: Hybrid (in person in One World or MSTeams)**

**Meeting Link: MSTeams Meeting Link**

# School Council

Who we are and what we're working toward

## DEAR PARENTS & GUARDIANS,

The LAFI School Council is a dedicated team of parents, guardians, and educators who work together to support our students and enrich their school experience.
Our role is to:

- 🤝 Strengthen the connection between home and school
- 💬 Foster a strong sense of community
- 💰 Raise funds to support programs and enhancements that benefit every student

## HOW WE MAKE IT HAPPEN

From popcorn days to special events and community partnerships, every dollar raised goes directly back into our school. None of this would be possible without your support — whether through volunteering, participating in fundraisers, or simply spreading the word.

## THANK YOU

Your involvement makes a real difference. Together, we can create a vibrant, supportive school environment where every student thrives.
Warm regards,
LAFI School Council

## OUR 2025-2026 FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

This year, we're excited to focus on several key goals identified by staff and families:

- 🌿 **Outdoor Enhancements**

Our big focus this year! We're improving storage for outdoor play equipment, making it easier to organize and access materials so students can enjoy a wider variety of activities during recess and outdoor learning.

- 🇫🇷 **J'aime parler français program**

Supporting initiatives that encourage and celebrate French language learning through resources, activities, and special events.

- 🏆 **Student Incentives**

Recognizing growth and achievements through school-wide celebrations, rewards, and positive reinforcement.

- 🎼 **Instrument Repairs**

Keeping our music program strong by maintaining and repairing instruments so every student has access to quality equipment.

- 🎤 **Sound System & Lighting Upgrades**

Investing in new equipment to enhance assemblies, performances, and community events, benefitting the entire school community for years to come.

## Volunteers always needed!

**To Volunteer contact Eryk via email**
**erykslawinski@gmail.com**

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School Cash Simplified

# SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, Thames Valley District School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the website registration screen.

## Step 1: Register

a) If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page https://tvdsb.schoolcashonline.com/ and select the *"Get Started Today"* option.

b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires *8 characters*, *one uppercase* letter, *one lowercase* letter and a *number*.

## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

## Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

a) Confirm the School Board Name (Thames Valley District School Board)
b) Enter the School Name
c) Enter Your Child's Student Number (available on your TVDSB Parent Portal), Last Name and Birth Date.
d) Select *Continue*.
e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
f) Your child has been added to your account.

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select *"Add Another Student"* and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select *"View Items For Students"* option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

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# THANK YOU FOR THE TREATS!

We'd like to extend a big thank you to all the families who have sent in treats and snacks to help celebrate birthdays and special occasions in our classrooms. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are truly appreciated!

**If you choose to participate in these optional activities, please read the reminders below:**

- Please **do not** send homemade treats.
- All treats and snacks must be **nut-free**.
- Items must be made in a commercial kitchen, with a full ingredient list.
- It's a good idea to speak with the teacher ahead of time.

Please also consider non food items that all students can enjoy

Merci!!!!

# BABYSITTING basics

## BECOME A CONFIDENT BABYSITTER!

### 1-DAY COURSE FOR FOR YOUTH AGED 11-15

*Learn about: becoming a babysitter, handling emergencies, safe play, bedtime routines, and more!*

**London:** Fri Oct 10 (PA Day), Sat Nov 8, Mon Dec 22

**Time:** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Cost:** $75.00

# HOME ALONE

## PREPARE FOR INDEPENDENCE!

### 1-DAY COURSE FOR YOUTH AGED 10+

*Learn about: phone calls and visitors, recognizing hazards, fire safety, calling 911 and more!*

**London:** Fri Oct 10 (PA Day), Sat Nov 8, Mon Dec 22

**St. Thomas:** Fri Nov 14 (PA Day)

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Cost:** $70

**To register call 519-432-1352 or visit sja.ca**

**London: 741 King St**
**St. Thomas: 30 Burwell Rd**

**Seats fill quickly - register today!**

St. John Ambulance