



Louise Arbour French Immersion Public School School Council Update #1 – September 26, 2023

Principal's Update

- **School Climate Survey:** The survey results informed our school's [Safe and Inclusive School Plan](#).
- **Student Teachers:** Seven student teachers from Western and one Early Childhood Education student from Fanshawe College are currently placed at LAFI. In the future, LAFI may welcome students from the Autism and Behavioural Science program at Fanshawe.
- **Outdoor Learning/Forest School:** Students in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 7 will have the opportunity to participate in Forest School as part of the outdoor education program. The curriculum is focused on aspects of life sciences and promoting physical activity.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Soccer and cross country are underway; two buses have been confirmed for the upcoming cross country meet. Basketball will begin in the coming weeks for Grades 7-8.
- **Outdoor Facilities Update:**
 - A fundraiser for installing a gaga ball pit is in process. The plan is to install the gaga ball pit next to the monkey bars.
 - The naturalized play area has been planned by the kindergarten teaching team. Applications for grant funding have been submitted. Updates regarding installation timelines will be provided throughout the school year.
 - The painted lines on the tarmac will be refreshed in the coming months.

Breakfast Program – Parent Volunteers needed!

- **Hungry Wolves:** Our LAFI Hungry Wolves breakfast program will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parent volunteers are needed from 7:30 am through 8:30 am.
- Please contact Mme Blais if you are interested in volunteering (s.blais@tvdsb.ca). Note, a valid police check is required.

Fundraising Initiatives

- LAFI is in need of parent volunteers to lead our fundraising initiatives. Fundraising priorities include refreshing our playground, the food and nutrition program, and updating recess equipment (e.g., soccer balls, basketballs, etc.). More details on how to get involved and donate are to follow.

2023/24 School Council Members

- School Council is seeking new members – all are welcome! Please visit the information table at the upcoming Meet the Family Day on **October 4** to discuss how you can get involved.
- Current parents include: Rob Ayres (Chair), Kayla Smith (Secretary), Amber Giffen (Treasurer), Arif Ali, Katie Big-Canoe, Rachel Bryan-Pulham, Tulay Can, Colleen Kelsey, Suresh Shrestha, Matthew Stolk, and Veronic Wilson
- Teachers and Administration include: Sylvie Blais (Principal), Pamela Hart (Vice-Principal), Julia Lantos (Teacher), and Cara McCrae (Teacher)
- The next meeting will be held **October 19** at **6:30 pm** (hybrid – MSTeams or in-person)

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