



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

December 2021

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Vice Principal: Mme. Hollander
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Important Dates Coming Up

Dec. 8th - Home and School Meeting

Dec. 13th - School Council Meeting

Dec. 6-14 - Non-Perishable Food Drive (London Food Bank)

Dec. 17th- Last day before Winter Break

Jan.3rd - First day back after Winter Break

Jan. 14th- P.D Day

December Spirit Week

13- Winter Wonderland

14- Red and Green

15- Multicultural Outfits

16- Character Day

17- PJ Day

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Admin Message

Dear Louise Arbour Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already December! November was filled with many wonderful learning opportunities for our students which included a touching virtual assembly for Remembrance Day, and the introduction of our Social Justice League as part of our Safe and Inclusive School Plan.

In two short weeks we will have our holiday break. The school will be closed from December 18 to January 2. We encourage our families to enjoy this time to focus on wellness and self-care.

For those families who are celebrating Hanukkah, we wish you happy Hanukkah! For our families celebrating Christmas, Merry Christmas to you! For families celebrating Kwanzaa, we wish you a happy Kwanzaa! For all of our Louise Arbour families, we wish you a safe and happy New Year. We hope your holidays are spent making joyful memories.

Warm wishes,

Mme Blais and Mme Hollander



That's a wrap! A big thank you to our entire school community for coming together at our Scholastic Book Fair, both in person AND online. We know that all the books purchased will be loved and enjoyed, and we look forward to having some new titles in our school collection as well.

For those families who placed their order **online**, pick-up instructions will be communicated shortly. Please keep an eye on social media posts and virtual learning environments (Google Classroom, Brightspace) for further information.

See you at our next Book Fair!



This holiday season the Louise Arbour school community will once again be participating in a food drive for the London Food Bank. You can send in canned/boxed goods, and personal hygiene products. You can make donations up until next Tuesday, December 14th. The class with the most goods (per division) will get a prize! Each class will also be decorating their box. The class with the most creative box (per division) will receive a prize as well!



This December the grade eight students have been encouraging themselves and other students around the school to go out of their way to be kind. Every day until winter break, they will "open" a day from the countdown calendar of kindness, which suggests an act of kindness to carry out. Students will act as role models to make our school community a kind and inclusive environment.

LAFT P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOME & SCHOOL

Hello Parents and Guardians!

If you are still interested in joining our Louise Arbour School Council or Home and School Association, it's not too late! Please email sc-louisearbour@tvpic.ca or louisearbourhomeandschool@gmail.com respectively, if you wish to join. The next Home and School meeting will be December 8th at 6:30 pm and the next School Council meeting will be December 13th at 6:00 pm.

Louise Arbour Home and School is proud to present it's first fundraising initiative of the year. Do some of your holiday shopping with Recipes in a Jar and support our graduating class.

*FREE home deliveries (with a purchase of 6 or more jars)

*Made by hand by artisans from the social economy and special education program.

*Donation to London Food Bank with every purchase.

Deadline for delivery by Christmas is December 10.

<https://louisearbour-hands-2021.recipesinajar.ca/>

A Note from the Social Justice League

The Social Justice League is comprised of over 40 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 with the goal of improving our school community and celebrating inclusion. All students shared what they would like to do as student leaders over the course of the school year. This month, we discussed the proposed school dress code and gave student input for changes. We hope to continue making changes to make LAFI a better and more inclusive place for all.

A Note from the Éco-Équipe

Our LAFI Éco Équipe has been collecting data on energy use, waste sorting, and waste-free lunches. In the future, we will use the data to make changes to promote changes and better habits. If you don't already, please remember to bring a reusable water bottle as we have two refill stations that can be used by students and staff.

Holidays Arts Celebration

Families, it's that time of year again! While we cannot have an in-person Holiday Concert like in previous years, we are able to do something similar to last year. If your children have any artistic submissions that they would like to have featured in our Holiday Arts Celebration, we would be happy to have them! Please submit all entries to M. Zeinali (s.zeinali@tvdsb.ca) by Wednesday December 15th for them to be included in the presentation!

Looking forward to seeing all the wonderful entries!

M. Zeinali

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Dear Louise Arbour Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that our Safe And Inclusive School Plan is well under way for the 2021-2022 school year. Our school team met earlier this month to discuss next steps, and we would love to hear from our Louise Arbour families and community members to gather more input. A virtual meeting will take place on December 9th at 6:00 pm. Please join us by clicking the link below:

<https://meet.google.com/nss-mrbo-ikq>

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please feel free to reach out to Mme Hollander at i.hollander@tvdsb.ca.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you then!





Academy for Student Athlete Development

Information Session

Academy for Student Athlete Development (ASAD)

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The Thames Valley District School Board and Abilities Centre are delighted to invite you to attend an exclusive information session about the Academy for Student Athlete Development (ASAD) for students looking to enroll in the program for September 2022. ASAD is the only sports academy in the world for student athletes on able-bodied, Para Sport or Special Olympic pathways, with a focus on supporting the holistic development of each student athlete in a dedicated training environment. The program fosters the opportunity for individuals to achieve their personal goals in athletic performance, sport performance, academics and life.

The following session dates are available:

Thursday, December 9	5:30pm-6:30pm
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The ASAD Classroom at the Western Fair Sports Centre 865
Florence St., London, ON N5W 6G6

To confirm your attendance please RSVP to:
asadlondon@abilitiescentre.org

For more information visit:
www.abilitiescentre.org/ASAD
asadlondon@abilitiescentre.org



Home Connections in Mathematics

Seasonal Math

Involving your child in using numbers to solve problems is an easy and simple way to improve their number sense.

- Determine the amount of plates and cutlery needed for a family dinner.
- "We are doubling this recipe. How much of each ingredient will we need?"
- One store is selling the game you want for 20% off of \$20.00. Another store is selling the same game for \$15.00. Where should we buy the game?
- How many lights do you think are on the tree? On a string?
- How many chocolates are in the box of chocolates? How many will we each get?
- How many cookies will we have if we bake 4 dozen?
- How many days/hours until December Break?
- How long will it take to cook the turkey if it takes 20 minutes per kilogram to cook?
- It takes 10 minutes to shovel a quarter of the driveway, how long will it take to shovel it all?
- Will one cup of snow equal one cup of water when it melts?
- How many candy canes does it take to go around the table? Cover the table surface?

Which One Doesn't Belong?

Mathematical reasoning involves classifying objects and justifying that classification. Children can be asked which item in a set does not belong. There are no right or wrong answers as long as your child is able to justify their choice.

Mathematical justification for the images below might include references to shape and size, types of angles, number vertices, faces, etc.

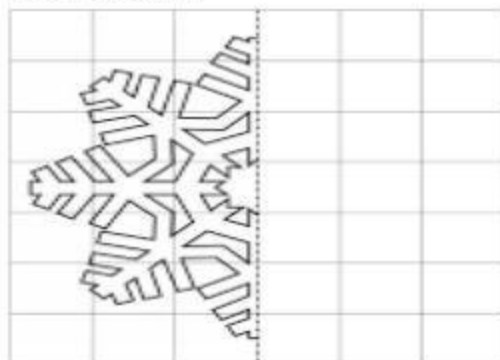


Decoration Symmetry/Art

Making decorations, such as snowflakes, from folding and cutting paper and investigating symmetry is easy, enjoyable and promotes spatial reasoning in your child.

Snowflake Symmetry

Complete the snowflake



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