



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 x̱w̱məθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱w̱ú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & sə̱lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Over the course of the school year, we hold several fire drills and emergency evacuation practices. Our next drill will be on Thursday, May 7th at 2pm, where we will practice “drop, cover, hold” (taking cover under tables, etc. and holding for 1 full minute), safely evacuating the building and gathering on the field. The goal during an earthquake evacuation is to evacuate the building safely and quietly. During earthquake drills, various specially trained staff emergency response teams execute their own procedures. We have adequate materials and supplies to properly care for students until they can be safely released to families.

In case of a real emergency, we can anticipate that children and parents will be worried about their family members' health and safety. The school has specific student release procedures in place to ensure that families are re-united as quickly and safely as possible, and to ensure accountability and tracking of each student's safe release.

To this end, we must ask for parents' cooperation during a real emergency:

- Students and parents will likely be quite excited and anxious to be together. Parents must follow the directions of school staff.
- Parents arriving to pick up their child(ren) should report to a table that will be set up, to request their child. Please DO NOT run to your child and grab them. Provide your name and show ID

(as it needs to match a name on the yellow reunification form that was sent home in Sept.) and we will reunite you (or the emergency contact) with your child.

- Please ensure you keep your “emergency contact” information current as we cannot release children to adults for whom we do not have prior consent.

This event also serves as an excellent chance for families to revisit their **emergency preparedness plan**. I encourage you to take a moment and carefully review the [VSB Reunification Plan brochure](#). Please read it carefully and understand the process for picking up your child in the event of a major earthquake or disaster. Remember that for student safety, only **authorized individuals** are permitted to pick up students. More general Emergency Preparedness information can be found [here](#).

Walkathon



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our families for your generous contributions toward our goal of purchasing new iPads for our school. Your support is truly making a meaningful difference. This year alone, we raised \$5,700.00, bringing the combined total from this year and last year to \$13,750.00. Thanks to an additional generous donation from an anonymous donor, we were able to reach our overall goal of \$15,000.00. As a result, we are excited to share that we will be able to purchase 30 new iPads for our school.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity and commitment to our school community. These funds will play an important role in enhancing student learning by providing access to updated technology. Thank you for your ongoing involvement and support.

On Our Way to K

Kindergarten Event

On Tuesday, May 12, from 11:00am – 12:00pm, Beaconsfield Elementary will be hosting a Kindergarten event for our new K students and parents. The event will be held in the school library. Access is from the front of the building directly on Penticton Street. Stations will be set up for our new

Sports Day

We will be having sports day this year on May 29. Staff are currently working on a plan and will communicate more information as it becomes available.

Tap Dance

Congratulations to our Tap Dance group for their fantastic performance at the Elementary Day of Dance celebration, held at Gladstone Secondary School, where they showcased their talents in front of students from across the district. A big thank you to Ms. Niebel for her dedication and for working with the group throughout the year. She will be hosting a pizza party with our dance team, at lunch, on May 12. Ms. Neibel will be sending home a notice soon with more information.



School Fees for Next Year

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 2026-2027 is \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. Agendas are an additional \$8.00 for grade 1 to 7 students.

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

Class Organization for Next Year

The guiding principle in the placement of students and the organization of classes is to design a positive learning environment for each child within the larger context of the needs of all children. It is my role as Principal to be on the lookout for everyone's well-being. Regardless of parent input or not, the professional staff at the school makes the best decisions for all students.

In late May, staff gather in a three-day process to devise tentative classes in consideration of the following criteria:

- Adherence to class size regulations (as stipulated by the Ministry of Education guidelines)
- A balance of social, emotional and behavioural needs of students

- A range of learning needs with a balance of students requiring learning assistance or special education services in each class
- A child's physical and social maturity (especially in combined classes)
- Student friendships
- Student learning styles and strengths
- Input from parents* (May 19 deadline)

By 3:00pm on May 19th, parents who wish to provide input, should email ttromano@vsb.bc.ca stating educational reasons (for example - preference for a more structured or open-ended environment, a special request to separate a child or keep two together, a request to pay special attention to a child's level of anxiety in regards to a certain area, etc). The focus is not on a particular teacher, but rather a particular educational environment. We do not yet know what teacher will be teaching what grade, therefore we ask that you focus on the educational setting. Please note that parent requests often conflict with each other.

Any e-mailed requests will receive a reply email from Mr. Romano stating receipt of input with a reminder that, although submitted requests will be considered, the final decision is that of the school. If you do not receive such a response from Mr. Romano, please resend your email.

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.

PAC News

Our last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 pm. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in our staff room. Childcare will be available. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact our PAC or volunteer, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com .

Call for Nominations

Beaconsfield PAC Executives

2026/2027 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Beaconsfield Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our **Executive Team for the 2026/2027 school year**. Being part of the PAC executive is a rewarding way to support our students, enhance school programs, and have a direct voice in school community decisions.

Election Meeting Information

Elections will be held during our **final PAC meeting of the 2025/2026 school year**:

- **Date:** June 16, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **In-Person Location:** School Library
- **Online (Microsoft Teams):** Link to be shared

Available Executive Positions

Chair

- Leads monthly PAC meetings
- Acts as the primary spokesperson
- Liaises with school administration

Co-Chair

- Supports the Chair
- Steps in when the Chair is unavailable

Co-Treasurer

- Supports the Treasurer
- Helps manage PAC finances
- Maintains financial records and prepares reports

Secretary

- Records and distributes meeting minutes
- Manages PAC correspondence

How to Nominate

Parents and guardians may nominate themselves or another parent (with their prior consent).

Please submit nominations **by June 14, 2026** to: beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com

Include the following information:

- Name of nominee
- Position sought
- Brief statement of interest (optional)

Members and Coordinators (No Election Required)

We are also looking for parents to support PAC activities as Members or Coordinators. These roles do not require a vote and may include:

- Munch-a-Lunch
- Fundraising coordination (e.g., Purdy's, Sun-Oka Apple Sales, West Coast Seeds)
- Teacher Appreciation
- Other PAC projects and events

No prior experience is necessary. Support and training are provided for all new PAC members. If you have any questions, please contact us at beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Beaconsfield PAC Executive Team

Summer Learning Program Registration

Registration for Elementary Programs is now open: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5211/summer-learning>

- Current Kindergarten to Grade 11 students who are attending a BC school are eligible to register.
- All courses require in-person attendance.
- **To register**, you will need your child's PEN number. You can access this number through this self-serve portal – <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca/penrequest.aspx>

** If you have any questions, please email the Summer Learning office at: summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca. ** **Registration closes on May 20th**

Canadian Mental Health Week

[Mental Health Week in Canada](#) takes place May 4–10, 2026, led by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), with the national theme “Come Together, Canada: Stronger Connections. Better Mental Health.”

Parent and Community Support:

- [Child and Youth Mental Health Wellness Resources and Supports](#) brochure was made for youth and/or parents and care providers and highlights some information, supports, and resources to support mental health.
- [Family Smart](#) is celebrating National Child and Youth Mental Health Day on May 7th with videos and activities for children and youth.
- [Confident Parents, Thriving Kids s](#): Thriving Kids helps parents support their children ages 3-12 to manage anxiety and behaviour challenges.
- [Kelty Mental Health](#) is a resource centre that helps families across the province navigate the mental health system, listen and offer peer support.
- The Vancouver Local Action Team has a comprehensive website hub of [Health Resources For Youth](#)

Community Events

The Vancouver International Children’s Festival will be held from May 25th to May 31st on Granville Island. For more information, please visit the following website: [Vancouver International Children's Festival | Children's Festival](#)

Kensington Preschool Registration

Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House operates a preschool for children 3 to 5 years of age. Our preschool offers a licensed play-based program. We are committed to programming and curriculum that follows British Columbia's Early Learning Framework. Contact Cedar Cottage at 604-874-4231 for more information regarding their programs.



KENSINGTON PRESCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN

Our licensed preschool offers a safe, inclusive environment where children learn through play and exploration. We work in partnership with families to support each child's growth, confidence, and love of learning.

- Community-Based
- Emergent Curriculum
- Land-Based
- Early Learning Framework

Contact Us :

604-874-4231

www.cedarcottage.org

REGISTER NOW

CEDAR COTTAGE
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

The poster features a green and yellow color scheme. On the right side, there is a photograph of several children sitting in a circle on a green mat, holding hands. The Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House logo is in the top right corner. A 'REGISTER NOW' button is located in the bottom right corner.

Summer Childcare



**CEDAR COTTAGE
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

Summer Childcare

Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House operates a full day childcare 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, parks, museums, and other attractions. **Registration for summer care has started.**

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

Weekly registration: June 29th-August 28th

Where

- Beaconsfield Elementary 3663 Penticton St
- Charles Dickens Elementary 1010 East 17th Avenue
- Laura Secord Elementary 2500 Lakewood Drive
- Lord Selkirk Elementary 1750 East 22nd Avenue

Cost after fee reduction

Regular week:

Kindergarten \$155.00

Grade 1-7 \$206.25

Stat holiday weeks:

Kindergarten \$124.00

Grade 1-7. \$165.00

To register or to find out more information contact: 604-874-4231

Calendar

Important Upcoming Dates in May and June

Thur. May 7	District Wide Earthquake Drill at 2 pm
Tues. May 12	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in the staff room
Tues. May 12	On Our Way to K event 11:00am to 12:00pm
Mon. May 18	Victoria Day (school not in session)
Fri. May 29	Sports Day
Fri. June 5	Return all library books
Fri. June 5	PAC Fair / BBQ
Tues. June 16	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in the staff room
Mon. June 22	Grade 7 leaving Ceremony
Thurs. June 25	Last Day for Students

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

Next Year's Calendar

Calendar 2026-27 Beaconsfield Elementary School



SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW

Number of Days in Session	186
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	5 Professional Development Days 1 Non-Instructional Day 1 Administrative Day (June 30)

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15, 2027 - Thursday, March 25, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

Monday, September 21, 2026	Professional Development Day (School - moveable)
Friday, October 23, 2026	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 12, 2027	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 21, 2027	Professional Development Day (School - not moveable)

PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES

Wednesday, October 21, 2026	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 22, 2026	2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 5, 2027	2:00 pm
Thursday, May 6, 2027	2:00 pm