



Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to School!

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) & səlilwətəl (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

We hope you had a safe and restful Winter Break filled with joyful moments and cherished memories with your children. Thank you for your thoughtful holiday wishes and generous support before the break. Your kindness means so much to our staff. We are truly grateful for the unwavering support of our families and feel incredibly fortunate to do what we love most, working with your incredible children. Here's to an amazing year ahead!

Highlights from December

There were many highlights from the month of December. The PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast on December 11th was a huge success. A special thank you to our PAC parents who came before 7am to set up and clean up. Additionally, the holiday hip hop student performance on December 18th highlighted the incredible talents of our students, bringing joy to everyone. These events, along with our choir performance on December 4th, created a cheerful atmosphere, making December truly memorable. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these wonderful events!

Pancake Breakfast



Hip Hop Dance Performance on December 18th



ONE to ONE Program

ONE TO ONE is collaborating with the **Vancouver Public Library** to host a Parent Reading Workshop for grade 1 and 2 families at the Central Library on Saturday, January 31st, during **Family Literacy Week**. It will be a unique set up as kids will enjoy a facilitated library program while their parents are in the workshop. If there are any families you hoped could attend your school's session, but they weren't able to, you can direct them to attend this. There are a limited number of seats.

Registration Link: [Parent Reading Workshop with ONE TO ONE Literacy](#)

Saturday, January 31, 2026

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Central Library

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.

School Choir

The Beaconsfield Elementary Extracurricular Choir is now accepting new registrations for this term.

Click on the following link to sign up:

<https://vems.ca/VEMSChoralProgramBeaconsfieldWinter2026.pdf>



VEMS Choral Program Beaconsfield Elementary Winter 2026



Junior Choir: **Grades K* to 3** (Fridays after school)
8 rehearsals and a concert (\$117)

Senior Choir: **Grades 4 to 7** (Thursdays after school)
8 rehearsals and a concert (\$117)

Registration: <https://vems.ca/signup>

PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm in the staff room. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on **January 13 at 6:30 pm** in our 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, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com.

Kindergarten Registration for 2026-27

All kindergarten applicants are required to complete an online application for their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District Choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school. The priority registration period for kindergarten closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an online application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2026-27**

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- After applying, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your in-person appointment.
- Bring supporting documentation during your scheduled appointment for verification.

Supporting documents needed:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver
- Child's birth certificate
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- Immunization records
- Court orders/documents (if applicable)



If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. District Choice Programs and cross boundary applications will be accepted in early 2026. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31

- In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
- The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
- Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
- In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: Sibling priority **does not** apply for registrations received after January 31.

In the event there are more in-catchment registrants than can be accommodated at their catchment school, students will be placed at another school as close to the catchment as possible until space becomes available.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit the VSB website: govsb.ca/kindergarten
Parents are invited to the following program for pre-school age children:



VSB Educational Assistant Diploma Program

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 B.C. schools. The VSB EA Program, operating through Burnaby Community and Continuing Education is a reputable 6-month program designed to prepare you for the role and provide you with the needed diploma.

Our next program opens for applications on January 12, 2026, for classes that begin March 30, 2026.

To register for a free online **Information Session, from 7-8:30 PM**, go to www.burnabycce.ca. Scroll to EA Programs and select VSB EA Information Sessions. We use the ZOOM platform to deliver the session. Sign up for one of the following dates and bring your questions.

- Tuesday, January 26, 2026
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026

A post from Continuing Education provided by: [https://www.burnabycce.ca](http://www.burnabycce.ca)

A heartfelt thank you to the Trout Lake Senior Baking Group!

They recently held a fundraiser for our school and generously donated **\$1,000**. This contribution was used before the holiday to provide gift cards to families in need within our school community. We deeply appreciate their kindness and support!



Important Upcoming Dates in January / February

Mon. Jan 12	Professional Day – no school for students
Tues. Jan. 13	PAC meeting at 6:30 pm in the staff room
Fri. Feb. 13	District Professional Day – no school for students
Mon. Feb. 16	Family Day – school not in session

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