



## 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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

It's hard to believe that June has arrived, and we are concluding another school year. As we reflect on the past year, we have a lot to be grateful for, especially the many memories that have been made this year. Personally, I am looking forward to returning in September and hopefully for a few more years to come. I am so grateful for this opportunity, and I look forward to continuing supporting this school community and doing my part to help create a memorable and rewarding learning experience for all our students. Unfortunately, we must say farewell to Ms. Peters, one of our support staff members and Ms. Smith, our literacy support teacher. Ms. Smith is retiring this year after many years of dedicated service to the VSB. She will be missed by our students and staff.

We could not sum up the year without giving a big THANK YOU to all our staff (classroom teachers, resource teachers, office staff, custodians, student support workers, supervision aides, and others) for their continued commitment and dedication to the students that attend Beaconsfield Elementary. I would especially like to acknowledge our office staff Ms. Bell and Ms. Bordon for the tremendous amount of work that they do daily to support our staff and to keep the school running "like a clock". We could not operate without them. Thank you, parents, for trusting us with your amazing children. They are brilliant, funny, caring, mindful, and resilient. They lift us up, they inspire us, and they make us all very proud! Lastly, I would like to thank our PAC for their tremendous support and always being available to help and organize events at our school.

Anticipating the upcoming year, our enrolment is projected to reach approximately 235 students. We are planning to have two kindergarten classes which means that we are currently in the process of recruiting a new primary teacher. With excitement, we are already looking forward to the fall, eager to kick off another school year!

## Sports Day

Sports day was a huge success! The weather was perfect and our students enjoyed a fun day of activities. A special thanks to Mr. Thomas, Ms. Wallace and her class for organizing and running all the stations for this event.



## Artist in Residence Program Showcase

On Wednesday, May 29 our students displayed their artwork at Beaconsfield Park. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us.



## 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.

## IMPORTANT: Fall Late Return

A reminder to parents that if you are planning a late return to Beaconsfield in the fall, after Tuesday, September 3, you must let our office know by emailing our office assistant at [tbell@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tbell@vsb.bc.ca) . If you do not inform us of a late return, your child's spot may be given to another family who is on our waiting list.

## Please Return your Library Books

A reminder to everyone that all library books are due on **June 3**, notices will go home shortly thereafter for any books not returned.

## Pick up and Drop off

A reminder that the front of the school 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.

## PAC News

Our last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm in our staff room. Childcare will be available. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact our PAC or volunteer, please email [beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com).

## PAC Family Spring Fair Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 3:00 to 7:00 (back of the school)

The PAC is organizing a Spring Fair on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of fun activities for the whole family. Food and treats will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

## School Fees

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2024-2025 is \$35.00 for kindergarten students and \$41.00 for grade 1-7 students. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. Please see the attached document, named school fees, for more information regarding school fees.

## Next Year's Calendar

Next year's calendar has been updated. Please see the attached document for more information on next year's school calendar that includes early dismissal days and holidays.

### Important Upcoming Dates in June

Mon. June 3	All library books returned
Fri. June 7	PAC Fair / BBQ 3:00 to 7:00
Tues. June 11	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in the staff room
Tues. June 18	Junior Choir Performance at 3:30 in our gym
Wed. June 19	PAC Sponsored Staff Appreciation Lunch
Thurs. June 20	Grade 7 leaving ceremony at 5 pm in our gym
Mon. June 24	Final Learning Update
Thurs. June 27	Last Day for Students

### Important Upcoming Dates in September

Tues. Sept. 3	First Day of school for students in grades K-7 (9:00-10:00 am)
Wed. Sept. 4	First full day for students in grades 1-7 (9:00 am -2:58 pm)
Tues. Sept 10	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in library
Wed. Sept. 11	First full day for new Kindergarten students (9:00am-2:58 pm)
Fri. Sept. 20	Professional Day – no school for students

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