



Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

In February, our school will focus on promoting diversity and inclusion through meaningful initiatives, including Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. These events serve as important opportunities to foster understanding, empathy, and respect among our students. Teachers are encouraged to lead age-appropriate activities and discussions that explore topics such as privilege and racial bias, helping students develop a deeper appreciation for these concepts. On Wednesday, February 26, we will observe Pink Shirt Day as part of our commitment to these values. Together, these efforts aim to enhance students' social awareness, empathy, and ability to navigate diverse social contexts effectively.

For more information on Black History Month: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

For more information on Pink Shirt Day: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

School Closure for Snow and other Emergencies

Information regarding school closures in the event of snow, or other emergency situations, will be provided to the following radio and television stations by 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the closure:

- CBC (690 AM or 105.7 FM), CKNW (980 AM), CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM),
- BCTV (Global) (cable channel 11), CITY TV (cable channel 13)
- You can also check the [Vancouver School Board](http://www.vancouver-school-board.ca) website for updates.

Please do not call the school to see if it is open.

Movie Night- Feb. 7th @6:30pm

The PAC invites you to join your kid(s) for a **movie night in our gym on Friday, February 7th**! More information on the movie will be sent out by our PAC soon.

PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on **February 11, at 6:30pm** in the staff room. Childcare for school-aged children will be available. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact our PAC or volunteer to help with a program, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com

PAC Fundraiser

Our PAC is excited to sponsor a unique fundraising opportunity through Pedalheads Bike Camps. Pedalheads Bike Camps provides fun, engaging, and developmental bike camps during Spring Break and Summer. Pedalheads will offer an exclusive \$25 off code for our families, until the end of the year. For every use of this code, Pedalheads will give our PAC \$25.

Our unique code for this fundraiser is BEACONS25, valid for any Pedalheads program in BC until June 30, 2025. Please see flyer below or visit their website: [Peadleheads](https://pedalheads.com)



The flyer is a colorful graphic divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant is yellow with a dark blue horizontal bar containing the text "EXPLORE PEDALHEADS" in white. Below this, another dark blue bar contains "CAMP OFFERINGS IN" in white, and a third dark blue bar contains "YOUR AREA!" in white. The bottom-left quadrant is green with the text "BIKE + TRAIL CAMPS FOR KIDS AGES 2-12" in white. The bottom-right quadrant is dark blue with a white circular logo containing a stylized 'P'. The right side of the flyer features a circular inset photograph of two adults in blue shirts and helmets assisting a young child in a pink helmet on a blue bicycle on a paved path.

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Are you Moving?

If your family **does not plan** to return to Beaconsfield Elementary in the fall of 2025, please let our office know by emailing us at tbell@vsb.bc.ca .

The Student Learning Survey

Each year, the BC Ministry of Education conducts the Provincial Student Learning Survey to gather feedback from parents, students in grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, as well as school staff. The survey covers topics such as student achievement, human and social development, health, and school safety. School districts use the results to support planning, improvement initiatives, and goal setting.

Students in grades 4 and 7 will complete the survey at school, while parents are encouraged to participate from home. All responses are anonymous, and participation is entirely voluntary. You can access the survey directly using the link below. No login number is required:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Pink Shirt Day

This year Pink Shirt Day falls on Wednesday, February 26th. **If possible, please have your child wear pink on the 26th** to participate in the positive message that all people deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.

Counselling Corner

Hello Beaconsfield Parents/Guardians:

I want to introduce you to a fantastic resource available to families, *Confident Parents, Thriving Kids*, a program developed by the Canadian Mental Health Association. This initiative offers valuable support to children dealing with anxiety and behavioural challenges, and it's entirely free of charge.

- **Anxiety Program:** As your school counsellor, I can refer your child to this program if they are experiencing anxiety. The program provides evidence-based strategies and one-on-one coaching to help children build confidence and manage their emotions effectively.
- **Behaviour Program:** If your child is struggling with behavioural issues, a referral from your family doctor is required. This program focuses on improving children's behaviour and emotional well-being through structured support and coaching for parents.

For more information, feel free to visit <https://welcome.cmhacptk.ca>. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or think this resource could benefit your family.

Warm regards,

Nancy Chong (nchong@vsb.bc.ca)

School Counsellor

FREE Parent, Guardian and Caregiver Sessions on Substance Use Prevention, Part 2: Mental Health & Decision

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson, will host 3 free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can

teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs. These sessions will build on a previous presentation, which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The [previous session](#) is not a pre-requisite for this session.

Key takeaways for participants during this session:

- Learn the factors that lead to substance use and mental health needs from a trauma-informed lens
- Focus on prevention rather than intervention/response
- Applies to parents, guardians and caregivers of all age groups (youth aged 0-5, 6-10, and 11-18)
- Learn ways that these skills can be applied to yourself and the rest of your family to support the mental health of parents, guardians and caregivers

Participants must register in advance. Session dates are:

- [February 20, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)
- [February 25, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)
- [February 26, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)

[Substance Use Prevention Webinar.pdf](#)



Family Day Extra-Long Weekend

The Family Day long weekend will be extra-long for students with a professional day on Friday, February 14 followed by the Family Day holiday on Monday, February 17.

Cross Boundary Application Process Feb. 3-28

Students in the Vancouver School District are allowed to register at a school outside of their catchment area as a cross-boundary applicant. Cross boundary applications will only be considered after all in-catchment students have been accommodated. For more detailed information please see this [link](#).

Safe Arrival Procedures

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. **If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school and leave a message on the answering service by calling 604-713-5159 school code 11.** Messages can be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

Important Dates in February and March

Fri. Feb. 7	PAC movie night @6:30pm in gym
Tues. Feb. 11	PAC meeting at 6:30
Fri. Feb. 14	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Mon. Feb. 17	Family Day – school closed
Wed. Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day

Mon. March 10	Learning Update Number Two - reports go home
Tues. March 11	PAC meeting at 6:30
Wed. March 13	Class Photo's
Fri. March 14	Last day before spring break
March 17 – 30	Spring Break
Mon. March 31	Classes resume

Please check our website Beaconsfield.vsb.bc.ca for the regularly updated school calendar