



## Beaconsfield Banter

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### Principal's Message

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

Our staff would like to welcome our students and parents back from spring break! Flowers are blooming and the weather is getting warmer, signaling the beginning of spring and the start of our final term at school. Our staff and teachers are looking forward to engaging students and having an enriching classroom environment in the upcoming months. To help support our school literacy goal and help your child become a better reader, we ask that you please consider making reading an important event in your home.

Here are some tips to encourage reading in your home:

- Make reading a ritual. Decide that reading is going to be a priority and stick to it!
- Study and feed your child's interest. If you see your child is interested in trains, find books about trains.
- Get a reading list from your child's teacher or our librarian, Ms. Ashburner, who can provide information on the most up-to-date and popular children's books. The Public Library is also a great place to go.
- Be a reading role model!

Other tips for reading with children, courtesy of Frontier College:

- Make praise a part of reading.
- Take turns reading to one another.
- Ham it up! Use different voices or act out the story.
- Write and read your own stories together.
- Most importantly, this is a special time for you and your child to spend together. Make it fun and enjoyable for both of you.

Should you continue to read to your child even if they are in the intermediate grades? The answer is yes, according to Jim Trelease, author of the Read Aloud Handbook. He and other educators point out that:

- children have a listening level that is many grades higher than their reading level. Therefore, they can enjoy books with their adult readers that they could not read themselves.
- It's a great way to introduce classic literature.

- Reading with older children can stimulate interest in books they might not select themselves.
- Reading with older children can help develop their vocabulary and strengthen their comprehension.

## Are You Moving?

If your family will not be returning to Beaconsfield this September, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing our office assistant at [tbell@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tbell@vsb.bc.ca) . Please include the school that your child/children will be attending. This will help us with organizing next year's classrooms.

## Immunization for K and Grade 6 students

On April 24<sup>th</sup> our K and Grade 6 students will be receiving their immunization at school. For more information, you can click on the following link: <https://immunizebc.ca/children/immunization-schedules#Schedule%20for%20school-age%20children%20and%20teens>

Or contact our school nurse, Bianca Linder at [bianca.linder@vch.ca](mailto:bianca.linder@vch.ca) / 604 872 2511 ext. 3313

## Summer Learning Program Registration

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5211/summer-learning>

- Registration for Elementary Programs opens on **Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at noon (12:00 PM)**
- Secondary Review/Preview/Remedial/ELL Program: July 3 to July 26, 2024
- Secondary Completion Program: July 3 - August 2, 2024

### Please Note:

- Due to the high volume of registrants accessing the [summer registration website](#) on the first day of registration, there may be potential system delays on **April 24** and **May 1**. Thank you in advance for your patience.
- *Course information will be available mid-April.*
- Current Kindergarten to Grade 11 students who are attending a BC school are eligible to register.
- All courses require in-person attendance.

\*\* If you have any questions, please email the Summer Learning office at: [summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca) . \*\*



## Choir

The Beaconsfield Elementary Extracurricular Choir is still accepting new registrations for term 3. This program begins on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Junior choir rehearsal is over the lunch break and our intermediate group practices after school. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://vems.ca/signup.html> .

## Student Learning Survey

Every year, the BC Ministry of Education collects the opinions of all parents and students in grades **4, 7, 10** and **12** and all staff through the Provincial Student Learning Survey. The questions it asks measure areas such as achievement, human and social development, health, and safety at school. School districts use survey results for planning, improvement, and goal setting. Students will take the survey at school. **Parents are invited and encouraged to take the survey at home**, all responses remain anonymous, and everyone's participation is entirely voluntary. Use this link for Direct Access — no logon number required:

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

The survey is available until the end of April.

## **PAC News**

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is on **April 9, at 6:30pm** in the staff room. Childcare for school-aged children will be available. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Volunteers are needed for our Spring Social!** If you would like to volunteer for this event or have other questions, please email our Beaconsfield PAC - [beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com)



## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Ours sales reached over the \$3000 mark which means that our library received \$600 from Scholastic Canada to help us buy books for our library. A big thank you to all our parent volunteers and your support in making this event so successful.

## **Important Upcoming Dates in April and May**

Tues. April 9	PAC meeting @ 6:30
Mon. April 21	Pro D – no school for students
Wed. April 24	Registration for Elementary Summer Learning Program begins
Wed. April 24	Immunization for K and Grade 6 students
Thur. May 2	District Wide Earthquake Drill
Fri. May 17	Sports Day
Wed. May 15	Welcome to K (next year's students visit)
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day

Please check our website [Beaconsfield.vsb.bc.ca](http://Beaconsfield.vsb.bc.ca) for the regularly updated school calendar