



Beaconsfield Banter



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Principal's Message

Our first student learning update (formerly known as report cards) went home on December 1. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please contact their teacher. A few key things to note about your child's learning update:

- students can only be in **one** category for proficiency. They can no longer be in two categories. This means that many students may appear "lower" on the scale as they are not yet fully in the next category
- Some teachers have not yet begun full units in some subjects and therefore, they have not yet been reported on. If you require more information about that subject area please connect with your child's teacher

For more information about your child's learning update please click on the following link: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/26696/assessment-and-reporting>

On November 24, our staff had an opportunity to participate in an Indigenous focus day. Concentrating on reconciliation and how to infuse the curriculum with Indigenous knowledge. This supports both our district and one of our school goals, which is: to increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all learners. Another school goal is to continue our work on strengthening the social emotional skills of our students. There is an incredible amount of research that indicates that when educators focus on social emotional skills and provide direct instruction, students overall academic success increases. SEL skills encompass many aspects but can be characterized into five main areas:

- Self-awareness, to reflect on one's own thoughts and feelings
- Self-management, the ability to self-regulate and control one's own behaviour
- Social awareness, the ability to recognize social cues, adapt to various situations and empathize with others
- Relationship skills, the ability to communicate, make friends, work cooperatively, and manage conflict

- Responsible decision-making, the ability to make healthy choices and consider the consequences of one's actions

Staff will focus on updating our plan to deliver lessons focused on these key areas. We are concentrating our attention on strengthening students' feelings of resiliency as they work to solve problems. A summary of the plan and the results of our third year will be published in June/July. For additional information for parents on SEL see these links:

<https://heartmindonline.org/resources/for-families>

<https://www.cfchildren.org/blog/2018/09/lets-talk-sel-parents-this-is-for-you/>

Choir Performance

Our primary and intermediate choir have been practicing over the last few months and will be performing on December 18 at 3:30 in our school gym. Parents are welcome to come and watch, seating will be limited.

Winter Bollywood Dance Performance

This year's Winter celebration will feature a Bollywood theme. Shows for parents/guardians will be on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 2:15pm and at 6:15 in the gym. Tickets will be required and will be sent home with your child. More Information regarding tickets and this show will be send out in an email in the next week or so. Prior to the evening show, our PAC will be running a Winter Wonder Café in the lunchroom with items for purchase.

PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast Friday, December 8, 8:00am- 9:00am

Members of the PAC will be offering a pancake breakfast to parents and students in our lunchroom (basement) on Friday December 8 from 8:00am-9:00am. Everyone is invited to attend.

PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm in the library. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on **December 12 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 PAC or volunteer to help out with a program, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com. [Please see attached flyer for more information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.](#)

Holiday Market

Division 1 and 2 are hosting a Holiday Market with their students on December 11, from 2:00 to 5: 00 pm in our gym. All items are designed and made by our grade 6 and 7 students. All proceeds from this event will be donated to Covenant House Vancouver. See attached flyer.

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.

VSB: After the Bell Podcast

In our podcast, **VSB: After The Bell**, you'll hear directly from those responsible for our publicly funded education system. This podcast gives listeners a direct and inside look at Vancouver's public school system and the people in it. Tune in for candid, intimate and honest conversations about what's happening in schools. We'll have conversations with students, educators, decision makers and staff about vital events, topics and issues in education.

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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.

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 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.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159 school code 11** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence

Student Sign out Procedure:

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you notify the office. If you do not notify the office, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. **If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department.** Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Pick up and Drop off

Families should take note that in front of the school there is a **No Stopping** zone. City Bylaw Section 17.1 states: You cannot stop in a No Stopping zone for any reason, or any length of time. On either side of the **No Stopping** area there is a **No Parking** zone where people can stop for five minutes to pick up and drop off children. Check out this City of Vancouver [link](#) for more specific parking information.

Important Dates in December

Fri. Dec. 8	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by PAC 8:00 am - 9:00 am in the lunchroom
Tues. Dec. 12	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in staffroom
Mon. Dec. 18	Choir Performance 3:30 in our gym
Dec. 18 - 20	Bollywood Dance workshops
Wed. Dec. 20	Bollywood Dance performance at 2:15 and 6:15 in our gym

Wed. Dec. 20	Winter Wonderland PAC fundraiser in the lunchroom at 5:15
Week of Dec. 18	Winter sing-along for students in gym each morning 9:00-9:20 am
Fri Dec. 22	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 23 – Jan. 7	Winter Break

Important Upcoming Dates in January

Mon. Jan. 8	Students return to classes
Mon. Jan. 8	K choice program online opens
Mon. Jan. 17	Professional Day – no school for students

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