



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

December 2022

Principal: Mme. Blais
Vice Principal: Mme. Hollander
Secretary: S.Earls & M. Riehl
Superintendent:
L. Griffith-Jones

Important Dates Coming Up

Dec. 12- School Council Meeting (Hybrid) at 6pm

Dec. 20- Kindergarten Holiday Concert for Kindergarten Parents (1:15pm)

Dec. 21 Primary Winter Concert (1:05-2:35pm)

Dec. 21- Winter Showcase (6pm)

Dec. 22- Kindergarten Holiday Concert for Kindergarten Parents (1:15pm)

Dec. 26- Jan.6- Winter Break

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Admin Message

Dear Louise Arbour Families,



With Winter Break just around the corner, our staff and students are busily preparing for many special events to highlight their musical talents, the arts, and the spirit of giving. Our Kindergarten team has organized Holiday Concerts, which will be followed by some creative cookie decorating in their classrooms for their students and families. Our Primary students will be holding their own Winter Concert, as well as basket raffles to supplement the cost of field trips. Junior and intermediate students have been auditioning for a talent show and will be showcasing their talents on December 21st. We cannot wait to see these amazing shows!

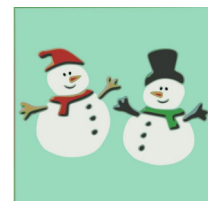


We also just recently completed our food drive for the Carling Thames Family Centre, located just next door to us. Merci to Mme Chute and the Grade 7 students who organized the collection. The generosity in supporting this initiative is remarkable. Over 1000 nonperishable food items were collected! This will make a tremendous impact for so many families. If your family is in need, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we may provide some assistance and connect you with supports.

We wish all of our Louise Arbour families a safe and happy holiday season. We hope that your winter break is spent making joyful memories.

Warm wishes,

Mme Blais and Mme Hollander



Kindergarten Registration for September 2023



Thames Valley
District School Board

DISCOVER Kindergarten



www.tvdsb.ca/Register



Thames Valley District School Board is excited to welcome children to Kindergarten in September 2023. Throughout each day in Kindergarten, your child will be involved in spontaneous play as well as more structured play-based learning both indoors and outside. Kindergarten Educator teams provide children with a safe learning environment that meets each child's individual needs and interests.

Registration will take place from **Monday, January 23, 2023, to Friday, February 10, 2023**. To be eligible for registration for the Kindergarten program, children must be **four years of age by December 31, 2023**.

A live-streamed Kindergarten Family Information Night will be hosted on February 6, 2023. Details will be communicated to families closer to the event.

To register for Kindergarten, please complete the [on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S website](#).

English Kindergarten in French Immersion

English Kindergarten Programming is offered as space permits in several French Immersion (FI) Schools. Registration for English Kindergarten in French Immersion will take place during the Kindergarten Registration period of **Monday, January 23, 2023 to Friday, February 10, 2023**.

Complete [the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB's main website](#). As part of the online registration parents/guardians are required to declare their intention to enrol their child in the French Immersion program in Grade One by clicking a check box.

[Find more information on registering for English Kindergarten at a French Immersion school.](#)

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**, orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. If you would like to pick up your order yourself, please email Mme Gleason (michelle.gleason@tvdsb.ca).

See you at our next Book Fair!



EQAO Webinar



Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary school level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021-2022 assessment results. The session will also highlight how the primary (Grade 3) and junior (Grade 6) EQAO assessments have been modernized. The session will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

Registration: www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507

PRIMARY WINTER CONCERT

December 21, 2022

School Auditorium
1:05pm -2:35pm

Each class from grade 1-3 will be performing a song! The primary choir will also be singing a few songs.

Admission to the concert will be by donation.

We will also be having a gift basket raffle. Tickets can be purchased the day of or the day before. (Tuesday, December 20th) They are three for a dollar.

If you would like to take your child home after the concert, you will need to sign out with your child's teacher.

If you have another child at the school who isn't in grades 1-3, and you would like to pick them up after the concert, you can meet them at the back of the school at 2:45. Please let us know the name of your child who is not in primary and their teacher, so we can inform their teacher that they are getting picked up instead of going on the bus.



HELLO PARENTS,

WE WILL BE HAVING A GIFT BASKET RAFFLE AT THE PRIMARY WINTER CONCERT. WE ARE LOOKING TO RAISE MONEY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, SUPPLIES AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PRIMARY CLASSROOMS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE GIFT BASKETS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOMETHING PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW.

OUR CLASS GIFT BASKET THEME IS: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE:

PLEASE BRING THE DONATION IN BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

PLEASE ONLY FILL OUT IF YOU ARE PICKING UP A STUDENT WHO IS NOT IN THE CONCERT.

IF YOU ARE PICKING UP MORE THAN ONE CHILD, ADD ALL THE NAMES.

STUDENT'S FIRST NAME: _____

STUDENT'S LAST NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____



Home Resources for Students & Parents

PURPOSE

- student and parent resources to support learning and achievement
- resources for becoming involved in your child's education
- links to these resources are available through the TVDSB Virtual Library Learning Commons (VLLC) site



WWW.TVDSB.CA/VLLC

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Students

*Tools to support learning and achievement.
Your GOTVDSB.CA account is your ticket in!*

Google Suite and Microsoft Office 365 are each a collection of application tools for creating a variety of document formats, available to TVDSB students.



GSuite for Education is available anywhere when signed into a GOTVDSB.CA account via a Web browser. This is where to access Google Classroom. Chrome is recommended.



Office 365 Education available to secondary students. It can be installed on macOS and Windows computers. To access/install O365, visit <https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/education/products/office> enter your GOTVDSB.CA username and password and follow the instructions to access the installation options.



Education and career planning. Starting in grade 7 students can use their GOTVDSB.CA username and password.



Online classroom platform. Use your GOTVDSB.CA username and password.

Parents



TVDSB Technology and Software Support



TVDSB Safe Schools & Well Being



Media Smarts
Canada's Centre for Digital and Media Literacy



TVDSB Social Media Channels
Stay informed & connected.



TVDSB Parent Portal
Access your child's progress

two Resources



K-5 videos, games and content
livestream of TVokids programming



K-6 Game-based STEM learning
65+ free online games that support foundational math skills



K-12 Learning Activities
Grades 9-12 searchable high school course content



Gr. 4-12 Personalized math tutoring and interactive whiteboard

Public Libraries

Each public library offers access to eBooks. Several libraries even offer an online option around signing up for a library card.



Elgin County Library



London Public Library



Middlesex County Library



Oxford County Library







St. Thomas Public Library



Woodstock Public Library










STE³M

	Adobe Express Create videos, infographics, etc. Students "Log in with school account" and use their @gotvdsb.ca email. DO NOT "Continue with Google"
	Makecode with Micro:bits Students can program and code a virtual micro:bit
	Hour of Code Tutorials designed for all ages in over 45 languages. Join millions of students and teachers in over 180 countries.
	Tinkercad: Students can use this free 3D modelling software which also contains cirri cuits & coding applications.

Literacy

	Starfall Kindergarten and primary activities around language and math concepts.
	Unite For Literacy free digital access to picture books, narrated in many languages.
	Storyline Online Videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creative illustrations.
	SORA TVDSB's ebook site. Students log in with their @gotvdsb.ca account and password.
	CBC Kids Videos, activities and games created to support student's learning.

French

	Biblio video Discover great Canadian Children's books. Découvrir des livres canadiens géniaux pour la jeunesse.
	Flora Access a variety of early and beginner readers. These readers offer a variety of interactive activities
	Eureka: Numérico A variety of magazines that explore different topics and issues. Highly engaging!
	TV5 Monde Videos & articles that promote and engage listening, reading and writing skills, divided across CEFR levels A1-B2
	The French Experiment Online French lessons and children's stories in French.
	FSL Toolkit Resources put out by the Ministry. Students log in using their @gotvdsb.ca email.
<h2>Arts</h2>	
	Carnegie Hall Celebrate families and music making around the world through free online resources.
	New York Philharmonic To empower all listeners and creators to make their own connections to orchestral music
	Toronto Symphony Orchestra Fun and engaging virtual activities.



Sketch.IO
A free online drawing and painting program

VIRTUAL LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS (VLLC)

The VLLC offers resources to support students, parents and educators on topics such as the inquiry and learning process, Internet safety and more.

All the sites included in this brochure are accessible from the Research tab on the VLLC site.

www.tvdsb.ca/vllc



- select **Elementary** or **Secondary**
- find all database username and passwords under the **Password** tab; to log in use:
 - **Elementary: welcomevllc**
 - **Secondary: welcomevllcs**

The databases provided within the VLLC are for the use of TVDSB students and staff only.

Do not post or share on a public Web site or messaging system.



New! School Council Newsletter

- LAFI is a vibrant school community of over 600 students. Our School Council currently includes six parents. This is *only 1%* of our student population. We need more parent voices!
- We'll be sending a monthly newsletter as a way to reach out to the LAFI parent community, share recent meeting discussions, and increase our parent involvement.
- A meeting snapshot, how to get involved, and the meeting schedule are below.

Meeting Snapshot – November 14, 2022

- **Principal's Report:** Mme Blais shared updates about the TVDSB Dress Code (to be announced soon), EQAO test scores, and a playground equipment update.
- **Playground Equipment:** All TVDSB playground equipment is inspected annually by the City of London's Parks and Recreation department. The LAFI play structure was recently deemed unsafe. The structure is not currently open for student use.
- **Fundraising Priorities:** Our first priority is to begin fundraising to fix the playground equipment and support our nutrition programs; including the Breakfast Program.
- **Breakfast Program:** LAFI has a Breakfast Program! Students can enjoy a light breakfast between 8:00-8:15 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Enter through the rear doors of the school.
- **Huron & Belfield Crosswalk:** A parent shared safety concerns regarding this busy intersection. The process to have the intersection assessed for a crossing guard has been started with the City of London. It's a lengthy process and will require continued LAFI parent support.

Want to get involved?

- We need more parent involvement! Please complete this short Parent Engagement Survey. It will take less than 5 minutes to complete.
- Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/gK42K0S3wH>

Hybrid Meeting Schedule

Monthly meetings start at 6 pm | In-person – LAFI Library | Online – MSTeams

Meeting Links:

[December 12, 2022](#)

February 6, 2023

April 3, 2023

June 5, 2023

School Council Members

Parents

Chair: Robert Ayres
Vice-Chair: Hakan Karatas
Secretary: Jenny Ingrey
Co-Treasurer: Amber Giffen
Co-Treasurer: Hakan Karatas
Parent Member: Colleen Kelsey

LAFI Teachers and Administrators

Principal: Sylvie Blais
Vice-Principal: Ingrid Hollander
Teacher Member: Julia Lantos
Teacher Member: Cara McCrae