



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

May 2025

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Important Dates Coming Up

- May 2 - Grade 7 Vaccine Clinic
Banting Wildcard (Gr. 8)
- May 5 - Music Day at Banting (Gr. 8)
- May 7-June 11 - EQAO Grades 3 + 6
- May 9 - Jump Rope for Heart
- May 13 - Primary Spring Concert
- May 15 - Class Photos
Niagara Trip (Gr. 8)
- May 21 - Track & Field Regionals
- May 23 - Popcorn Day
- May 27 - Kindergarten Open House,
Track & Field Regionals
(rain date)
- May 28 - Grade 1 Open House
- May 28 - Tie-Dye Day

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Admin Message

Dear Louise Arbour Families,

Spring is an exciting time, with many activities at Louise Arbour. Our High School Musical Junior Cast Members participated in the TVDSB Dance Festival last week. We can't wait to see the show in June! Another exciting event is our upcoming Primary Spring Concert, taking place on May 13th. Families are invited to our cafetorium at 11:00 am, with the concert beginning at 11:15 am. Spring is also the perfect time for writing, and during the month of April, students and staff were invited to take part in our Annual Poetry Contest, where we discovered many budding poets! With the beautiful weather arriving, Track and Field season has begun. Thank you to our many educators who provide our students with so many amazing opportunities.

Our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are preparing for the yearly EQAO testing that is scheduled between May 7 and June 10. The tests will be written online again, and all students will be completing the Math, Reading and Writing sections in English. Students are being provided with time to practice these tests online before the formal assessment dates.

With all the activities taking place over the last couple of months of school, please ensure to write all important dates down in your calendars, so your child comes prepared for these events. These include sporting events, concerts, field trips, and special school-wide days. This would be a good activity to complete with your child, so they are involved in this organization process.

Happy Spring!

Louise Arbour



OPEN HOUSE



Kindergarten

Tuesday, May 27th
3:15 - 4pm

Grade One

Wednesday, May 28th
3:15 - 4pm



 365 Belfield Street

join us!

Spring Concert

We are so excited to share that our primary students will be participating in a spring concert this year. The concert will begin at **11:15 am on Tuesday, May 13th.**

The doors to the school will open to families at 11:00 am. Admission will be by donation, and all proceeds will go towards the year-end primary field trips. All classes in Grades 1, 2, and 3, as well as our 3/4 classes will be performing. There will also be a performance by the primary choir.

We look forward to seeing you there!

School Council

Tuesday, June 3, we will have our final meeting for School Council for this school year. It will be held hybrid from 6-7 pm.

For In-person: One World Meeting Room

For Virtual: [MSTeams Meeting Link](#)

Class Placement Process

We would like to take this opportunity to describe the class placement process we undertake each year when placing students in classes. This process involves input from the sending and receiving teachers, administration, learning support teachers and any applicable support staff. In creating classes, the goal is always to work on creating the most effective and positive learning environment possible. This is dependent on many factors, one being classroom dynamics. We strive to ensure that classes are balanced by looking at students' academic levels, special needs in the areas of academics, socio-emotional and behaviour profiles, as well as individual personalities, which include student/student relationships and teacher/student relationships.

Much time and effort are put into creating these learning environments, and it is important to recognize that all of these factors influence one another. For this reason, we do not accept teacher placement requests. We ask that you trust the school team, which includes your child's teacher, to place your child in the best-suited class and to understand that the teacher is not the only factor considered when placing your child in a class. We very much appreciate your support and understanding.

Thank you

WE LOVE OUR DOGS, JUST *NOT* ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Dear families,

The safety of all students and staff remains the Thames Valley District School Board's highest priority. In order to ensure the well-being of our school community, **no dogs are allowed on school property**. This includes fields, playgrounds, entrances/exits and all indoor areas.

While we appreciate the importance that pets hold for many families in our community, we have a responsibility to provide a safe, hygienic learning environment and to protect students from potential health and safety risks. Even when leashed or tethered, dogs may pose a risk to vulnerable students with medical needs such as allergies, or students with an intense fear of animals.

We respectfully ask that you leave your dog at home when picking up your child(ren) when possible. If you need to bring your dog with you, please keep them leashed and off school property at all times.

Service animals will continue to be allowed on school property in alignment with accessibility and human rights legislation.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school safe for all members of our school community.



Summer FUN here we come! Take a look at summer camp learning experiences in Ontario at www.w.Camps.ca

We are excited to have Growing Chefs coming into the school to work with three of our junior classes. All students in the classes of Mme Albert, Mme McCrae and Mme Nakeyar have had the opportunity to learn about types of plants that grow well in our area and which ones grow better near one another. We have planted a variety of vegetable seeds in the greenhouse and learned how to feed our soil for better growing. Our seedlings will move outside soon to continue their growth!



EQAO Math Night for Parents/Guardians – Hosted by EQAO (June 3, 2025)

Join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning. Note: Some schools may have completed the EQAO assessment before this date.

https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5puRqI8uQJyplAHgBYoBMw#/registration

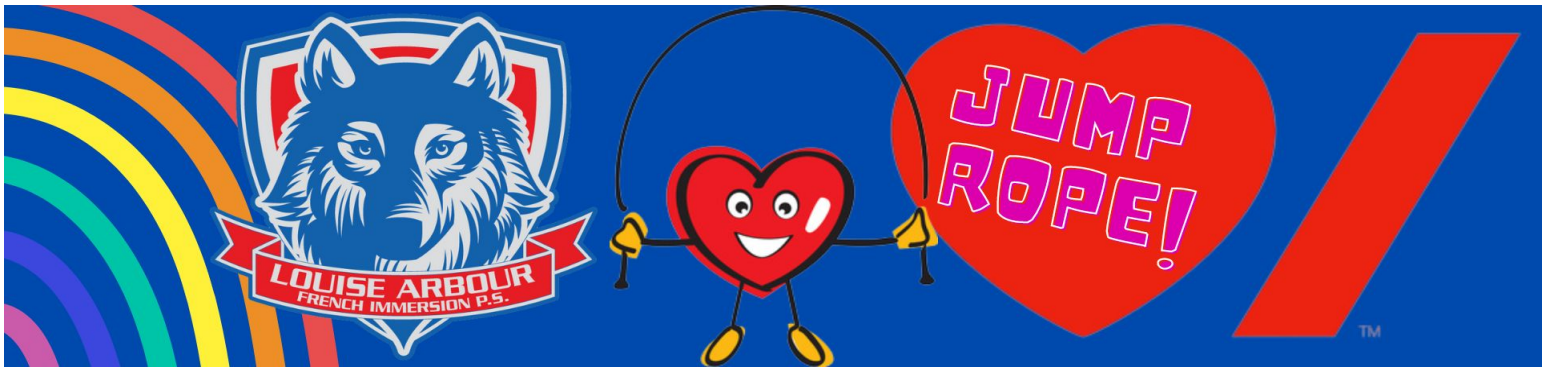
EQAO Webinar for Parents/Guardians of Elementary Students – Hosted by EQAO (May 6, 2025)

Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO's primary and junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Participants will learn about the purpose of Ontario's large-scale assessments. EQAO staff will explain the assessment format, highlight resources to support students, and answer questions from participants. The session will be approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iRXhTHIaR5yYNcsZt5DH2g#/registration

Additional Math Supports at Home Visit the Math Community Connections page on the TVDSB website for information about math supports available at home, including free 1:1 online math tutoring.

https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/programs/math-community-connections.aspx?mid_ =117785






This month we are kicking off **Jump Rope for Heart!** Check out the info letter to find out how your student can be part of this important fundraising endeavour.

This event teaches our students the importance of giving back and encourages them to learn the EASY healthy habits, so they understand the importance of staying active, eating well and taking care of their heart and brain health.

The funds our school raises will help support important heart and brain research funded by Heart & Stroke. Let's work together as a school community and show how generous we can be! Our Event Date is scheduled for **Friday, May 9th.** Register online today **on our school page.**

Presenting Partner

Support heart health with Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fundraiser that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back.

Here's why we're participating

1. Money raised by our school helps Heart & Stroke drive important heart and brain research that will save lives, prevent heart disease and stroke and support families living with these conditions.
2. Jump is an inclusive event for all abilities to get kids moving and help them discover new and exciting ways to get active.
3. Students learn the EASY Healthy Habits that they can use to keep their hearts and brains healthy and help reduce their risk of developing heart disease and stroke later in life.
4. Jump gives back! Students can earn thank you gift cards from Indigo, Amazon or Walmart based on their fundraising level as a heartfelt thank you for their hard work.

How does Jump Rope for Heart work?

At School:

- Starting today, we'll be practicing some awesome skipping and heart-pumping activities!
- We'll be learning about Heart & Stroke's Easy Healthy Habits to keep our hearts and brains strong and healthy to help prevent heart disease and stroke.
- It all leads up to our Jump Event Day, where we'll celebrate what we've learned and the funds we've raised with fun jump rope stations, games, activities, and more. It's going to be a blast!


At home:

- You can help support lifesaving research by collecting donations from family and friends.
- There is no cost to participate.
- Fundraising starts now until our Jump Event Day
- Jump Rope for Heart uses an online fundraising platform. To register, create a personalized fundraising page for your child using the link below.
- When you register, you'll also get:
 - Helpful fundraising tips and ideas
 - Information and tools about the EASY Healthy Habits
 - Insights into Heart & Stroke's life-saving work

Our Jump Event Day is:
Friday, May 16th, 2025

To learn more about Jump Rope for Heart visit jumpropeforheart.ca

Register Now!
<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/879/>
 or visit jumpropeforheart.ca/registration
 and search for your school



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The **Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling Program** is available in our community, and we wanted to make sure your family knows about this amazing opportunity!

Each child receives **2 FREE games of bowling every day all summer long** at participating bowling centers. Last summer, over **2.8 million kids** enjoyed this program!

How to Register:

1. Go to www.KidsBowlFree.com
2. Select your state and then choose a participating bowling center
3. Register your children to receive free bowling all summer
4. Sign up for the optional Family Pass so parents, grandparents, and older siblings can join in the fun!

Don't miss out on this fun and affordable way to keep kids active this summer!