



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) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

On behalf of the **SCHOOL STAFF**, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year! We hope this message finds your family well. A warm welcome to our new families, we are excited to have you join our community. To our returning families, we are equally delighted to have you back with us.

We are committed to providing meaningful educational experiences while fostering a strong sense of belonging and independence for every student. Our teachers have been preparing their classrooms and designing engaging learning opportunities to support your child's growth. We look forward to a year filled with learning, connection, and lasting memories.

There will be more information coming from the school as teachers and students settle in during the first week of school. For now, we would like to draw your attention to the following important items:

School begins on Tuesday, September 2nd from 9 to 10am for grades 1 to 7 and 9:00 to 9:30am for new Kindergarten students.

- **All returning students**, please line up outside in last year's division
- **All new students**, please meet at the front of the school steps at 9 am
- **Kindergarten students and parents**, please meet in the **library at 9:00**. Please stay with your child until the end of the presentation at 9:30 am

Student Forms

September is a busy month for everyone as we get settled into new classes. Once we get permission from VSB, we will move our students into their new home rooms. Once your child is with their new teacher, we would ask that you complete the forms listed below and submit the appropriate fees as soon as you are able to.

The following forms are available online for your viewing and approval:

- Adobe CC Consent (for parents/guardians)
- Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent
- External Media Consent
- VSB Media Consent

You can access these school forms by following the link below:

- Go to <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca>
- Enter your child's Personal Education Number PEN and birthdate
- Accept the consent for each of the forms. Not accepting or completing implies decline

The following three forms will be sent home by the classroom teachers during the second week of September and are to be signed and returned:

- Student Critical Incident Reunification Sheet (for emergencies)
- Student Verification Form (verifying personal information is correct)
- Student Neighbourhood Class Walk Informed Consent

Communication

Communication is so important to a successful relationship between home and school. Please feel free to speak with your child's teacher about any concerns you may have. Check your child's agenda or communication book daily. This monthly newsletter is meant to keep you informed of all school activities. The school website, will be updated regularly with relevant school information, so please check that often.

Blended Classes

Blended or combined classes (GR.1/2, GR.3/4, GR>4/5 etc.) often cause unnecessary concern with parents. There are many misconceptions about what this means. We want to assure you that we look carefully at the makeup of each class and try to balance them out so that your child is in the best possible learning environment. It is important to remember that, **particularly in the elementary grades**, all children are learning skills along a continuum and being in a blended class has little impact on the development of those skills or the educational experience that we offer.

Safe Arrival Procedures / Reporting Student Absences

Student safety is of paramount importance. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. **If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should 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. If you are picking up your child early for an appointment, please email your child's classroom teacher.

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.

PAC News

On behalf of the Parent Advisory Committee, we want to welcome all the returning and new students and parents. The first PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 pm in our staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact our PAC or volunteer to help out with a program, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com

Code of Conduct

The school code of conduct is an essential component in having students develop and maintain positive relationships. It guides everyone in our positive interactions and helps students deal with conflicts and difficult situations. The beginning of the school year is a great opportunity to take a moment to review the Beaconsfield Code of Conduct with your child and ensure they understand the different aspects of the document. It can be found on our website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-beaconsfield/page/11717/code-of-conduct>

Concern at School?

Please remember that your child's teacher is your first point of contact. If parents have any questions or concerns about classroom practices or activities, they are encouraged to contact the classroom teacher directly. Please email the teacher to schedule a private appointment to discuss the matter. Most concerns are solved at this point. After having spoken to the classroom teacher, and the issue is unresolved, an appointment with the administrator is the second step. Again, book an appointment in order to speak about matters privately. Beyond that, the VSB Conflict Resolution Process for School-Based Concerns provides more detail as to how parents can solve a concern at school. For more information please visit - [Conflict-resolution](#)

Finally, it is imperative that parents understand clearly that if you have a concern about a child other than your own, ONLY VSB STAFF should speak to that child.

Allergies and Nut Aware School

If your child has any medical condition, please make certain that you have spoken to the school office about your child's needs.

Students will be eating lunch in our lunchroom so lunch can also be a time of concern for some of our students who have allergies to food products.

We have students with severe life-threatening allergies. Most have an allergy to peanuts and tree nuts (cashews, pistachios, hazelnut, etc). The smallest amount of Nutella or peanut butter on a friend's hand could be transferred to a book, pencil, ball or skipping rope and cause any number of reactions, including hives, vomiting, or anaphylactic shock and, without immediate emergency medical assistance, loss of consciousness or worse. Therefore, protection of anaphylactic children requires the school to establish guidelines for everyone, as follows:

- classrooms and common areas free of any substances that place the student at risk of anaphylactic shock – **this means no peanuts or nuts please**
- signs around the school that indicate the facility is as a "Nut Aware zone" and
- **not sharing any food, forks, spoons, and food containers.**

Our staff will be discussing the above points with students, and we hope that parents will support our efforts. While this request may pose an inconvenience for parents when packing your child's snack and lunch, I wish to thank you for your understanding of these potentially life-threatening allergies. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Student Accident Insurance

Student accident insurance information is available for families online. The VSB is offering parents access to voluntary accidental injury, unexpected medical/ dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

Payment of 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 2025-2026 is \$35.00 for kindergarten students and \$43.00 for grade 1-7 students. This cost covers basic school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, paint sets, and exercise books for the **full** school year except where excessive loss and replacement becomes unreasonable. The advantages of the Board providing student supplies are: (1) convenience (2) cost savings (3) standardization of supplies used in the classroom, and (4) availability of supplies as needed throughout the school year. As agreed with PAC, yearly charges for enhanced learning experiences are also levied. This money pays for performances and activities. **A separate notice is being sent home with further information. Please make a payment using the School Cash on line app.** The Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to anything required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Parents and guardians who would like to request to postpone payment for school supplies or have the payment waived for the current school year, should contact the school Principal, Mr. Romano ttromano@vsb.bc.ca to work out a plan.

School Cash on-line

A reminder that teachers and our office will not be accepting cash or cheques for school fees or field trips. Please sign up with School Cash Online. See below for more information.

SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, the Vancouver School Board would like to reduce the amount of cash and number of cheques coming into our schools. Please join the many parents who have already registered for the convenience of paying online; it takes less than five minutes. After following the easy, step-by-step instructions below, you will begin to receive email notifications regarding your child(ren)'s upcoming events.

NOTE If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

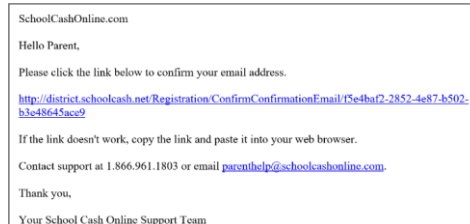
Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's Usual First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select *Continue*.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items for Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Personal Digital Device Usage/ Policy

To foster a safe and focused learning environment for students, the use of personal digital devices, that distract from learning, such as cell phones, tablets and electronic devices, are restricted during school hours and on school property. Educators and school staff will continue to model digital citizenship in the classroom and avoid the use of personal digital devices for non-instructional purposes.

Personal digital devices are restricted for the instructional day. This includes class time, recess and lunch during school hours from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Personal digital devices must be turned off or placed on silent mode and out of sight for the entire school day.

The use of personal devices is permitted under the following circumstances:

- For educational purposes, as directed by the educator in the classroom
- For health and medical purposes as outlined in an Individual Education Plan or Student Safety Plan
- To support special or diverse educational needs, such as assistive technology related to Individual Education Plans or Student Support Plans

The expectation is that students will follow the direction of the educators. Students who repeatedly do not follow the personal digital device policy may be asked to store their personal digital devices with an administrator for the remainder of the day. The Vancouver School Board is not responsible for the loss, damage, or disappearance of personal digital devices that students decide to bring to school.

School Choir

🎵 Beaconsfield Elementary Extracurricular Choir – Fall Term Registration Now Open! 🎵

We're excited to welcome students back to choir this fall!

- Primary students rehearse Thursdays at lunch
- Intermediate students rehearse Thursdays after school
- The program includes 11 rehearsals
- Cost: \$156

To register, use the following link: <https://vems.ca/signup.html>

Important Dates in September

Tues. Sept. 2	First Day of school for students in grades 1-7 (9:00-10:00 am)
Tues. Sept. 2	New Kindergarten Welcome in the library 9:00-9:30 am
Wed. Sept. 3	First full day for students in grades 1-7 (8:55 am-2:58 pm)
Wed. Sept. 3	New Kindergarten gradual entry begins
Tues. Sept 9	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in our library
Fri. Sept. 19	Professional Day – school will not be in session
Fri. Sept. 26	Photo Day
Tues. Sept. 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – school will not be in session
TBA	Open House / Meet the Teacher

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE CALENDAR DATES

Beaconsfield Elementary School Calendar 2025-2026

IMPORTANT DATES	
First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
First Full day for students in grade 1-7	Wednesday, September 3, 2025
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2025
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 22, 2025 -Friday, January 2, 2026
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Family Day	Monday, February 16, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2026
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Monday March 30, 2026
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday	Monday April 6, 2026
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 26, 2026
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)	
Friday, September 19, 2025	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 24, 2025	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 21, 2025	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, January 12, 2026	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 13, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
PARENT CONFERENCE DATES	EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	2:00
Thursday, October 23, 2025	2:00
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	2:00
Thursday, April 23, 2026	2:00