

# Welcome Back 2024-2025

Welcome back to a new school year! The Louise Arbour staff has been working hard to prepare for a phenomenal year! We are grateful for our custodial team who has thoroughly cleaned our school. Our administrative assistants have been working to manage incoming orders, manage new registrations, and organize our office. Educators have been planning engaging activities to build relationships and foster a sense of safety and belonging.

The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 4, 2024, for all our **K2 to Grade 8** students. Our **K1 students** will join us throughout the first week following a staggered entry plan which was shared with our families in June. If you are the parent/guardian of a K1 student and do not know your start date, please contact the school at 519-452-2820.

**On the afternoon of Tuesday, September 3rd, you will receive an email reviewing first-day procedures and sharing the name of your child's teacher. Please be sure to check your emails on Tuesday after 3:00 p.m.** Much time and effort are put into creating the most effective and positive learning environment possible in all of our classes. For this reason, we do not accept requests for class placement changes.

The safety of students and staff is our number one priority. This newsletter details what to expect at Louise Arbour French Immersion Public School on the first day of school. We ask that you peruse it carefully and share the pertinent information with your children.

With warm regards,

Sylvie Blais and Pam Hart

Principal and Vice-Principal

**Principal: Mme S. Blais**

**Vice Principal: Mme P. Hart**

**Secretaries: Mme S. Earls & Mme H. Weitzel**

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**Trustees: Mme M. Larsen and M. L. Osbourne**

**Office Team**

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H. Weitzel

**Kindergarten Team**

E. Donnelly/L. Shackelton

R. Henderson/L. Martin

K. Rollins/K. Mitchell

K. Small/S. Baker

J. Stewart/A. Woods

C. Tansley (Kindergarten Outdoor Education)

**Primary Division**

J. Blakemore

C. Boutin-Lacelle

A. Burke

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C. Rollings

P. Watterton

G. Volland

M. Wakelin

M. Welch

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D. Anderson

M. Grado

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C. McCrae

K. Milinkovic

M. Nakeyar

E. Swan

S. Zenaili

### **Intermediate Division**

M. Chute

A. Efstratidakis

J. Lantos

J. Pak

### **Specialty Teachers**

N. Allen (Teacher Librarian and Computer Specialist Teacher)

G. Gorira (Science and Physical Education)

E. Singh (Music, Drama, Dance)

N. Regehr (Music, Drama, Dance)

C. Tansley (Kindergarten Outdoor Education)

X. Paturel (Physical Education, Health)

L. Welch (Science, Social Studies Physical Education, Visual Arts)

**Learning Support Teachers**

M. Crow

J. Turpin

**Educational Assistants**

R. English

S. Savarie

**Custodial Team**

B. Bajric

C. Diamond

N. Kharel

J. McNamee

J. Schembri

**Student Supervisors**

D. Awad

B. Elhasan

N. Farej

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S. Maltby (Speech and Language)

T. Wood-Lycett (School Social Worker)

L. Kassymova (Psych Services)

**Community Partners**

N. Renno (SWIS worker)

**Present School Council Members**

R. Ayres ~ Chair

A. Giffen ~ Treasurer

C. Kelsey ~ Secretary

T. Can ~ Parent Member

K. Big Canoe ~ Parent Member

R. Bryan-Pulham ~ Parent Member

M. Stolk ~ Parent Member

## Access to School and School Hours



LET TODAY  
BE THE  
START OF  
SOMETHING  
NEW.

As per TVDSD, to help ensure the safety of our students and staff, doors to the school building will be locked unless they are being used by our students. Please call the main office (519-452-2820) during school hours should you need to reach us for any reason, alternatively, we have an intercom system at the front door. When visiting the school, please be sure to use the front door and sign in at the office.

### **School Hours:**

8:00 am ~ Supervision begins on the yard. Students may not arrive earlier than 8:00 a.m. as there will be no supervision on the yard.

8:15 am ~ School day begins

9:55 am ~ First nutrition/recess break (K- 8)

12:15 pm ~ Second nutrition/recess break (K-8)

2:45 pm ~ School day ends. If picking up your child, please arrive at the school by 2:45 p.m. If making alternate pick-up arrangements for your child, please call the school **before 2:00 p.m.**

3:00 pm ~ Supervision on the yard ends, please be sure to pick up your child **before 3:00 p.m.**

### First Day Procedures



The 1st day of school can be very busy! We have made every attempt to ensure a smooth start to the school year by helping students find their new teacher in the quickest and most efficient

way possible. We ask that you dress for the weather! If it is raining, but not thundering, we will still meet outdoors to prevent congestion indoors.

\*Students who arrive late to school will be required to come to the front door and ring the bell.

This is a special time of year! We understand that parents and guardians may wish to see that their child meets up with the assigned teacher. Please remember that our staff members' priority on the first day of school is ensuring that all of our students are safe. They will not be available to engage in meetings and conversations on this day. There will be many communication opportunities provided to you by your child's teacher.

At the start of the day:

- The front of the school is restricted to buses and school staff only. Please do not drop off your child or park in front of the school.
- Bused students will be dropped off at the front of the school, greeted by the staff, directed, and/or accompanied to their meeting “zone”. **If your children are in grades K-3, please consider creating a tag for their clothing or backpack with their grade and teacher's name.** This will assist us in bringing your children to the teacher.
- If you are driving your children, please park in the parking lot or on a nearby street and walk with them into the yard to their designated area. **Please do not park in the drop-off zone.**
- If your children are in Kindergarten, please proceed to the Kindergarten zone. This tarmac area is painted with beautiful blue red, green, and purple shapes.
- For safety reasons, parents’ time on the yard will need to be limited to dropping off and ensuring they have found their teacher.

End of day:

- Bused students will be accompanied to their buses by staff.
- Independent walking students will be permitted to leave through the back doors of the school where there will be supervision and they can proceed home.
- Younger students may be picked up by a parent/guardian on the tarmac at the back of the school.

Children will be directed to the following locations on their first day of school. While staff will be present to assist students to their designated location and in finding their teachers, it is recommended that you practice with your child before the first day of school.

**Kindergarten:**

Proceed directly to the exterior classroom doors where students will be welcomed and invited to stand.

**Grade 1-6:**

Grade 1, 1/2 - Tarmac Area at the Four Square

Grade 2, 2/3, 3 and 3/4 - Play Equipment ~ Monkey Bars

Grades 4, 4/5, 5 and 6 ~ Soccer Field

**Grades 6/7, 7 and 8:**

Students in grades 6/7, 7 and 8 will *proceed directly into the school* using the North (Side) Doors. Staff will be in the halls directing students to their new classrooms.

# First Day Meeting Zones



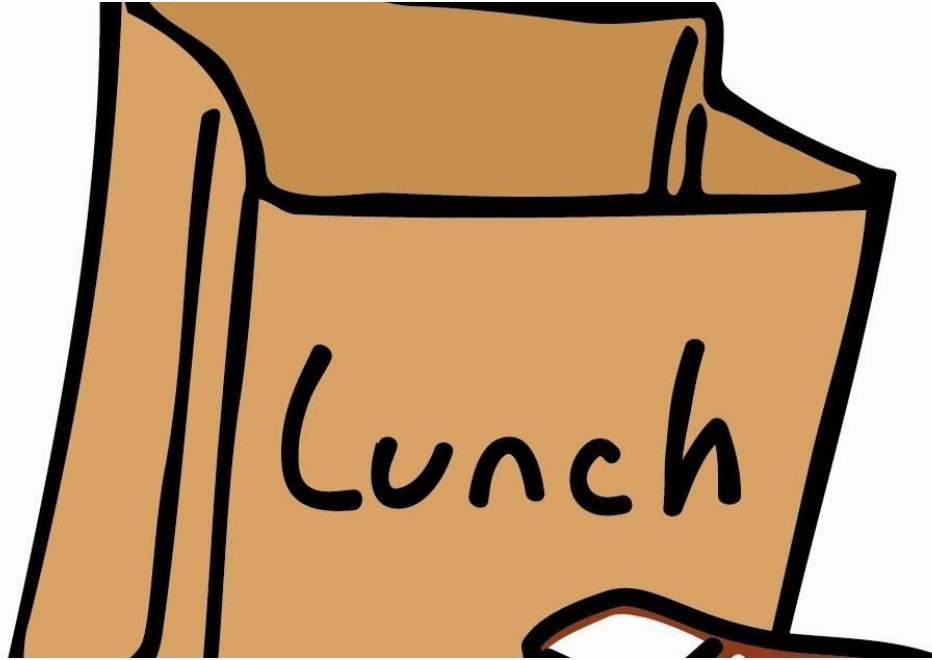
## Student Materials and Belongings



Students are encouraged to bring their own tissue box. Backpacks need only to have lunches, school supplies, and a water bottle. Less is best when it comes to bringing in personal items.

Everything should be labelled with both first and last names so they can be returned to their rightful owner if misplaced. Please avoid sending any “extras” such as toys, stuffed animals, and trading cards

## Lunches and Recess Breaks



All students will wash or sanitize their hands before eating. Students will eat in their own classrooms and will be asked to remain at their own desks. We ask that you please send food and food containers that your child can open independently.

Students are asked to bring a pre-filled water bottle to school each day. We have two bottle fill stations to use throughout the day.

We are encouraging our K-7 students to stay at school over the lunch break. Students going home for lunch will need a note signed by a parent/guardian. Grade 8 students will be permitted, with parent permission, to leave the school grounds for one nutrition break. A letter will be sent home with our grade 8 students explaining these procedures.

To reduce congestion, classes will have lunch breaks and outdoor recess at staggered times. Your child will learn about eating and outdoor recess times, hand washing, and line-up routines on the first day of school from the teachers.

## Contact Us



Let's keep the lines of communication open!

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