



Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to School!!

We hope you had a safe and healthy Winter Break, and that your holidays were filled with warm, happy, and memorable moments with your children. Thank you for all your holiday wishes and generous support before the Winter Break. Your kindness is truly appreciated by our staff. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. We are grateful to be able to do what we enjoy – and that is working with your children.

Highlights from December

The PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast on December 8.



Our primary and intermediate choir performed on December 18.



Winter Bollywood Dance Performance – parent performance!



Dance Performance

A special thanks to Patty Neibel for volunteering to work with our students and teaching them how to tap dance!



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 [website](#) for updates. Please do not call the school to see if it is open.

School Choir

The Beaconsfield Elementary Extracurricular Choir Is still accepting new registrations for the upcoming term. Please see the attached flyer or use the following link to sign up: <https://vems.ca/signup.html>

PAC News

Our PAC is always looking for more volunteers, please see the attached PAC News flyer for more information on how you can help out. The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the staff room. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on **January 16 at 6:30 pm** in our staff room. Childcare for school aged children will be available. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact PAC or volunteer to help out with a program, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com.

Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 began on November 1st.

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.



Registration is a two-part process:

Step 1: [Complete an online application form](#)

Step 2: Verifying Documentation

- **Contact** your catchment school to set up an appointment to bring your supporting documentation
- **Bring supporting documentation** to your catchment school during your scheduled appointment

- **FOR CHILDREN BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA:** Book an appointment with a Registrar at the Newcomer Welcome Centre (NWC) to complete your registration (an appointment booking link will be provided in the confirmation email after submitting your application - step 1). Please note, NWC visits are by **appointment only**. Please email the NWC at nwc@vsb.bc.ca if you do not receive a link to their bookings page to book an appointment.

The following original documents must be presented to complete your application:

- Proof of British Columbia residency
- The original birth certificate of the child with parent names
- Applicable Immigration/Citizenship/Permanent Resident Documentation
- Immunization Records if available

[Note: Some schools may request additional identification as proof of residency.]

NOTE: Some catchment schools do not have space for all students even if you apply before the January 31 deadline. In these cases, there will be a draw for student placement mid-February and the school will contact you by late April to confirm your enrolment.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31st will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31st.

Important Upcoming Dates in January

Mon. Jan. 8	K choice program online opens
Tues. Jan. 16	PAC meeting at 6:30 pm in our staff room
Wed. Jan. 17	Professional Day – no school for students

Important Upcoming Dates in February

Mon. Feb. 12	Body Science presentation for parents – via Zoom 6:30 at Beaconsfield
Fri. Feb. 16	District Pro D
Mon. Feb. 19	Family Day – school not in session

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