



# Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

October 2022

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## Important Dates Coming Up

Oct. 18- Cross Country Finals

Oct. 19-20 Rain date for  
Cross Country Finals

Oct. 19- Caribou Contest

Oct. 19- Bus Driver  
Appreciation Day

Oct. 24- PD Day

Nov. 7- School Council  
Meeting 6pm

Nov. 11- Progress Reports go  
home

Nov. 18- PD Day

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## Admin Message

We are off to a terrific start here at Louise Arbour French Immersion Public School! Students and staff alike have demonstrated dedication to turning a building into *their school* through their acts of kindness, positive attitude and willingness to get involved in school activities.

On the upcoming October 24th PA Day, our educators will be deeply learning about how children learn to read. This learning is grounded in our board's operational plan, specifically related to supporting all of our students to become successful readers with responsive literacy instruction from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Teaching students to read is everyone's responsibility and we want to support all students with the tools they need to be successful readers. The Ontario Human Rights Commission deemed learning "not a privilege, but a basic and essential human right." And we know that, "We human beings were never born to read; we invented reading and then had to teach it to every new generation." (Maryanne Wolf)

The Ontario Human Rights Commission's report on The Right to Read Inquiry can be found here:

<https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-to-read-inquiry-report>.

The Effective Early Reading Instruction: A Guide for Teachers can be found here:

<https://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/guide-effective-early-reading/download>

# Progress Reports

Our updated Reporting Student Achievement procedure defines the relationship between the early academic progress of a student and the provincial grading standard.

## Progressing Very Well

- Student achievement is meeting or surpassing the provincial standard
- Letter grades B to A+
- Numerical grades 74 to 100

## Progressing Well

- Student achievement is approaching the provincial standard
- Letter grades C to B-
- Numerical grades 64 to 73

## Progressing with Difficulty

- Student achievement is not currently meeting the provincial standard
- Letter grades below C
- Numerical grades below 64



### 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 becoming 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.



## Gr. 7/8 Girls' Competitive Volleyball Team



The upcoming season looks very promising with some very talented players joining the team. The girls have been busy learning offensive and defensive systems, game rules and many team cheers. We are looking forward to playing our first home game against Lord Roberts on Monday and our first tournament at Stoney Creek P.S. this Friday. Coach Paturel is very pleased with the enthusiasm and play of all the players, and has high hopes for this year's team.

### Schedule:

**Oct. 17** vs Lord Roberts P.S. (home game @ 4pm)

**Oct. 21** Stoney Creek P.S. Tournament

**Oct. 26** vs. Stoney Creek P.S. (home game @ 4pm)

**Oct. 29** Forest City Tournament

**Oct. 31** at West Nissouri P.S.

**Nov. 2** at Chippewa P.S.

**Nov. 9** vs Cedar Hollow P.S. (home game @ 4pm)

**Nov. 14** at Old North P.S.

**Nov. 21** Playoffs at Stoney Creek

P.S. Parents and students are encouraged to come out and support the team!



## Gr. 7/8 Co-ed Competitive Soccer Team



It was great to have another soccer team representing our school at the Northeast regional soccer tournament on September 26th. The team played strongly in round robin play. Many parents came out to support the team and were treated to some great team play and many goals! Our team continued their dominant play in the semifinals with a shutout performance against Old North P.S.. In the championship final against Northridge, the players showed plenty of character and grit to keep the score 0-0, but our opponents managed to score and hold on to win the game in the dying minutes. Coach Paturel was very proud of how the team came together and is looking forward to having many players back next year



## Cross-Country

Over the past few weeks, students in Grades 3-8 have been busy preparing for the 2022 Cross-Country season.

On October 4th, our school had almost 100 athletes participating in the Northeast Regional Cross-Country Meet at Gibbons Park. We had a beautiful day for running and student-athletes performed well at the competition. In addition to many personal bests, we had 2 of our teams capture the team awards. Congratulations go out to the Junior Boys (Grade 5) and Senior Girls (Grade 7) for their impressive accomplishments!

We have 24 athletes who have qualified for the Thames Valley Cross-Country Finals at Fanshawe Conservation Area on October 18th. We wish them the best of luck as they compete against the best of the best from schools across Thames Valley.

A sincere thank you to all of the teachers who volunteered their time to assist with training sessions and coaching responsibilities at this year's Meets.



## School Council Update

Hi everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce this years School Council

Chairman: Rob Ayres

Vice Chair: Hakan Karatas

Secretary: Jenny Ingrey

Co-treasurers: Amber Giffen and Hakan Karatas

Parent Representative Member: Colleen Kelsey

We look forward to this years work. Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022 6:00 – 7:00 both in person and online. Topics for next months meeting will include the fund raising for the school sign, annual review and approval of Council By-Laws, and student dress code. We will also be discussing concerns regarding the cross walks near the school and their visibility. As always please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [sc-louisearbour@tvpic.ca](mailto:sc-louisearbour@tvpic.ca)

Thank you,

Rob Ayres, Chairman







For Halloween at the end of this month, we wanted to share a few reminders about costumes and treats. Students are welcome to wear a costume to school, or dress in orange and black to celebrate if they choose to participate. Please ensure that costumes do not include weapons or masks. Students may also bring individually packaged, store-bought, nut-free treats to school.



Dear Louise Arbour Families,

On behalf of Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School's Music Department, we would love to formally invite you to our Fall Music Night. The concert is on October 27, 2022, at 7 PM. We have an estimated 2-hour program, featuring our Junior Band, Senior Band, Jazz Band, Choir, and Guitar Group. Doors open at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
Banting's Music Council

# Online Safety Tips for Caring Adults

## Online Safety Tips

Learn how to navigate the websites/apps/chat rooms that your child accesses.

Show your child how to create secure and unique passwords, eg. PizzaCat25!

Teach the importance of pausing and thinking before posting as posts can be difficult to remove.

Remind your child never to share personal information online.

Review and set privacy settings.

Remind your child that they need permission to post photos of others.

### Teach Your Child Mindful Messaging

Before you text, tweet, send, or post.. take a moment to:

- Take a deep breath
- Notice how you are feeling
- Re-read your message
- Ask yourself "is the message true?"
- Think about how the message will be received
- Think about what will happen next
- Change the message if needed

#### Keep in Mind

- If you are hurt, angry, or confused it is wise to wait before hitting send
- Don't send messages that you would not say to the person's face.

## Healthy Online Behaviour



Explain that how you behave online should reflect how you behave in person.

Encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

Suggest taking regular breaks from technology.

Ensure that websites/apps/platforms/etc. are appropriate for your child's age and stage of development.

Adapted from <https://kidshelpphone.ca/get-involved/programs/resources/open-conversation-young-person/online-safety-tips-caring-adults>

## Start the Conversation

Set a positive tone by validating the importance of technology in your child's life.

Discuss what your child does online, and who they interact with.

Ask if they've received any unwanted messages and listen to their stories.

Teach them strategies when feeling uncomfortable with online interactions:

- do not message back
- do not retaliate
- report to caring adult
- keep a record
- block the person

Let them know that if you feel there is a concern you may need to look at their electronic communications.

Allow for negotiation when creating agreements as this will promote your child taking ownership.



Adapted from <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mnl-scr/cbr-scr/cbrling/prnts/prnt-cbrling-en.aspx#a04d>

## Online Safety Resources

[Kids Help Phone](#): Online safety: Tips for caring adults

[Media Smart](#): Digital and media resources for caring adults

[OPHEA](#): Internet safety resources for caring adults

[Public Safety Canada](#): How can you prevent cyberbullying

## Mental Health Resources

[Kids Help Phone](#): 24/7 crisis support: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868, [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca) for web chat

[Reach Out Crisis Support](#): (519)433-2023 or 1-866-933-2023, [www.reachout247.ca](http://www.reachout247.ca) for web chat





## ACT-i-Pass Registration is Open!

Hello Parents and Caregivers!

You and your child are invited to participate in the Child and Youth Network's **ACT-i-Pass Program!** The ACT-i-Pass is a card that grants your child (plus one friend, family member, or chaperone for select programs) **free access** to many of London's recreation centres and programs until June 2023, **including the City of London Recreation Programs, YMCA of Southwestern Ontario, BGC London (Boys and Girls Club of London), Palasad North/South and more.**

The purpose of the program is to increase a child's ability to participate in physical activity, which can improve health, lengthen life, decrease illness, reduce screen time, and increase play in their lives! This project has been endorsed by, and has passed the ethical standards of, your child's school board and Western University.

### Getting your ACT-i-Pass is easy:

1. Complete the ACT-i-Pass registration online at: [www.playeveryday.ca](http://www.playeveryday.ca)
2. Receive your ACT-i-Pass by mail 3-4 weeks after registering; and,
3. Start using your ACT-i-Pass and have fun!

You can register for the **ACT-i-Pass** online any time throughout the year at [www.playeveryday.ca](http://www.playeveryday.ca). Online registration is open until the end of April 2023.

To learn more, you can check out our seasonal schedules, informational videos, frequently asked questions, and ACT-i-Pass in the News at [www.playeveryday.ca](http://www.playeveryday.ca)

We look forward to staying active with you!

The ACT-i-Pass Team



Haunted Halloween  
Fun for Young Children  
and Families

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# STORYBOO VILLAGE




**October 13 to 30**

Thursday to Sunday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$12.00 per guest (last entry at 8:30 p.m.)



 BUY TICKETS