



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

January 2026

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Vice Principal: Mme. Hart
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Important Dates Coming Up!

January

16: LAFI Day
20: School Council
Meeting
23: Popcorn Day
23: Gr. 3-5 Winter Concert
27: Grad Photos
29: Beach Day!
30: PA Day (No School)

February

11: Internet Safety
Presentation
16: Family Day (No
School)
27: Popcorn Day

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Admin Message

Dear Louise Arbour Families,

We hope that everyone had time to relax and enjoy time with their families and loved ones over the break. We are excited to see the student's smiling faces again back at school and we have had a successful first week back.

Winter is in full swing! Please remember to ensure that your child(ren) have all the appropriate winter gear packed with them when they leave the house in the morning. For younger students this includes providing a dry change of clothing in the event that their clothes get wet. Having the appropriate winter gear ensures that students will be healthy and safe while playing outside.

Save the Date!

Parents and Guardians ~ Join us **at Louise Arbour** for an important presentation on **Digital Supervision and Online Safety**

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. (h.c.) Charlene Doak-Gebauer, internationally recognized expert in digital child and family protection.

Learn practical, actionable tips to help protect children online and keep families safe in the digital world. Don't miss this opportunity to be proactive about cyber safety and please view the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

**SAFETY PRESENTATION
FOR OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITY! ALL
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/
EDUCATORS ARE
WELCOME**

Wednesday February 11th 2026 at
6pm.

LET'S BE PROACTIVE



Charlene Doak-Gebauer

Dr. (h.c.) Charlene Doak-Gebauer is an award winning, internationally recognized expert in digital child and family protection. Her pioneering Theory of Digital Supervision sets a vital standard for proactive online child protection.

"Cyber safety is a shared responsibility, and this presentation offers families practical, actionable tips they can start using immediately to protect their children online. I strongly encourage all school communities to engage in this important learning opportunity."

— Bill Tucker, Director of Education

INTERNET SENSE FIRST

519-854-1249

cdoak-gebauer.com



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!

BEACH DAY

January 29



January
Spirit Days



LOUISE
ARBOUR
SPIRIT WEAR
DAY
JANUARY
16TH



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!**



We are incredibly proud of our Intermediate Boys' Basketball team, who had an outstanding season—losing only one game all year. In a hard-fought final against the same strong opponent, the boys narrowly fell short but demonstrated tremendous growth, leadership, and perseverance throughout the season, earning a well-deserved Silver Medal.

We now look forward to the start of the Volleyball season! Official games begin next week, and we wish our players the very best as they head into another exciting season.





Your Learning Support Teachers:

K-Grade 3 = Mme Turpin

Grade 4-8 = Mme Crow



It's time to start planning our Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for term 2! Parents, back in December, you should have received an email for input regarding your child's IEP. If you have any questions, updates, or concerns about your child's IEP, please reach out to their teacher.

Save the dates:

- IEP draft arrives in Parent Portal **Monday, January 26th**. They are to be reviewed, and if you have any questions, reach out to your child's teacher. Remember, the parent input form is optional.
- Finalized IEPs for Term 2 are uploaded to the Parent Portal on **Friday, February 13th**. Parents are **required** to sign the Parent Consultation Form at this time.

HURTFUL or HELPFUL?

**YOU GET TO CHOOSE...
YOUR THOUGHTS ARE
UP TO YOU!**

 WholeHearted School Counseling



BEE



KIND TO



YOUR MIND

I can't do this.



I got this. Just gotta keep trying.

I'm always messing up.

It's all good. I'll try again.

Everything always goes wrong.



Some things are cool. Will focus on those.

No one likes me.



Maybe I just need to find more kids who like the same stuff I do.



Explore Our Speech-Language Pathology Website!

Our school board has a Speech-Language Pathology website to help families support their child's communication and reading skills. On the site, you will find easy tips and tools for:

- **Speech sounds (Articulation):** Helping your child speak clearly
- **Talking and listening (Oral Language):** Building vocabulary and understanding
- **Reading and writing (Literacy):** Supporting learning at home
- **Complex Communication:** Tools for children who need extra help to communicate (Augmentative and Alternative Communication)
- **Social skills (Social Communication):** Helping children connect and interact with others
- **Stuttering:** Tips for speaking fluently

Visit the website today to find helpful information and ideas to support your child!

<https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/tvdsbspeechlanguageservices/home?authuser=0>



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.

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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

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.*

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".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#) so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



*if your number is Canada-based.

For Canada-Based Numbers:

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



**Just send "Y"
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