

# École Laura Secord Elementary

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October 13

## Upcoming Events

October 19

District Cross Country Meet  
 PAC Pizza Day

October 20

No Students  
 Pro D Day

October 23-26

PAC Scholastic Book Fair

October 25 & 26

Parent Teacher Conferences  
 2:00 p.m. Dismissal (both days)

October 25

Photo Retake Day

October 27

PAC Pumpkin Patch  
 PAC Halloween Dance

November 2 & 7

PAC Family Portrait Night

## Weekly Family Update

Dear Secord Families,

Here's the weekly update.

### Communication of Student Learning:

This year, there will be 3 reports to communicate student learning (CSL):

- Nov. 24, 2023
- March 12, 2023
- June 24, 2023

### Why is reporting changing?

- The shift in student reporting aligns with the redesigned curriculum that was introduced in 2019
- Creates consistency across the province
- Focuses on students' strengths
- Views learning as ongoing

# What is Changing?

## What's new

- Student reporting practices align with BC's curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Student self-assessment of the Core Competencies and goal setting, in all grades
- Graduation status updates at Grades 10-12

## What's the same

- Timely and responsive feedback to families throughout the school year
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade and percentage

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This is the proficiency scale used throughout the province:

## Provincial Proficiency Scale

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	<b>Proficient is the goal for your child.</b> It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn't mean their learning stops.	Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

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### What can families do to support?

Talk to your child about:

- How they are doing?
- Where are they going? (What do they need to learn?)
- How do they get there?

When you have questions :

- Talk to your child's teacher
- Look at : <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>
- <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>





## Parent Conferences: October 25 & 26

Parent conferences on Wednesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.

**Please remember to pick your child up or arrange for child-care at 2 p.m.**

### Reminder: Safety and Security

If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher to book an appointment with them. During the school day and instructional times, it is not possible for our teachers to meet with parents who drop in their classes unexpectedly as they are focused on teaching their students.

If you would like to drop something off for your child during the school day (ex: forgotten lunch box or jersey), please go to the office. Sherri and Jessica will make sure that the item is passed on to your child. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

## Pro-D Day

A friendly reminder that Oct. 20, 2023 is a professional development day for staff and a non-instructional day for all students. This information is also available on our [online school calendar](#).



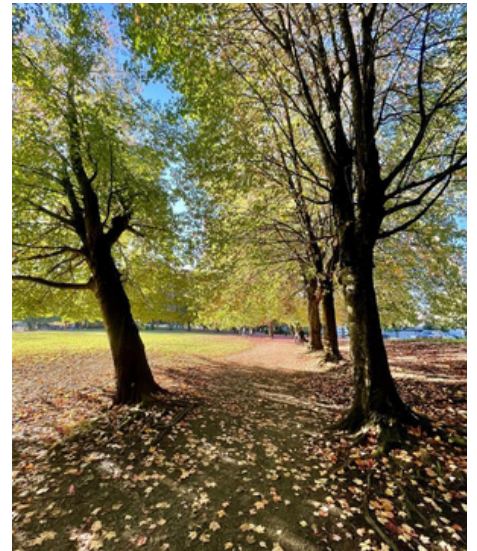
Kicking off season 2 of [VSB: After the Bell](#), we take a deep dive into VSB's first Literacy Framework – what literacy is, what the framework does and what it means for student learning. In our matter-of-the-month segment, we turn our attention to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in the wake of recent anti-SOGI protests and talk about why SOGI education is still important today. Podcast episodes are released at the end of every month. Subscribe to VSB: After the Bell on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts!



# Second Cross Country

**Final District Meet** is on Thursday, October 19 at Trout Lake. Please see below for approximate race times and the attached information sheet concerning rules and etiquette.

<u>Race Time</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Distance</u>
1:00	Grade 7 Boys	1900 Metres
1:08	Grade 7 Girls	1900 Metres
1:16	Kindergarten / Grade 1Boys	1000 Metres
1:24	Kindergarten / Grade 1Girls	1000 Metres
1:32	Grade 2 Boys	1000 Metres
1:40	Grade 2 Girls	1000 Metres
1:48	Grade 3 Boys	1000 Metres
1:56	Grade 3 Girls	1000 Metres
2:04	Grade 4 Boys	1500 Metres
2:12	Grade 4 Girls	1500 Metres
2:20	Grade 5 Boys	1500 Metres
2:28	Grade 5 Girls	1500 Metres
2:36	Grade 6 Boys	1500 Metres
2:44	Grade 6 Girls	1500 Metres



## Special Days in October

**World Food Day:** October 16 is a day to promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all.

**International Pronouns Day:** October 18 is a day seeking to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns.





# Second Art Walk

Personalized Art Sketchbook Covers & Artwork to celebrate International Dot Day by practicing line patterns in order to create beautiful dots.



Ms. Kassam - Div 26





# Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French



Vancouver CPF would like to share our updated WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN flyer with the new Kindergarten immersion families at Ecole Laura Secord. The flyer contains some helpful tips and is a good introduction to CPF, a great resource for immersion students. Please see the attached flyer for details.

## PAC News

For PAC-led activities, please go to <https://secordpacwebsite.wixsite.com/secordpac>

Hello Laura Secord Elementary Families!

Exciting News! Family photos are coming up soon! The session will take place on Thursday, November 2 & Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the school in the big gym from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. This environment allows us to provide quality portrait sessions within a comfortable location. You can bring up to 10 people to your sitting (family pets welcome too after 5:00 p.m. as per VSB Policy). Our goal is to provide portraits that CELEBRATE you and your Family.

This is a fundraiser! All proceeds from the \$20 sitting fee will go directly back to the school (you receive a free 8x10 print included in your sitting fee).

To book your Family portrait sitting, please visit this link:



Family Sitting

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php...>

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact our service team

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become **Bolder, Prouder**, and **Stronger** Readers. Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place in Room 067 (beside the Library) from Oct 23 - 26. All purchases benefit our school by putting books and educational resources directly into our classrooms and school library, as well as supporting alternative literary enrichment. There will not be a virtual link option for this book fair, only in-person.



**Book Fair Dates:** Oct 23 - 26

**Times:** Monday (3:00-4:00 p.m.)

Tuesday (8:30-9:30 a.m.,  
12:10-1:00 p.m., 3:00-4:00 p.m.)

Wednesday & Thursday (8:30-  
9:30 a.m., 12:10-1:00 p.m.,  
2:00- 5:00 p.m.)

This event can not happen without volunteers. If you are able to help out, it would be greatly appreciated, even if it's just one shift! Here is a link to sign up and hope to catch you at the Fair!

**Location:** Room 067(beside the library)

**Volunteer sign-up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B45AEA92EA5FC1-44975140-secords>



## The Haunted Closet

**Laura Secord Pop Up Shop!**

Transform your school spirit ( and lil monsters) without scaring your wallet. Reduce textile waste without haunting the environment.

DONATE Previously loved:

- School Spirit Wear ( Laura Secord and House Team Items)
- Halloween Costume and Accessories

*-Please bag clean items with size on it. Clear bags if possible\*\*\**

**COLLECTION DATES: Oct 10th - 24th**

By the school office and front door in the "Spirit Bin"

**Haunted Closet Open ( If you dare )...**

**OCT 25th + OCT 26th // 2:15pm - 4:45pm**

Located at the Library

**1st Item Free**

**All other items \$2.00 donation**

