



# Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

February 2023

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## Important Dates Coming Up

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day  
and Fancy Day in support  
of the TVDSB Caring Fund

Feb. 16- Term 1 Reports  
Go Home

Feb. 20th- Family Day

Feb. 21st - Spirit Day in  
support of the TVDSB  
Caring Fund

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## Admin Message

Although February is a short month we have a great deal going on! Our morning announcements have featured a powerful Black Canadian Heritage video series by Saidat. We are also looking forward to a school-wide Black History Month assembly on March 2, 2023. Grade 8 students have had their graduation photos taken! Our grades 5-8 Valentine's Day dances were a hit. And, we appreciate our community's participation in our Toonie Tuesday initiatives in support of the Thames Valley Caring Fund.

Report cards / Communication of Learning Reports will be going home on Friday, February 16th. We appreciate the time that you will take to review your child(ren)'s report. We know that communication between home and school is vital to improving student achievement and well-being. Our educators look forward to continuing the dialogue about our students' progress with you. We are pleased to share some additional information about assessment.

### **Assessment for Learning**

Assessment for Learning is based on the belief that all students can learn and improve. When teachers are engaged in Assessment for Learning, they create assessment tasks that provide information on what students know and can do already. They use this information to motivate students and determine the next steps in instruction. Marking is not designed to make comparative judgments among students, but to highlight students' strengths and needs, and provide the students with feedback that furthers their learning. Assessment for learning happens in the middle of learning, often more than once, rather than at the end. "Assessment must be used to improve student learning and not simply measure it." (Michael Fullan)

### **Assessment as Learning**

Assessment as Learning is the ultimate goal in empowering students to become lifelong learners. This type of assessment occurs when students personally monitor what they are learning, reflect on their learning and make decisions to improve their own learning. "Effective assessment empowers students to ask reflective questions and consider a range of strategies for learning and acting." (Lorna Earl)

### **Assessment of Learning**

Assessment of Learning collects evidence for evaluating the students' achievement of the curriculum expectations and for reporting to students and parents/guardians. Assessment of Learning is done near the end of the unit/term/semester and is represented using letter/numerical grades.



On Thursday, March 2nd, students will participate in a Black History Month assembly, with a group of grade 8 student leaders. The assembly will feature a fashion show, a history lesson about a few key people, an exploration of inventions made by black folks, and a mini manie musicale that the whole school will participate in during the assembly featuring Black Francophone artists. Thank you to Mme Gorrira and Mme Singh for working with our student leaders to prepare this assembly!

### **Toonie Tuesday is back at LAFI!**

Every single day there are students coming to our schools hungry, without proper clothing, without school supplies and without other basic necessities. The Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF), through its Caring Fund, works diligently to ensure that these students can have their most pressing needs met. Last year the Caring Fund responded to 692 requests, giving out over \$246,000 to help students all over the school board. Join us to "Give a little, help a lot."

On Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, our school will be participating in Toonie Tuesday, a fundraiser encouraging everyone to pitch in a toonie (or more) to help ensure all our students can have their needs met.

**Tuesday, February 21 - LAFI Spirit Day!** Students can wear their school colours, their spiritwear, or anything wolf-related!

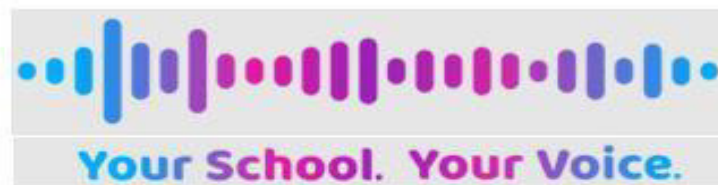
The school board is accepting donations for the month of February. You can make donations at school by sending a toonie or more with your student. We are also accepting donations made through School Cash Online\*\*. If you would like to donate \$20 or more and receive a tax receipt, please do so online at

<http://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/education-foundation-ways-to-help.aspx>

\*\* Funds donated through School Cash Online are not eligible for a tax receipt.

Thanks so much for any support you can give!

*LAFI Toonie Tuesday Committee*



School climate exists in every school. It is like the personality of a school. Creating and sustaining a healthy school climate benefits all members of our school community. We want to hear your thoughts and experiences about the school climate at our school. This year, you will be invited to complete an online survey. If you have any children from Grades 5-12, they will also be invited to participate. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Check out the February Edition of Math on the Move through this [link](#).



# Math on the Move

February 2023



Welcome to our February edition!

Please watch our Math on the Move video to learn about how math is used at Fur Paws Only Salon & Boarding in Lambeth, Ontario. Following the video, we encourage you to try the questions below.



## Kindergarten



Look at the picture. How many pairs of grooming shears do you see? How many would there be if we added another pair? How many would there be if we removed two pairs?

## Primary

Which one doesn't belong? Can you think of a reason why each dog may not belong in this picture?



## Junior



Grade 4: Select three services from the price list above. Estimate, then calculate the total cost.

Grade 5:

Select three services from the price list above. Estimate, then calculate the total cost, including sales tax.

Grade 6:

Select three services from the price list above. Estimate, then calculate the total cost, including sales tax and a 10% tip.

## Intermediate

1. A salon orders their dog shampoo as a concentrated formula. It is then mixed 1 part formula to 3 parts water. If they purchase 2L of concentrated shampoo, how many Litres of finished product will they have if they use up all the concentrate?
2. Identify a long term financial goal (e.g., a trip, education, purchase of something that you would need to save up for), and create a small business plan to help you achieve this goal. Some ideas might include pet sitting, dog walking, or any field that might interest you.
3. Fur Paws Only charges \$45 for boarding per night, with taxes included. How much would you be paying in taxes if you had the company boarding your dog for 5 nights?

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## SPARK YOUR CHILD'S INNER NINJA

Code Ninjas Camps offer an immersive environment for children to explore technology, develop new skills, and have a great time with friends. It's an unforgettably fun learning experience!

### March Break Line Up:

- Arcade Builder - March 13
- Roblox - March 14
- Robotics - March 15
- Minecraft - March 16
- Stop Motion - March 17

Camps run daily from 9am - 4pm. All equipment provided. Book individual days or bundle together for the whole week.



**SPACE IS LIMITED  
REGISTER TODAY!**

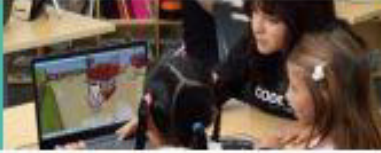


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## SUMMER 2023 CAMP LINEUP



### Code Your Own Robot in Minecraft®

Attention Minecraft® masters! Learn how to use code to control a virtual robot in Minecraft®. You can even program it to complete all of the boring tasks in Minecraft® for you...That's right! Teach your robots to dig, farm, build, and more.

Dates: July 10 - 14



### Makers with Microcontrollers

Exploring the exciting world of physical computing with a microcontroller called micro:bit. This tiny computer makes it possible for you to design a variety of interactive projects, such as a digital pet, multiplayer game, wearable tech, and more!

Dates: August 21 - 25



### Modding with Minecraft®

Attention advanced Minecraft® players! Learn how to make your own mods with custom textures, weapons, armor, enemies, and more.

Dates: July 31 - August 4  
August 8 - 12



### 3D Design and Print

Calling all artists, designers, and creators! Learn 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad software and watch your builds come to life on our 3D printers.

Dates: August 14 - 18



### Intro to Roblox Development

If you love Roblox and want to get started with building your own games, this camp is for you! You will learn the basics of game building in your own 3D Roblox worlds. No experience required.

Dates: July 3 - 7  
July 17 - 21  
August 14 - 18



### Stop Motion Animation

Tap into the incredible world of Stop Motion Animation and learn techniques from the ground up to create your own movies! Use media such as clay, LEGO® Minifigures, pipe cleaner creatures, and more!

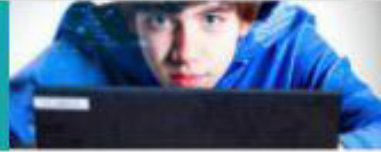
Dates: August 8 - 12



### Become a YouTuber

Let's create a YouTube Channel! Join us to develop your YouTuber skills and work in a team in order to create and customize a shared YouTube channel complete with unique channel art, video thumb-nails, uploads, and more!

Dates: July 17 - 21



### Operation: Code Breakers

Learn the art of creating and solving coded messages and combine it with the power of computer science to write programs that encrypt and decrypt secret messages. Ninjas will create unique puzzles and build their very own escape room to play and share with fellow campers and friends.

Dates: July 3 - 7



### Composing with Code

Dive into the world of electronic music composition with code using Sonic Pi. Throughout the camp you will recreate songs, build original soundscapes, make unique beats, and perform songs live, all using code.

Dates: July 24 - 28



### JR Makers with Microcontrollers

Explore the magical world of physical computing and storytelling with a microcontroller called micro:bit. You will learn how to make objects come to life using sensors, electronics, play dough, cardboard, LED lights, aluminum foil, and more.

Dates: July 31 - August 4



### Next Level Roblox Development

Spark your imagination and explore game concepts by digging deeper into the game making side of Roblox, including writing scripts in the Lua - the programming language of Roblox!

Dates: July 24 - 28  
August 21 - 25



### JR Adventures in Game Design Ages 5-7

In this amazing game building camp, Ninjas will learn some of the basics of computer science by coding mini games such as a maze, hide-and-seek, and even your very own creation!