



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

Spring 2023

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Vice Principal: Mme. Hollander
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Important Dates Coming Up

April 25 Dance Festival

May 1-5 Scholastic Book
Fair

May 4 Primary Spring
Concert

May 4 Cake Raffle

May 10- June 14 EQAO

May 19 PD Day

May 22 Victoria Day (No
School)

May 23 Northeast
Regional Track & Field
Meet

Jun. 6 Thames Valley
Track & Field Finals

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Admin Message

Dear Louise Arbour Families,

Spring is always an exciting time of the year, with many activities taking place at Louise Arbour. The TVDSB Dance Festival has returned, and our dance club will be participating in the festival on Tuesday, April 25th From 9am until 11:30am. Thank you to Mme Riley, Mme Singh and Mme Lumsden for providing this wonderful opportunity to our students.

Another exciting event is our Primary Spring Concert which will be taking place on May 4th. Families are invited to our cafetorium at 10:35 am, with the concert beginning at 11:00. Thank you to Mme R. Welch, Mme M. Welch, Mme Riley, and our Primary teachers for their dedication in preparing our students for this memorable event!

Spring is also the perfect time for writing poetry. Mme Allen has organized a poetry contest for the month of April. This will be followed by our Spring Book Fair scheduled for May 1st-5th. We look forward to sharing the creative work of our budding poets in the next newsletter.

With the beautiful weather that has arrived, Track and Field season has arrived. Students are beginning to practice for events in anticipation of school tryouts, which will begin in May. Thank you to our many teachers who support our students in training for these events.

We are so excited to watch are students grow and shine in these wonderful academic, artistic and athletic activities. We hope to see many families at our Primary Spring Concert and celebrate our students in these other events as well.

Sincerely,

Mme Blais and Mme Hollander



Cinnabon Fundraiser
Primary Field Trip

You can purchase vouchers for a 9 pack of Cinnabon's for \$18.25. The vouchers are good for any participating **Cinnabon**, and they do not expire! If you wish to purchase any, please log onto **School Cash online** to make your purchase. You may also return this form and money to Mme. Riley by Friday May 5th, 2023. The vouchers will be distributed by the following Friday May 19th, 2023. Unfortunately, late orders will not be accepted.

Name: _____
Teachers Name: _____
of vouchers _____ Total cost \$ _____



Thank you for your support in fundraising for the primary classes.

Primary Spring Concert 🎵

Our primary classes and choir are excited to announce that our spring concert will be happening on May 4th! We invite families to come to the cafetorium at 10:35 am, the concert will begin at 11:00! Each class from grade 1-3 will be performing a song! The primary choir will also be singing a few songs. Admission to the concert will be by donation. All proceeds will go toward the primary end of the year field trip.

The primary division is currently fundraising for our end of the year field trip! We are going to be having a **school-wide** cake raffle on Thursday, May 4th 2023. We are asking families in all grades to consider donating a cake. If you are able to bring in a cake (or another tasty treat), please let your classroom teacher know. We are asking that the cakes are brought in on the morning of May 4th and we will be drawing the winners and sending home the cakes with the winners on the same day. Every student in the school will receive a **free** ticket to enter the draw. Additional tickets may be purchased as well. We will be selling 3 tickets for \$1.00. If you would like to purchase additional tickets, please bring the money to your classroom teacher.

Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 EQAO

EQAO dates for Gr. 3 students include May 11, 12, 16, 17, 25, 30 and 31st.

EQAO dates for Gr. 6 students include May 10, 11, 16, 30 and June 1st.

Classroom teachers will confirm specifics dates and times with their own students.

We ask that families avoid scheduled absences on these days, if possible.

Canadian Parents for French
Spring & Summer 2023 FREE Virtual Programs for FSL Students

Sample Messaging for Parents and Caregivers

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

*The **Canadian Parents for French (CPF)** association will be offering **FREE French language support and enrichment opportunities** for French Immersion and Core French students in Grades 1 to 12 throughout the province. These voluntary programs will be offered remotely after-school from May 2023 to June 2023, and will feature a **daily 45-minute class over a 2-week session**. Summer sessions will also occur from July 2023 to August 2023. These programs are fully funded by the Ministry of Education and will be **led by certified OCT Teachers and/or Teacher Candidates** enrolled in an Ontario Bachelor of Education program. Participation is entirely optional.*

Program Offerings:

- **CPF VIRTUAL “Franco-Fun”:** Students in Grades 1-8 will participate in fun and interactive games and activities, and will chat with new friends while building their French vocabulary, oral comprehension, and communication skills;
- **CPF VIRTUAL Reading Circle:** Students in Grades 1-8 will read accessible books, articles, poems and other reading materials with new friends, and will learn new vocabulary and improve their reading comprehension skills;
- **CPF VIRTUAL “Vive la parole”:** Students in Grades 7-12 will engage in fun, theme-based games and interactive activities that spark oral communication in French, and will learn about French culture, including the contemporary Franco-Ontarian pop culture scene.

For more information, please consult this [CPF poster](#).

To enrol your child(ren), please [click here](#). Spaces are limited. Participation is optional.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marc Powell, Bilingual Learning Coordinator of FSL, Grades 1-12, at m.powell@tvdsb.ca

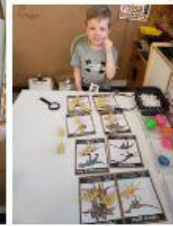


Louise Arbour April Highlights



Kindergarten

In Mrs. Small and Mrs. Baker's K1/K2 Yellow Room, we have been "digging" into an inquiry all about dinosaurs! The children have investigated various types of dinosaurs, learned about what a paleontologist is, and have used their mathematical, scientific, and literacy skills to compare, measure, weigh, record their findings, and extend their learning. We have shown a great interest in our dinosaur dig site, and creating our very own fossils! This was a great opportunity for the children to use their dramatic play skills to take on the role of the paleontologist! We are so proud of our curious group of investigators, and look forward to continuing to expand their natural wonder!



Mme Psellas @TrinkaPsellas · Apr 3

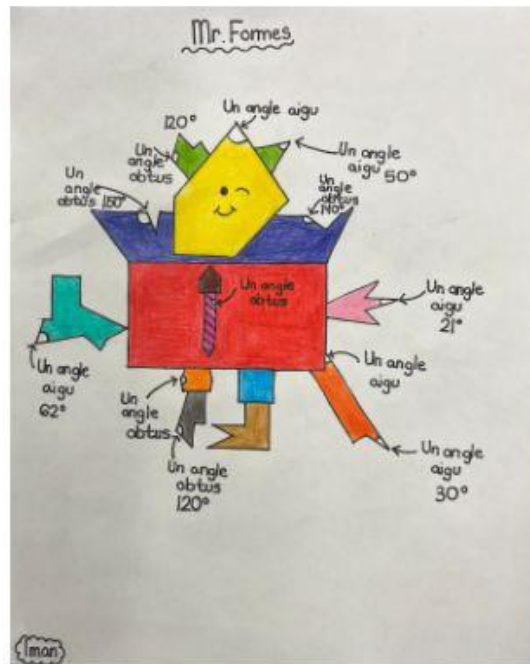
New soft start activities for this week. It is such a great way to get our brains and bodies ready for the day! @louisearbourfi @KabsRiley



Grade 1

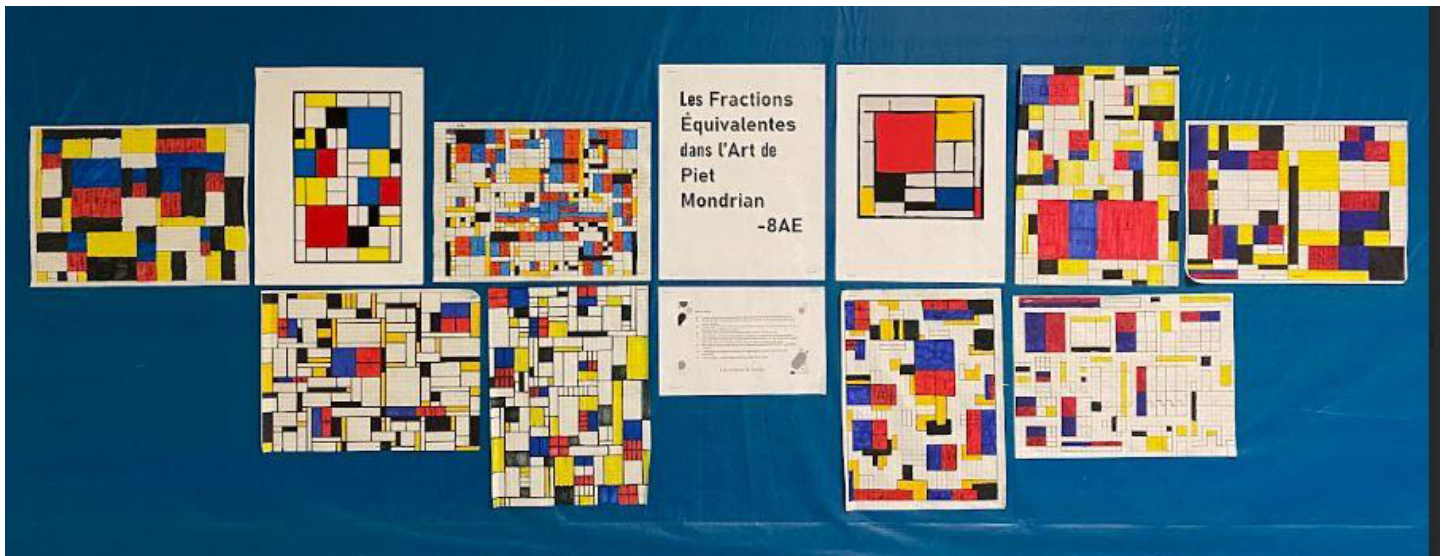
Students have been working hard on adding and subtracting to 50 using multiple tools such as base ten blocks, 100 charts and number lines. In English, we continue to work on our phonics skills and are learning to write complete sentences. In French, students are learning all about spring and practising their new learned vocabulary.

Grade 5



The grade 5 students in Mme Lawrynczyk, M Zeinali and Mme Lumsden's classes are learning to estimate, measure and draw angles with protractors. Up next, they will be using their newly acquired skills for drawing and coding triangles on Scratch!

Grade 8 students have wrapped up their Ted Talks and Lawson projects. Lilienne and Brayden were the two projects selected to represent our school at the board office. Over the next few weeks, 8AE will be finishing up their English literature circles and French novel study. 8JL will be working on their water filters and French essays. May is quickly approaching and they are beginning to really look forward to their trip to Ottawa!



Poetry Month Celebrations

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Poetry Writing Contests have been running throughout the month of April.

Poetry Contest #1 - Thursday, March 30th - Friday, April 14th

Foci: Concrete (Shape) and Structured Poetry
Alliteration and Rhyming Couplets

Poetry Contest #2 - Monday, April 17th - Friday, April 28th

Focus: Free Choice

*While students are welcome to submit any type of poem into the contest; they are encouraged to incorporate poetic structures and literary devices (i.e., similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia, personification) in their work.

To date, the response has been overwhelming with students across the grades participating in these creative writing contests.

The winners of Poetry Contest #1 will be announced on Wednesday, April 19th, and the winners of Poetry Contest #2 will be shared on Tuesday, May 2nd.

All participants earn 1 ballot into the draw for a chance to win some fantastic prizes! Contest winners earn an additional ballot into the final draw. **Grand Prize Winners of a \$20 gift certificate to our school's Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be announced on Tuesday, May 2nd.**

Spring Scholastic Book Fair May 1st – 5th



This year, students are invited to preview and purchase books in-person during the week of **Monday, May 1st to Friday, May 5th.**

The **virtual store** is open
Friday, April 28th to
Monday, May 8th.

When shopping online, remember to use the link provided:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5184916>

All purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classrooms and library learning commons.



Track and Field 2023

During the next few weeks, students in Grades 4-8 will have the opportunity to participate in Track & Field events during their Phys. Ed. classes, as well as training sessions during nutrition breaks. Top qualifying athletes will have the opportunity to compete in the **LAFI Track & Field Regional Team Qualifiers** to be held at school **during the second week in May**. The top 2 athletes in every event, per grade level, will be invited to participate in the **Northeast Regional Track & Field Meet** to be held at A. B. Lucas Secondary School on **Tuesday, May 23rd (rain date Monday, May 29th)**.

Important Dates:

LAFI Team Tryouts: 2nd week of May (specific dates TBD)

Northeast Regional Track & Field Meet: Tuesday, May 23rd (rain date Monday, May 29th)

TValley Finals: Tuesday, June 6th (rain date June 7th or 8th)

