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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), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

In February, our school will focus on promoting diversity and inclusion through meaningful initiatives, including Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. These events serve as important opportunities to foster understanding, empathy, and respect among our students. Teachers are encouraged to lead age-appropriate activities and discussions that explore topics such as privilege and racial bias, helping students develop a deeper appreciation for these concepts. On Wednesday, February 25, we will observe Pink Shirt Day as part of our commitment to these values. Together, these efforts aim to enhance students' social awareness, empathy, and ability to navigate diverse social contexts effectively.

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/>

New Reporting Program

Our next reporting update will look different, as our school will begin using a new Canadian-based online platform called *SpacesEDU* to share student learning and progress. This means you will receive your child's regular report cards and written learning updates digitally, through a secure link sent to your email. You will get two informal updates and a final summary of learning each year, just like before, but now delivered online. **SpacesEDU** will be used in all schools in the VSB by the 2026-2027 school year.

How will you receive written learning updates?

Families will receive individual invitations for each child, which allows them to set up a SpacesEDU account and connect to their child's digital classroom. In order to receive written learning updates by email, families must be connected to their child's account in SpacesEDU. You can print learning updates at home or ask your child's teacher for a printed copy if needed.

What is a digital portfolio?

Some teachers may choose to use the SpacesEDU digital portfolio option that helps teachers document student learning and growth over time. Through notes, photos, videos, audio clips, and student reflections, the portfolio feature allows teachers to capture and share learning. Your child's portfolio may include photos or videos with classmates. Please avoid sharing any content that includes other students on social media.

How is privacy ensured?

SpacesEDU is accessible through a secure website or mobile app and follows strict Canadian privacy laws. You can learn more about their privacy practices at www.spacesedu.com/privacy-center.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to this exciting new platform! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

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 6:30 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 website for updates.

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

Movie Night- Feb. 6th @6:00pm

The PAC invites you to join your kid(s) for a **movie night in our gym on Friday, February 6th!** Doors open at 5:30, movie will begin at 6:00. More information on the movie will be sent out by our PAC soon.

PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, January 13 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 10, at 6:30 pm** 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

Mikes Critters

A special thank you to our PAC and parent community for bringing Mike's Critters to our school! Over the last two Fridays of this month, our students had the opportunity to learn about and observe a wide variety of animals. Thank you to Ms. Baker for organizing this experience and thank you to all of you for funding this very special event for our school!



The Student Learning Survey

Each year, the BC Ministry of Education conducts the Provincial Student Learning Survey to gather feedback from parents, students in grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, as well as school staff. The survey covers topics such as student achievement, human and social development, health, and school safety. School districts use the results to support planning, improvement initiatives, and goal setting.

Students in grades 4 and 7 will complete the survey at school, while parents are encouraged to participate from home. All responses are anonymous, and participation is entirely voluntary. You can access the survey directly using the link below. No login number is required:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Pink Shirt Day

This year Pink Shirt Day falls on Wednesday, February 25th. **If possible, please have your child wear pink on the 25th** to participate in the positive message that all people deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.

Counselling Corner

Hello Beaconsfield Parents/Guardians:

I want to introduce you to a fantastic resource available to families, *Confident Parents, Thriving Kids*, a program developed by the Canadian Mental Health Association. This initiative offers valuable support to children dealing with anxiety and behavioural challenges, and it's entirely free of charge.

- **Anxiety Program:** As your school counsellor, I can refer your child to this program if they are experiencing anxiety. The program provides evidence-based strategies and one-on-one coaching to help children build confidence and manage their emotions effectively.
- **Behaviour Program:** If your child is struggling with behavioural issues, a referral from your family doctor is required. This program focuses on improving children's behaviour and emotional well-being through structured support and coaching for parents.

For more information, feel free to visit <https://welcome.cmhacptk.ca>. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or think this resource could benefit your family.

Warm regards,

Nancy Chong (nchong@vsb.bc.ca)

School Counsellor



Family Day Extra-Long Weekend

The Family Day long weekend will be extra-long for students with a professional day on Friday, February 13 followed by the Family Day holiday on Monday, February 16.

Cross Boundary Application Process Feb. 2-27

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 or lates**. **If your child will be absent or late, please phone the school and 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.

Beaconsfield Book Drive

Instead of hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this year, the library will be hosting a Book Drive the week of March 9th where students and their families will be able to purchase lightly used books for very reasonable prices. All funds raised will go towards buying new books for the Beaconsfield library. To prepare for the Book Drive, we are asking for book donations. If you have lightly used books of any level (from toddler to adult) to donate, please drop them off at the library with Ms. Ashburner prior to February 27th.

If you are interested in helping sort books or setup the book drive, please send a message directly to Ms. Ashburner (aashburner@vsb.bc.ca).

Are you Moving?

If your family **does not plan** to return to Beaconsfield Elementary in the fall of 2025, please let our office know by emailing us at tbell@vsb.bc.ca .

A Note About Illness and School Attendance

As we move through the winter months, we are seeing the usual increase in seasonal illnesses. To help keep our students and staff healthy, we kindly ask for your support in monitoring your child for signs of illness before sending them to school. If your child is showing cold-like symptoms such as persistent coughing, sore throat, congestion, fever, or generally not feeling well, please keep them home until their symptoms improve. Resting at home not only helps your child recover more quickly, but it also helps reduce the spread of germs within our classrooms. If you are ever unsure whether your child is well enough for school, it's best to err on the side of caution. Your partnership helps us maintain a healthy learning environment for all students and staff. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community well!

VSB Educational Assistant Diploma Program Offering

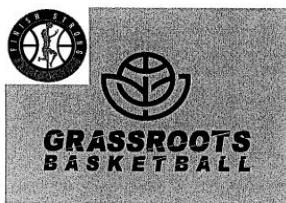
Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in VSB schools.

The next session of the VSB EA (SSA) Program will begin, April 1, 2026. Applications are now being accepted. **Apply at Burnaby Community & Continuing Education at <https://www.burnabycce.ca>**

To register for a free online **Information Session from 7-8:30 PM on Wednesday, February 11th**, go to www.burnabycce.ca. Scroll to EA Programs and select VSB EA Information Sessions.

A post from Continuing Education provided by: <https://www.burnabycce.ca>

Spring Break Basketball Camp



FINISH STRONG BASKETBALL 1ST ANNUAL SPRING BREAK CAMP

2026

FOLLOW US ON:
INSTAGRAM: FSBBALL
FACEBOOK: FINISH STRONG BASKETBALL PROGRAM

COME JOIN US THIS SPRING BREAK ON THE COURT .

Camper's will be put through a variety of drills and games to help keep them ready during the break.

There will be some cool prizes and giveaways as well .

Host site: **Renfrew cc.**
March 23-27
10:45-11:45am
Contact : (604) 257-8388
FEE: \$100 includes camp t-shirt
PROGRAM CODE: #593368



SIGN UP HAS NOW STARTED !

Important Dates in February and March

Fri. Feb. 6	PAC movie night @6:00pm in gym
Tues. Feb. 10	PAC meeting at 6:30
Fri. Feb. 13	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Mon. Feb. 16	Family Day – school closed
Wed. Feb. 25	Pink Shirt Day

March

Week of March 9 th	Book Drive
Tues. March 10	Learning Update Number Two
Tues. March 3	PAC meeting at 6:30
Fri. March 13	Last day before spring break
March 14 – 29	Spring Break
Mon. March 30	Classes resume

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