



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

November 2023

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Important Dates Coming Up

Nov. 1
Hindu Heritage Month

Nov. 6
Treaties Recognition Week

Nov. 8
School Photo Retakes
National Indigenous Veterans
Day

Nov. 10
Remembrance Day Assembly
Progress Reports Home

Nov. 11
Remembrance Day

Nov. 15 Caribou Math Contest

Nov. 17
EA Appreciation Day
PD Day (no school)

Nov. 20-24 Bullying
Prevention Awareness Week

Nov. 16 (after school) and
Nov. 17 Parent/Teacher
Interviews

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Admin Message

On Friday, November 10, 2023, students will bring home their progress reports. The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning.

Tips for Parents/Guardians

- **Sit down with your child and look over the report card.**
- **Praise your child.** Find all the good things about the report card.
- **Invite your child to be self-reflective.** Talk with your child about his/her learning skills and subject areas.
- **Set goals with your child.** Make a plan to improve the areas which require attention. Ensure that the goals are realistic and achievable in order to set your child up for success.
- **Make a plan** with your child's teacher. Ask for advice on how you can help your child.

Tips for Students

- **Think positively.** You are a special person. Be proud of what you were able to do; work to improve areas you think can improve.
- **Make a plan with your parents.** How do I improve areas that need improvement?
- **Try your best.** That's the most important ingredient to success.



**Parent-Teacher
Interviews**

Friday, November 17th will be a Professional Activity Day designated for parent/teacher interviews. Please keep an eye out for communication from your child's teacher inviting you to schedule an interview. Some opportunities may be available the afternoon of Thursday, November 16th as well.

Neighbourhood Decision Making Program.

We submitted our idea through the City of London Neighbourhood Decision Making Program and were successful in moving forward to the voting stage! Now, we need your help to rally neighbours, family, and friends to vote for our idea. Please [click here](#) to create an account and vote from November 13, 2023 to November 18, 2023.

Outdoor Naturalized Play Space at Louise Arbour



Help our children have a safe space to climb, explore and play!

When and where can I vote?

- Voting is available online from November 13 to November 18.
- Voting in-person at Carling Heights Optimist Centre and North London Optimist Centre November 13-17.
- Phone-in voting on Saturday, November 18 between 10 am-4 pm. Call 519-661-8410 to cast your vote.
- Vote in-person is available Saturday, November 18 from 10 am-4 pm at all library branches.

Vote here for online voting!

Vote for this idea
from November 13-18 online, by phone or in-person.
For more info & to vote, please visit: getinvolved.london.ca/NDM

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<https://getinvolved.london.ca/NDM>

Coming for an interview?

Chromebooks will be available outside classrooms to vote while you are waiting for your interview time!



As we approach the winter months, we would like to provide you with a few updates.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCESS

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on TVDSB's Inclement Weather process, as the winter months approach.

What families need to know when severe weather causes bus cancellations and school closures?

During severe winter weather, the safety and security of students and staff is Thames Valley's highest priority. Here is important information for families to remember:

School Closures

- The decision to close a school is based on the best information available to the TVDSB regarding road and weather conditions. There are times when a school may also be closed due to events such as power outages and water main breaks.
- In the event of a school closure, access to virtual learning opportunities will be available to students through their Google Classroom or Brightspace platforms.
- Your child(ren)'s teacher will communicate how students can access this information; if you need more details, please reach out directly to your child's teacher in advance of these potential inclement weather days.

Bus cancellations

- In most cases, when buses are cancelled, **schools remain open**.
- Staff will be available for those students who arrive at school.
- Some families may determine that their children can safely make their way to and from school while other families may wish to keep their children at home.
- Parents/caregivers may drop off/pick-up their children, however, it is **not** an expectation that parents/caregivers transport their children to school in the event of bus cancellations.
- If a student does not attend on inclement weather days, there will be **no** negative impact to their official attendance record.

Notification of Bus Cancellations and School Closures

- It's easy to find out if your school is closed by checking your school or [TVDSB's website](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#) as well as local media in your area.
- **All information about bus delays and cancellations are available on www.mybigyellowbus.ca.**

Cross Country Updates



During the past couple of months, students in Grades 3-8 were busy training for the 2023 Cross Country season. On October 4th, we had over 90 LAFI students participate in the North East Regional Cross Country Meet at Gibbons Park. It was a perfect Fall day to run! We had 17 top performing runners who went on to compete at the TVDSB Finals at Fanshawe Conservation Area on Tuesday, October 17th. We couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments on that day.

A HUGE thank you to all of the Grade 7 and 8 students who volunteered their time to marshal the course at Gibbons Park. Thank you for keeping all of the athletes in our region safe.

A sincere thank you also goes out to the team of teachers who volunteered their time to assist with training sessions at school and coaching responsibilities at this year's Cross Country Meets.



News from the Library Learning Commons (LLC)

As usual, it has been an extremely busy start to the school year with book exchanges, class literacy blocks and teacher-/student- collaborations well underway!

We have a wonderful team of Grades 7 and 8 students who have been training to be library helpers. I appreciate all of the enthusiasm and hard work they have put into learning about the library's organization and cataloguing system. They will be great leaders for our Kindergarten and Primary classes.

In the weeks to come, several clubs will be running out of the LLC: Vive les Livres, Défi des Devoirs, Maker Club, etc. Students are encouraged to read the online announcements carefully so that they are aware of the many opportunities that will be available to them.



News from the Eco-Equipe

As part of our initiatives to improve our school environment and promote sustainability, the grade 8 eco-équipe planted over 200 bulbs to complete our pollinator garden at the south side of the school.

We can't wait to see the beautiful tulips, daffodils, crocuses, and hyacinths bloom in the spring!



GRADE 8

**PARENT & CAREGIVER
VIRTUAL SESSION**

**Welcome to High School:
Preparing for High School
in TVDSB**

Topics will include: Registration Process and
Timeline, Supporting the Transition to Grade 9,
Graduation Requirements and more!

**Thursday, November 16th, 2023
7pm online**

Where will **Thames Valley**
take you?



Link will be posted
prior to the event at
www.tvdsb.ca/grades7-8



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for more information



You are invited...

Join us to learn more about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme within TVDSB at Oakridge Secondary School.

LIVE Both, In-Person and Live Streamed

**Thursday, December 14, 2023
7:00 to 8:30 PM EST**

This in-person meeting will also be live-streamed and recorded. The recording will be shared on TVDSB and Oakridge websites.

For more information

Go to www.tvdsb.ca/IBOakridge to find the link to the live and recorded information meeting, and to learn more about the IB Diploma Programme.

