



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

December 2023

Principal: Mme. Blais
Vice Principal: Mme. Hart
Secretary: S.Earls & H. Weitzel
Superintendent:
L. Griffith-Jones

Important Dates Coming Up

- Dec. 4 - 8
Scholastic Book Fair
- Dec. 4 - 15- Donation Drive
- Dec. 6/7 - Kindergarten Holiday
Open House (1:15 pm)
- Dec. 7 - Parent Hour
(K-Grade 1, 4:30 - 5:30)
- Dec. 11 - Parent Council
Meeting (6:30 pm)
- Dec. 18 - Plaid Shirt Day
- Dec. 19 - Holiday Sweater Day
Primary Winter Concert
Dress Rehearsal
- Dec. 20 - Festive Hat Day
Primary Winter Concert (11:00
am)
- Dec. 21 - Winter Wonderland
Day (Blue & White)
- Dec. 22 - Pyjama Day
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 7 - Winter Break

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Admin Message

Dear Louise Arbour Families,



As the Winter Break approaches our staff and students are getting into the festive spirit. We have many events planned for the last few weeks of school and we hope that parents and guardians will have the opportunity to join us. Please ensure to mark these important dates on your family calendars!

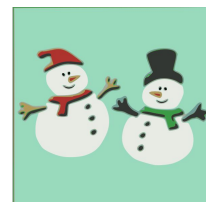
We are looking forward to hosting a Parent Hour on December 7th. The focus of this session will be on self-regulation skills and strategies for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1. Please see the poster attached in this newsletter for more information.

There is some exciting news to share regarding our application to the Neighbourhood Decision Making program through the City of London. Our project proposal has won \$20,000 to go towards an outdoor naturalized play space in our school yard! Thank you to Ms. Rollins for the hard work she put in to submitting the application, and to all our families who took their time to vote for the project. We will share more about this project as the information becomes available.

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 Hart



DONATION DRIVE



From December 4th - 15th, the Grade 7 classes will be hosting a 'Donation Drive' to support the Family Centre Carling-Thames next door and therefore families who are in need in our local community.

We encourage families to bring in any type of donation - from non-perishable foods to hygiene products. They are in need of the following personal hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant.

We appreciate anything you can do to help and look forward to delivering the items on Louise Arbour's behalf!



PRIMARY CONCERT



We are so excited to share that our primary students will be participating in a winter concert this year.

The concert will begin at 11am on Wednesday, December 20th. The doors to the school will open to families at 10:40am. Admission will be by donation and all proceeds will go towards the year-end primary field trip.

All classes in Grades 1, 2, and 3 and Mme Anderson's Grade 3/4 class will be performing. In addition, there will be a performance by the primary choir. We look forward to seeing you there!



BOOK FAIR



Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, December 4th - Friday, December 8th!

Thank you to the many parents who have offered to help out with this year's Fair. I am looking forward to working together with such an enthusiastic group of volunteers to make this a fantastic event for the entire Louise Arbour school community.

Thursday, December 7th, 2023
4:30pm-5:30pm

Parent Hour



Supporting Your Child's Connections

Join us for refreshments
and learn self-regulation
and coping strategies to
best support your child!

Let us know if
you're coming!





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.

Arts

	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.



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