



Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

Our first student learning update (formerly known as report cards) will be going home on December 16. 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>

School Learning Plan

Our school learning plan aligns with the Vancouver School Board's goals and remains consistent with last year's priorities. We continue to focus on improving students' reading performance by enhancing decoding, comprehension, and phonological awareness skills. Additionally, we aim to promote equity within our school community and continue advancing our reconciliation journey. A summary of the plan will be published in June/July and posted on our school website.

School Performance

On Friday, November 29, our student had a chance to watch a performance by a group called DinoCats. The DinoCats are an energetic kindie rock band who play songs about community inclusion, social justice, and having a lot of fun. Students were invited to sing and dance during this performance.



PAC Movie Night

Our PAC sponsored movie night was a huge success! Our gym was full and our students enjoyed watching a movie on our big screen along with their family and friends. A big thank you to our PAC for putting on such a fun event!



Movie night at Beaconsfield

Kindergarten Registration for 2025-26

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2020 has begun.

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.

PRIORITY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOV 1 - JAN 31

TIMELINE

1 AGE
When your child is 4 years old by December 31

2 APPLY ONLINE
govsb.ca/kindergarten

3 VERIFY YOUR INFORMATION IN PERSON
Contact your neighbourhood catchment school to make an appointment

NOV 1 - JAN 31
PRIORITY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
For children who are 4 years old

JAN 7 - FEB 4
DISTRICT CHOICE PROGRAM REGISTRATION
Optional programs offered by the District includes: French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Fine Arts, Indigenous Focus and Montessori

FEBRUARY
CROSS-BOUNDARY REGISTRATION
For families who wish to attend a school outside of their catchment area

MID FEBRUARY
WAITLIST NOTIFICATION
Only families registered in identified full schools and District choice programs will be notified

LATE APRIL
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT CONFIRMED

VSB Vancouver School Board

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: 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.

[District choice programs](#)

Families must register at their neighbourhood catchment school during the priority registration period (November 1 - January 31) before applying for Kindergarten Choice programs. Applying for a District choice program is a separate process and runs from January 7 to February 4, 2025. Visit the [Kindergarten Choice Programs](#) page for more information.

[Cross-boundary](#)

Families who wish to apply to a school outside of their catchment area, known as cross-boundary, will register their child at their neighbourhood catchment school first. Applying for cross-boundary is a separate online process and runs during the month of February, 2025. Cross boundary applications will only be considered after all in-catchment students have been accommodated. More information can be found on the District website, under [cross boundary registration](#).

[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.

[Choir Performance](#)

Our primary and intermediate choir have been practicing over the last few months and will be performing on Tuesday, December 17th at 4:00 in our school gym. Parents are welcome to come and watch, seating will be limited. We ask that all parents wait outside the gym until 4pm to give our students a chance to complete a full rehearsal.

[Winter Hip Hop Dance Performance](#)

This year's Winter celebration will feature a hip hop theme. The performance for parents/guardians will be on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 1:30 pm 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 sent home by your child's teacher in the next day or so. Prior to the evening show, our PAC will be running a Winter Café in the lunchroom with items for purchase.

[PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast Thursday, December 12, 8:00am- 9:00am](#)

Members of the PAC will be offering a pancake breakfast to parents and students in our lunchroom (basement) on Thursday, December 12 from 8:00am-9:00am. Everyone is invited to attend.

[PAC News](#)

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, November 5 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 **December 3 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 out, please send an email to: beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com.

[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.

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Important Upcoming Dates in December

Tues. Dec. 3	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in staff room
Thurs. Dec. 12	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by PAC 8:00 am - 9:00 am in the lunchroom
Mon. Dec. 16	First term learning updates go home
Tues. Dec. 17	Final Choir Performance @ 4pm in the gym
Dec. 16-19	Hip-Hop dance workshops
Thurs. Dec. 19	Hip-Hop student performance afternoon and evening (1:30 and 6:15)
Fri. Dec. 20	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 21– Jan. 5	Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 6	Students return to classes

Important Upcoming Dates in January

Mon. Jan. 6	Students return to classes
Tues. Jan. 7	K choice program online opens
Wed. Jan. 15	Professional Day – no school for students

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