



## Beaconsfield Banter

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### Principal's Message

In February, our school will be actively promoting diversity and inclusion through special opportunities like Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. These initiatives provide valuable platforms for fostering a sense of understanding, empathy and respect among students. In an age-appropriate manner, teachers have the opportunity to initiate activities and discussions that help students appreciate concepts of privilege and racial bias. On Wednesday, February 28, we will recognize Pink Shirt Day. These activities are all in support of our school's social emotional goal of increasing students' social awareness – the ability to empathize with others, recognize social cues, and adapt to various situations.

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/>

### Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences

The dates for our conferences are set for Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 onward. On both days there will be an early dismissal at 2:00 pm to facilitate the maximum number of conference spots available. Teachers will be sending out instructions as to how to register and book a conference. If you require an interpreter, please let your child's teacher know.

### The 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.

## **Movie Night- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> @6:30pm**

The PAC invites you to join your kid(s) for a **movie night in the gym on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** ! We're playing "LUCA", the show starts at **6:30pm**. See attached flyer for more details. See you there!

## **PAC News**

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, January 16 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 13, 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 with a program, please email [beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com)

## **Beaconsfield Hot Lunch Program**

Our Beaconsfield Hot Lunch program has recently rolled out a new menu, please see the attached menu. If you are interested in ordering a hot lunch for your child, please follow this link: [www.cestmoncafe.com](http://www.cestmoncafe.com)  
It's a great fundraiser for our PAC and the hot lunches are delivered directly to your child.

## **Pink Shirt Day**

This year Pink Shirt Day falls on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have an assembly on this day to speak to our students about respecting each other and emphasizing that bullying, homophobia, and gender stereotyping behaviour is never acceptable. **If possible, please have your child wear pink on the 28<sup>th</sup>** to participate in the positive message that all people deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.

## **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.sch.bc.ca) website for updates.

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

## Family Day Extra-Long Weekend

The Family Day long weekend will be extra-long for students with a professional day on Friday, February 16 followed by the Family Day holiday on Monday, February 19.



### Cross Boundary Application Process Feb. 1-29

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 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.

#### Student Sign out Procedure:

**When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you notify the office.**

### Important Dates in February

Fri. Feb. 2	PAC movie night @6:30pm in gym "LUCA"
Wed. Feb. 7	Parent / Teacher /Student Conferences – Early Dismissal 2pm
Thurs. Feb. 8	Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences – Early Dismissal 2pm
Mon. Feb. 12	Body Science presentation for parents on Zoom at 6:30 (more information coming next week)
Tues. Feb. 13	PAC meeting at 6:30
Thurs. Feb. 15	Body Science presentation for students (more information coming next week)
Fri. Feb. 16	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Mon. Feb. 19	Family Day – school closed
Wed. Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day

### **Important Upcoming Dates in March**

Tues. March 12	PAC meeting @ 6:30
Tues. March 12	Learning Update Number Two - reports go home
Fri. March 15	Last day before spring break
March 16 – 31	Spring Break and Good Friday
Mon. April 1	Easter Monday – school not in session
Tue. April 2	Classes resume

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