



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

May 2021

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

May Character Trait of the Month: L'empathie

Important Dates Coming Up

May 24- Victoria Day (No School)

Esprit Vendredi Days:

May 7- Jersey/Hat Day

May 14- Rainbow Day

May 21- PJ/(Blanket) Fort Day

May 28- LAFI Colours

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Admin Message

Welcome to May LAFI Families!

We hope that you are enjoying the May flowers that are showing themselves everywhere! Such a beautiful time of year. Wishing all our moms and mother-figures a lovely Mother's Day next weekend.

The first week of May has a lot happening! We are celebrating Education Week as well as Mental Health Week. Consider visiting mentalhealthweek.ca to explore information, articles and their 2021 toolkit to support their #GetReal campaign.

We're excited to share photos of the upgrades that have been recently made to our school's tarmac. On the next few pages you'll see photos of Hopstock, Four Square, Snakes and Ladders and much, much more! We know our new playground paintings will be a hit with students. We especially like that our logo has been painted at each entrance to the yard!

Thank you to the parents/families who have emailed Mme Moore-Bridge and Mme Rycroft to express their interest in being part of our Safe and Inclusive School Plan (SISP) Team. We will be meeting on May 12th to come up with a School Goal and strategies that we will use to meet this goal. Our plan will be published to our school website by May 31st.

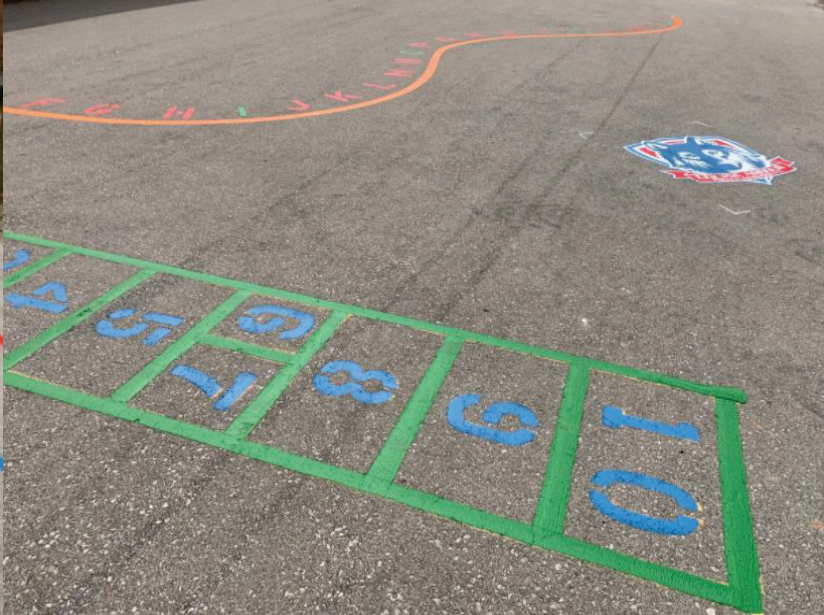
As teaching and learning continues remotely, we want to thank you for all the support we know you are providing to your child(ren). It takes a village to raise a child!

Mme Blais and Mme Moore-Bridge



**Take a look at our new
tarmac games!!**





We're excited for our students to see our playground updates when they return to school!



Class Placement Process

We would like to take this opportunity to describe for you the class placement process we undertake each year when placing students in classes. This process involves input from the sending and receiving teachers, administration, learning support teachers and any applicable support staff. In creating classes, the goal is always to work on creating the most effective and positive learning environment possible. This is dependent on many factors, one being classroom dynamics. We strive to ensure that classes are balanced by looking at students' academic levels, special needs in the areas of academics, socio-emotional and behaviour profiles, as well as individual personalities which include student/student relationships and teacher/student relationships.

Much time and effort are put into creating these learning environments and it is important to recognize that all of these factors influence one another. For this reason, we do not accept teacher placement requests. We ask that you trust the school team which includes your child's teacher to place your child in the best-suited class and to understand that the teacher is not the only factor considered when placing your child in a class. We very much appreciate your support and understanding.

Thank you



First Trustees' Community Connection Series focuses on life after the pandemic

One of Canada's leading experts on healthy relationships offers parents, guardians and community members her views on post-pandemic well-being during Thames Valley's first Trustees' Community Connection Series on Thursday, May 6 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Claire Crooks, Director of the Centre for School Mental Health at Western University, helped develop a healthy relationships program for adolescents now being used in thousands of schools across Canada.

The free sessions are open to all students, families and community members and will provide attendees with the opportunity to engage in conversation with Trustees and experts on important topics facing children and youth today.

Dr. Crooks will discuss how strengthening connections can help us promote student post-pandemic well-being.

"The pandemic has been hard on students and families, in part because it has disrupted many positive and protective relationships," says Dr. Crooks. "Humans are designed to be connected to others. Children and youth flourish best in the context of healthy relationships.

"We all want students to catch up academically. Promoting resilience and wellbeing through connection will be one of the most powerful ways we can help children and youth post-pandemic. Understanding the critical importance of healthy relationships provides an essential foundation for moving forward post-pandemic."

TVDSB Chair Bill McKinnon explained the Trustees' Community Connection Series "connects community members with the Board of Trustees to share thoughts on how we can work together to create a school district that ensures all students are prepared to succeed."

The May 6 session will be attended by TVDSB's London and Oxford Trustees. Future sessions will be attended by TVDSB's Elgin and Middlesex County Trustees.

"We look forward to connecting with all members of Thames Valley's community and hearing your thoughts, exchanging ideas, listening and learning," says London Trustee Lori-Ann Pizzolato.

To register and learn more, visit tvdsb.ca/CommunityConnectionSeries or contact Sherry Hines at shines@tvdsb.ca or 519-452-2000 ext. 20219.



Gotvdsb.ca Account Info

The Assistive Technology TOSA team, are happy to provide ways to help your child use the tools available to them through their @gotvdsb.ca accounts! These are powerful tools that can help your students read, write, and communicate their ideas for all subjects in a variety of ways.

Please visit:

bit.ly/AT4Families

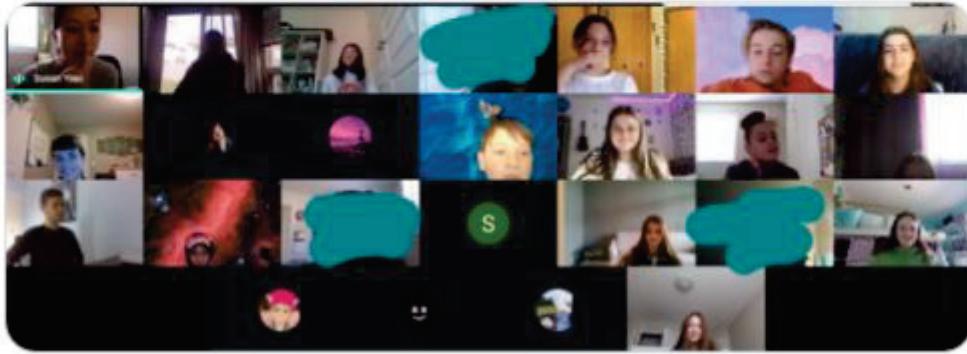




Seta Moore-Bridge @setamb · Apr 22

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So amazed when I joined @Jewlya_L's Gr. 7/8 class @louisebourfi to find almost every students' camera on while they engaged in remote learning! We can see collaborative learning happening within this strong and safe virtual class community. #TVDSB @TVDSBcares



LEARNING AT LAEI



Mme Psellas @TrinkaPsellas · Apr 8

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And so the structure building begins! We're thinking like engineers - ask questions, imagine, create, and then improve! @louisebourfi #SciencesFun



Mme Oudyk @EduEmily2 · 20h

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Great excuse to get outside today: students starting their "cloud journals" to track weather patterns for science! #2EO @louisebourfi



Matina Korakianitis @MmeKorakianitis · 20m

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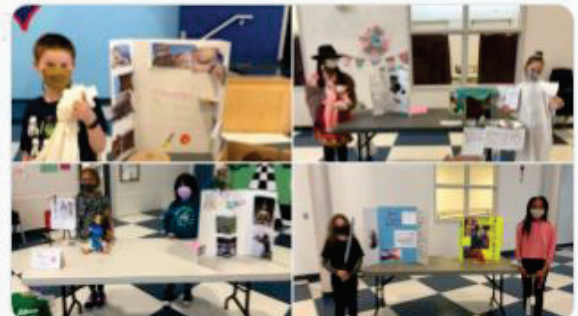
Grade 3MK class presenting their Beverly Cleary Book Report in a Box presentations. We sure enjoyed reading these classic! @louisebourfi #belovedauthor



Mme Nakeyar @mme_nakeyar · 1h

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Some highlights from our Early Societies Fair today! Students rocked it, spoke so well in French and got so much positive feedback from our grade four cohort visitors!! Bravo #4MNakeyar 🙌🏻 Je suis super fière de vous!! @louisebourfi



Katarina Milinkovic @MmeMilinkovic · 5h

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We worked with percentages this week and practiced benchmark % we can always find using our mental math skills! Also loving our white boards! @EduE_Swan @louisebourfi

Virtual Book Fairs

Time to Shop!

Dear families,

It's almost here! Our school's **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** begins next week! Our very own shopping site will be open from **Monday, May 4th - Friday, May 13th.**

Experience the joy of a Book Fair online by joining us at our **Virtual Family Event!** Make your favourite snacks, and come together as a family to view the fun, exciting and inspiring titles by clicking this link on **Wednesday, May 5th from 6:00-8:00 PM:**

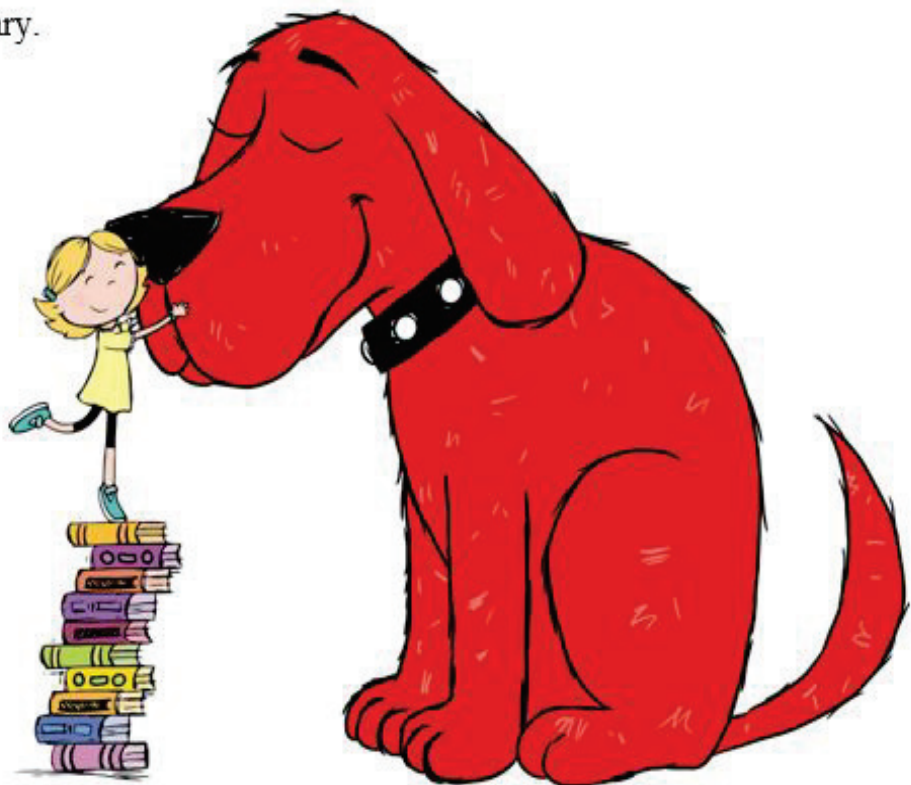
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5157368>

Share this link with Grandparents, too! Extended family can participate in the **Virtual Book Fair** from the comfort of home.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

Thank you for participating in our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Happy reading!





Virtual Book Fairs Family Night

How To Have The Perfect Shopping Night

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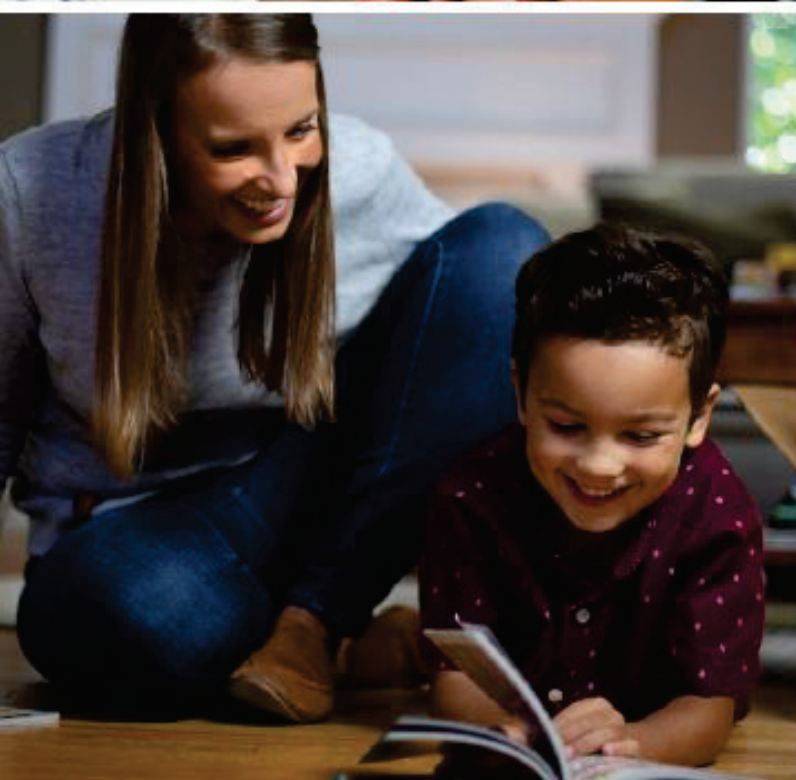
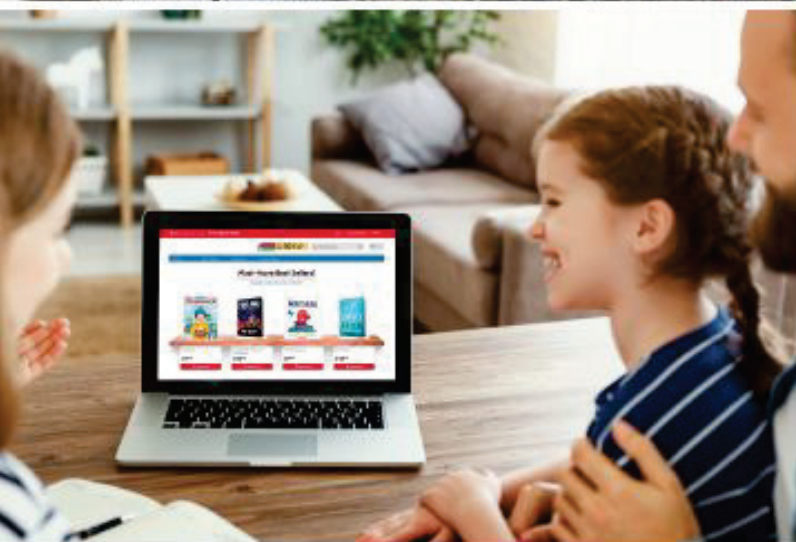
Grab some yummy snacks and get cozy

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Shop as a family for your new favourite books!

3

Read together, laugh out loud, and share new stories



Our School's Virtual Family Night Is

Wednesday
from 6-8pm

**FREE
SHIPPING**


Home Connections in Mathematics

Math Trails!




Now that the warm weather is here, it is a great time to go for a walk or a bike ride and explore the environment around you. While exploring, stop at different spots and find the math along the way. Get outside and enjoy some physical activity, cooperate, and learn in a fun way that helps kids see how math is everywhere around them. Try these activities to get you started!

Activities
 <p>Estimate how many hands tall a fence is. Now measure how many hands. Do you get a different number with kid hands and adult hands? Why are these numbers different?</p>
 <p>Run and JUMP! Who jumped the farthest/shortest?</p>
 <p>Look for shapes- how many different shapes can you find on your walk? Name them, talk about what makes a triangle a triangle, for example.</p>




Make a collection of sticks from the yard. Order the sticks from shortest to longest. Can you find a stick that is half the size of another stick? How do you know it's half?




Can you find 6 different rectangles?
How many sides does a stop sign have?
What about a yield sign?



How many steps does it take to walk around the playground?



Find 5 rocks and line them up in order from lightest to heaviest.



Time how long it takes to run from lamp post to lamp post.
How many times can you go down the slide in 1 minute?

Math is all around us so get out and explore!