



Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

Our teachers have been working to gather information for this term's learning update, which will be shared with you on March 12. These updates highlight student strengths, areas for growth, and strategies to support learning.

As a reminder, written reports, like other forms of communication about your child's progress, offer a snapshot of their learning journey. They are designed to inform both you and your child about their current progress and areas that may require additional focus. Teachers will use the provincial four-point proficiency scale to report on student learning in each subject area taught: *Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending*. For more details about learning updates, please refer to this [link](#). The final learning update for the year will be sent at the end of June.

Counselling Corner

Erik Erikson's 8 Stages of Development:

Erik Erikson, a renowned psychologist, outlined eight stages of psychosocial development that people experience throughout their lives. Each stage represents a unique challenge or task that contributes to a person's sense of self and relationships. For school-age children, this often involves building confidence, navigating peer relationships, and developing a sense of competence. Understanding these stages can offer helpful insights into how children grow and adapt during different phases of life.

Here is an article about each stage: <https://positivepsychology.com/erikson-stages/>

Here is a video about each stage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYCBdZLCDBQ&vl=en>

I find it helpful to keep these stages in mind both when working with students and while parenting my two teenagers.

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Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to the Beaconsfield Library! At the book fair, a vast selection of new books will be available for purchase. The more books we sell, the more money we earn to buy new books for our library.

Monday, March 10th – Wednesday, March 12th
12:20 – 12:55pm & 3:00 – 3:45pm

HELP NEEDED:

If you're able to volunteer during lunch or after school on either or all days, please contact Ms. Ashburner at aashburner@vsb.bc.ca.

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. Please include the school that your child/children will be attending. This will help us with organizing next year's classrooms.

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.



Choir Performance

Our primary and intermediate choir have been practicing over the last few months and will be performing on Thursday, March 13th at 3:30 in our school gym. Parents are welcome to come and watch

but seating will be limited. We ask that all parents wait outside the gym until 3:30 pm to give our students a chance to complete a full rehearsal.

Choir Term 3

The Beaconsfield Elementary Extracurricular Choir is now accepting registrations for the upcoming term. Please see information below or use the following link to sign up: <https://vems.ca/signup.html>

Lord Beaconsfield Choirs Spring 2025



Junior Choir: Grades K – 3
Senior Choir: Grades 4 – 7
Duration: 10 weeks plus a concert
Cost: \$120 *
Registration: <https://vems.ca/signup>

<p>Why Choir?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Vocal Production • Musicianship • Live Music Making • Performance Skills and Etiquette • Teamwork 	<p>Junior Choir Rehearsals Thursdays Lunch time in the Gym</p> <p>Apr-17, 24, May-01, 08, 15, 22, 29, Jun-05, 12, 19</p>	<p>Senior Choir Rehearsals Thursdays 3 PM in the Gym</p> <p>Apr-17, 24, May-01, 08, 15, 22, 29, Jun-05, 12, 19</p>
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What is Choir?

Choir (pronounced Kuh-Why-Or) means singing with a group of people. Did you know that everyone can sing? When you join a choir, you get to sing with your friends and other kids. You'll learn new songs, sometimes you might know some of them, and you get to perform them for family and friends.

A choir has a conductor who stands at the front and tells you when to start and stop. They also teach you the songs. There is a person playing the piano for the whole choir. They are like the conductor's best friend.

Presented by ...
The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society
 • VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
 • * Financial assistance is available; please apply when registering.
 • VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. www.vems.ca/donate/
 • Questions? Email president@vems.ca



PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is on **March 4, 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 with a program, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com

PAC Fundraiser

Our PAC is excited to sponsor a unique fundraising opportunity through Pedalheads Bike Camps. Pedalheads Bike Camps provides fun, engaging, and developmental bike camps during Spring Break and Summer. Pedalheads will offer an exclusive \$25 off code for our families, until the end of the year. For every use of this code, Pedalheads will give our PAC \$25.

Our unique code for this fundraiser is BEACONS25, valid for any Pedalheads program in BC until June 30, 2025. Please see flyer below or visit their website: [Peadleheads](https://pedalheads.com)



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The flyer features a circular inset image of two adults in blue shirts and helmets assisting a young child in a pink helmet on a blue bicycle. The background is a vibrant mix of yellow, green, and orange curved shapes. A Pedalheads logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

Valentine's Day

A special thank you to Ms. Wallace and her class for organizing stations and activities for all our students in our gym on Valentine's Day.



Wear Pink Day

On Wednesday, February 26th, students were encouraged to wear pink as a symbol of respect and inclusivity. Teachers engaged their classes in discussions about the importance of treating one another with kindness and reinforcing that bullying and gender stereotyping are never acceptable. It was wonderful to see so many students proudly wearing pink in support of this message. Below are some of the submissions from Division 2 sent to the Canada-wide Pink Shirt Day art contest.



Important Dates in March and April

Tues. March 4	PAC meeting at 6:30
Mon. March 10	Learning Update Number Two - reports go home
March 10,11 & 12	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed. March 13	Final Choir Performance for term 2 students 3:30 to 4:00
Wed. March 13	Class Photo's
Fri. March 14	Last day before spring break
March 17 – 30	Spring Break
Mon. March 31	Classes resume
Fri. April 18	Good Friday
Mon. April 21	Easter Monday
Mon. April 28	Indigenous Focus Day (no school for students)

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