



## 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 x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Welcome back from spring break! As flowers bloom and the weather warms, we welcome the start of spring and our final term of the school year. Our teachers and staff are excited to continue engaging students in a vibrant and enriching learning environment. To support our school's literacy goal and help your child grow as a reader, we encourage you to make reading a special part of your daily routine at home.

Here are some tips to encourage reading in your home:

- Make reading a ritual. Decide that reading is going to be a priority and stick to it!
- Study and feed your child's interest. If you see your child is interested in trains, find books about trains.
- Get a reading list from your child's teacher or our librarian, Ms. Ashburner, who can provide information on the most up-to-date and popular children's books. The Public Library is also a great place to go.
- Be a reading role model!

Other tips for reading with children, courtesy of Frontier College:

- Make praise a part of reading.
- Take turns reading to one another.
- Ham it up! Use different voices or act out the story.
- Write and read your own stories together.

- Most importantly, this is a special time for you and your child to spend together. Make it fun and enjoyable for both of you.

Should you continue to read to your child even if they are in intermediate grades? The answer is yes, according to Jim Trelease, author of the Read Aloud Handbook. He and other educators point out that:

- children have a listening level that is many grades higher than their reading level. Therefore, they can enjoy books with their adult readers that could not read themselves.
- It's a great way to introduce classic literature.
- Reading with older children can stimulate interest in books they might not select themselves.
- Reading with older children can help develop their vocabulary and strengthen their comprehension.



## Walkathon

On Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>, our students will be participating in a school walkathon. The funds collected will help our school pay for new iPads. More information will be sent out shortly from our office and classroom teachers.

## Pick up and Drop off

We have noticed an increase in unsafe traffic behaviour on 21<sup>st</sup> Ave., beside the school. Some drivers are making U-turns, parking in no-parking zones, or dropping off students in the middle of the road. While most of our parent community follows safe procedures, these unsafe actions create a serious safety concern for all students, staff and families. Please be aware that we have contacted our school liaison officer and they will be coming by ensure drivers are following traffic and safety rules in the area next to our school.

## 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.

## Immunization for K students

On May 1<sup>st</sup> our K students will be receiving their immunization at school. For more information, you can click on the following link: <https://immunizebc.ca/children/immunization-schedules#Schedule%20for%20school-age%20children%20and%20teens>

Or contact our school nurse, **Mary Grace Anzures**, RN(C), BScN, Public Health Nurse- Child and Youth, Evergreen Community Health Centre - Office: 604-872-2511 ext. 3306

## Book Sale

Our library book sale was a huge success! Our sales surpassed the \$600 mark! A big thank you to Ms. Ashburner, our parent volunteers and your support in making this event so successful.



## Summer Learning Program Registration 2026

- Registration for Elementary Programs will:
  - open on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at noon (12:00 PM)** and will
  - close on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 11:59 PM.**

**Program Schedule:** Elementary Program: July 7, to July 24, 2026

If you have any questions, please email the Summer Learning office at: [summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca).

- [Summer Learning Information](#)
- [Registration](#)

## Elementary Program Locations

Dickens Elementary – 1010 East 17th Ave	Sexsmith Elementary – 7410 Columbia Street
Kingsford-Smith Elementary – 6901 Elliott Street	Kitchener Elementary - 3455 King Edward Ave W
Maple Grove Elementary – 1924 West 45th Ave	Van Horne Elementary – 5855 Ontario Street
Renfrew Elementary – 3315 East 22nd Ave	wəkʷaʰəs tə syaɬʷəm Elementary – 3150 Kitchener Street

## Young Entrepreneurs

Before the break, students in Ms. Ikeda’s, Ms. Wallace’s and Ms. Francis’ classes were working on an exciting project called PowerPlay Young Entrepreneurs. Students designed and launched their own businesses, creating unique products and in many cases, conducted market research, planned finances, and developed marketing materials. They showcased their products at a school event and shared their hard work and creativity.



## Choir Term 2 Performance

Beaconsfield Elementary's Extracurricular Choir performed for the school community and families on the afternoon of March 5th. Both performances were outstanding! A heartfelt thank-you to Jenny and Anja for organizing and conducting this wonderful group.



## 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> (10 sessions + one Performance) starting in April 2026. Juniors K-Gr2 April 8th (Wednesdays 3-4pm) Seniors Gr3-7 April 9th (Thursdays 3-4pm)

A colorful poster for the Beaconsfield Choir program. The background is orange. At the top, it says "JOIN THE BEACONSFIELD" in white. To the right, "STARTS APRIL 8 &amp; 9, 2026" is written in white. Below that, "10 REHERASALS + A CONCERT" is written in white, followed by "with professional conductor" in a smaller font. The word "CHOIR!" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, the schedule is listed: "JUNIORS GR. K-2 : WED 3-4PM" and "SENIORS GR. 3-7 : THUR 3-4PM". At the bottom, there is an illustration of four children singing into microphones. Below the illustration, the website "vems.ca/signup" is written in white. At the very bottom, it says "PRESENTED BY THE VANCOUVER EXTRACURRICULAR MUSIC SOCIETY" in white. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

## PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is on **April 14, 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 volunteer or have questions for our PAC, please email our Beaconsfield PAC - [beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com)

## Summer Childcare



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Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House operates a full daycare throughout the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and those up to 12 years of age. A wide variety of activities will be planned with and for the children that include cooking, games, sports, imaginative play, arts and crafts. Outdoor and active play is offered as well as outings to local pools, park, museums, and other attractions. **Registration for summer care commences April 1.**

#### When

Monday to Friday 7:30am-5:30pm

#### Where

Charles Dickens Elementary 1010 East 17th Avenue

Laura Secord Elementary 2500 Lakewood Drive

Lord Selkirk Elementary 1750 East 22nd Avenue

#### Cost

Monthly fee for current summer session July to August:

Kindergarten \$500 per month

Grades 1-7 \$820 per month

#### To register or to find out more information contact:

Katie, email: [admin@cedarcottage.org](mailto:admin@cedarcottage.org)

## Important Upcoming Dates in April

Fri. April 3	Good Friday (school not in session)
Mon. April 6	Easter (school not in session)
Tues. April 14	PAC meeting
Thur. April 16	Walkathon at 1 pm (more information coming)
Mon. April 20	Indigenous Focus Day (no school for students)
Wed. April 22	Summer Learning Registration begins
Wed. April 22	Student Conferences – early dismissal at 2 pm
Thur. April 23	Student Conferences – early dismissal at 2 pm
Fri. May 1	Immunization for K

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