



OUR VSB

# L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, September 6, 2024

Evelyn Harcus, Principal  
Alice Jungclaus, Vice-Principal  
Christopher Wong, Director of Instruction

## Newsletter #1

Welcome back L'École Bilingue students and families!

We hope that you had a wonderful summer and are feeling rested and excited for the school year ahead. It seems students have had a fun week playing with old friends and many have enjoyed recounting their summer experiences with their teachers. I've been outside to feel the energy and meet and chat with our students and many have told me that they are missing the sleep ins and the relaxed schedule that summer brought but that they are excited about the new beginnings of this school year.

This year we welcome sixty new kindergarten students to L'École Bilingue as well as seventeen new grade ones. We've also had some new friends at other grade levels come to join our school. Welcome to all new students and their families!

Additionally, we have some new staff members that have joined us this year:

Mme Emma Dosen	Grade 1/2
Mme Lauren Zarembo	Grade K
Mme Tatiana MacCormick	Grade K
Mme Andrea Strujic	Grade 6/7
Mme Ting Wei	SSA replacing Mme Carole Dupin until February
TBA	Grade 6/7

I am also new to the L'École Bilingue family as the principal. L'École Bilingue is a wonderful school. The students are friendly, excited to learn and have a helping and interested spirit about their school and community. It is a privilege to come join this school community and to serve as your principal and I look forward to supporting all of our learners and teachers/staff as we journey ahead this year.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend ahead and take some time to relax and digest the exciting events of this first week back.

Warm Regards,  
Evelyn Harcus  
Principal

### **Class Placements for 2024-2025 and Monday Transition for Grade 1-7 students:**

We are happy to confirm that we have received the go ahead to transition to our new classes for this 2024-2025 school year. On Friday afternoon, families will be receiving an email from the school indicating their child's new classroom teacher, division and where the pickup/drop off spot is.

Please have your child line up at their new class pickup spot on Monday morning when the bell goes. Teachers will come out to greet students and bring them inside the building.

Please know that the staff (classroom teachers, resource teachers and support staff) as well as administration were very involved in the process of class placements for this year. Much discussion and deliberation was put into the thoughtful placement of students. Staff worked to ensure classes were balanced to ensure equity and considered student academic level, social-emotional needs and other learning needs. If you have concerns about your child's learning that you would like to communicate with the new classroom teacher, please feel free to connect with that teacher at a later date.

#### **Important dates to remember for September:**

Friday September 13 – Student/Staff Welcome back Assembly (AM) & Terry Fox Run (PM)

Thurs September 19 – Meet the Teacher 5-5:30/5:30-6 and PAC Welcome Back BBQ 5-8pm

Friday September 20 – Pro-D Day – no school for students

Monday September 30 – National Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school

### **Terry Fox Run: Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:30pm**

Save the date! Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30pm. This is a rain or shine event as Terry demonstrated true resilience and ran rain or shine.

We would like to invite the LEB community to participate by either cheering, helping to organize or simply coming to join the run. Students will be making posters to advertise the run and discussions and learning about Terry Fox will be happening in classes all week.

Primary classes will run/walk around the gravel field from 1:30 to 2:00pm.

Intermediate classes will run/walk from 1:30 to 2:30pm around the perimeter of our school.

Students are invited to bring a "Toonie for Terry" anytime next week to support Terry's cause. If your family wishes to make a greater contribution, you may do so on our school website through school cash or alternatively you may donate directly to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Donations can be made online via our L'École Bilingue website: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/74066>

If you wish to make a direct donation to the Terry Fox Foundation, you may do so here:

[Ways to give- Terry Fox Foundation](#)

### **Safe Arrival and leaving early:**

If your child will be away from school, please be sure to **call or email the school** to let us know. Children who are not reported as absent on the safe arrival line/email will receive a phone call from our office staff to ensure their safety. If your child is **arriving late**, they must **sign in at the office** before heading to class.

**Safe Arrival Telephone: 604-713-4585**  
**Safe Arrival Email: [lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca)**

If a **student is leaving school early**, parents - please present yourself at the office to sign the student out. We will call the student down to the office. Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety measure.

### **Play Spaces & Student Safety**

This week at L'École Bilingue we have been working hard to implement some strategies to keep all of our students safe. Teachers thought it best to have a dedicated play area for our kindergarten/grade one learners so as to avoid any collisions with bigger students. The interim decision was made to have the back playground and back basketball area as dedicated kindergarten/grade one play spaces. Grade 2 students are invited to play in the front of the school, gravel field and as well enjoy the back area of the school where the garden and blacktop hopscotch area is located. Grade 3-7 students are invited to play on the front playground structure, basketball court and gravel field. We will be purchasing more sports equipment for students to play with at recess/lunch time in order to help with engagement at these outside break times. These play space boundaries are in place in the interim and staff will continue to evaluate how things are going.

### **Weather**

It has been a lovely week with the sun shining, making it ideal for outdoor play. However, since we do live in 'Raincouver' the rain will certainly come. Please be reminded that students will go outside to play on all school days unless there is severe weather or a safety issue. Please ensure that you help equip your child for the weather.

### **Parking Lot**

Please be reminded that the school parking lot located at the corner of Alder and 14<sup>th</sup> is for staff use only during school hours. Parents may park on the street to escort their children to their pick up/drop off spot. Additionally, please be reminded not to use the parking lot as a pathway to and from the school as it can be dangerous if there are cars coming and going.

### **Playground/Grounds Supervision**

Playground/grounds supervision is from 8:40-9:00am and 2:58-3:18pm. Staff will be outside providing supervision at these times. Please do not drop off your child before 8:40am as there will be no supervision. Also, please pick up your child close to the dismissal time and before 3:18pm as supervision of the grounds does ends at that time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Medication**

If your child is prescribed a medication that has to be delivered during the school day (EpiPen, puffer, etc.) please be sure to come by the office to discuss with Mme Christine, our office staff and first aid attendant. There is a consent form that we require filled in order to help with the administration of medication.

### **Cell Phones & Personal Devices**

Following the provincial government's new orders regarding cell phone and personal devices (please see link below for more information), students will not be permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. If parents wish for their child to have a cell phone/device, students must tuck their cell phone/device away in their backpack before school starts and it must remain tucked away for the duration of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Cellphone restrictions in schools take effect as part of actions to keep kids safe, healthy | BC Gov News](#)

### **Cross-Country at L'École Bilingue**

Organizational meeting: Wednesday September 11 at 12:10pm

Registration dates: Wednesday September 11 at 12:10pm until Monday September 16

Practices: once a week between 8:00am and 8:50am. Day and dates TBA

Mini-meets:

- 3 mini-meets at Douglas Park (dates TBA) from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- We will walk together to Douglas Park
- All students will be dismissed from the park

District Final:

- At Trout Lake Park in the afternoon of Tuesday October 22
- Parents will be responsible for organizing carpooling to and from the event

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with our practices and mini-meets. Running experience is not necessary to support our large cross-country team. If you wish to help, please email me at [mricard@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mricard@vsb.bc.ca) or let me know on the upcoming permission form. More details will be communicated via the permission form.

Looking forward to another great cross-country season with the LEC students!  
Abheeru Ricard, LEB PE teacher

### **Feedback please regarding frequency of school newsletter**

The following is a link to a form that will allow you to indicate your preference in how frequently you receive the L'École Bilingue school newsletter. Traditionally newsletters have gone out on Friday of every week. But we know that our families are very busy, and inboxes are fuller than ever, so we are requesting your feedback. Please know that if ever there is very important information that needs to be communicated from the school, a separate email will be sent with this specific information to all families. [Survey on Newsletter Frequency](#)

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## Information from L'École Bilingue Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

### Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday September 19 from 5-8pm

Dear L'École Bilingue Families,

It's almost here, the most fun evening of the school year: **The Welcome Back BBQ** is on Thursday, September 19th from 5-8pm (rain or shine). This is an important fundraiser for our grade 7 graduating class and an amazing community building event. It will also coincide with 'Meet the Teacher' night so it's a can't miss event!

This year, there is going to be a food truck serving hot dogs and hamburgers (with veggie options), drinks and chips, the Rain or Shine ice cream truck, music, a Taylor Swift station, face painting, a photo booth, and lots of games, including a new soccer challenge: 'can you score on a 7th grader', musical cakes, the lollipop game, and much more!

There will also be a supervised movie room where families can drop off younger kids while they attend 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

Best of all, the Welcome Back BBQ is the perfect opportunity to meet new families and school staff and to reconnect with friends.

Please stay tuned for MunchaLunch to open for food combos and ticket sales. We will also be asking for donations of baked goods for musical cakes, unopened bottles for a new game (details to come!), and for additional volunteers to help out.

Thank you for supporting our graduating class's fundraising efforts and helping us make this event a huge success. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Welcome Back BBQ Committee Leads (Keiko, Rachel, Rachel & Tiffany)

### Information from PAC regarding afterschool programs at L'École Bilingue:

***Please remember that these programs are not school-sanctioned nor supervised by the PAC or by L'École Bilingue staff. The instructors rent school space from the VSB Rentals Department and are fully responsible for the supervision of the students. Please ensure your child knows exactly where and when to go (or be there to help on the first day of the program).***

## Fall/Winter 2024 Extracurricular Programs

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Gym</b>	<p><b>Art of Tennis - Mini Tennis</b></p> <p>Grades 1-3 Dates/ Times: TBD</p> <p>Contact: Juan Carlos <a href="mailto:karizmadesign@gmail.com">karizmadesign@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Journey Basketball</b></p> <p>Grade 5-7 Dates: Sept 17 to Dec 3 (12 sessions) Time: 3:30 - 5:00 (coaches on hand for supervision from 3pm) Fee: \$280</p> <p><a href="#">Registration link</a></p> <p>Contact: Coach Arnel <a href="mailto:journeybasketball2020@gmail.com">journeybasketball2020@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Art of Tennis - Junior Tennis</b></p> <p>Grades 4-7 Dates/ Times: TBD</p> <p>Contact: Juan Carlos <a href="mailto:karizmadesign@gmail.com">karizmadesign@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>RBL Basketball</b></p> <p>Grades 2-4 Dates: Sept 26- Dec 19, no class Oct 31 (12 sessions) Time: 3:15 - 4:45pm. Fee: \$360</p> <p><a href="#">Registration link</a></p> <p>Contact: Leland <a href="mailto:leland@rblbasketball.com">leland@rblbasketball.com</a></p>
<b>Music Room</b>	<p><b>WIZE Interactive Programming in Python</b></p> <p>Grades 5-7 Dates: Sep 23 - Dec 2 (8 sessions) *No class: 9/30, 10/14, 11/11 Time: 3-4:30pm Fee: \$300 + \$25 annual fee+ GST</p> <p><a href="#">Registration link</a></p> <p>Contact: Namrata Sood <a href="mailto:namrata.sood@wizeacademy.com">namrata.sood@wizeacademy.com</a></p>	<p><b>Lights Up Musical Theatre</b></p> <p>Grade 1-7 Oct 8 - Dec 3 (9 sessions) 3-5:15 pm Fee: \$365 + GST</p> <p><a href="#">Registration link</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="mailto:billie@lightsuptheatre.ca">Billie Murphy</a> <a href="mailto:billie@lightsuptheatre.ca">billie@lightsuptheatre.ca</a></p>	<p><b>WIZE Scratch Jr. -Coding, &amp; Animation</b></p> <p>Grades 2-4 Dates: Sep 25- Nov 13 Time: 3-4:30 pm Fee: \$300 + \$25 annual fee+ GST</p> <p><a href="#">Registration link</a></p> <p>Contact: Namrata Sood <a href="mailto:namrata.sood@wizeacademy.com">namrata.sood@wizeacademy.com</a></p>	<p><b>Young Rembrandts - Art</b></p> <p>Grade 1+ Oct 3 - Dec 12 (11 sessions) 3:00 - 4:15 \$253 (includes GST)</p> <p><a href="#">Registration link</a></p> <p>Contact: Virginie St-Jean <a href="mailto:metrovancover@youngrembrandts.com">metrovancover@youngrembrandts.com</a></p>

For specific questions or concerns about the extracurricular programs,, the best person to contact is usually the program person listed above.

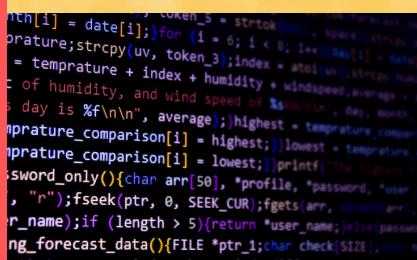
For general questions please contact Rose Lo or Allison Suter at [programs@lebpac.ca](mailto:programs@lebpac.ca)

More information and sign up links here <https://lebpac.ca/programs> →



# WIZE CODING & ROBOTICS @ L'ECOLE BILINGUE

L'Ecole Bilingue  
Elementary School



## PROGRAMS

- **Coding and Animation with Scratch Jr. (Grade 1-2)**

Location: Music Room II Scheduled days: Wednesday

Scheduled dates: Sept 25; Oct 2, 9,16,23,30 Nov 6, 13

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Price : \$300 + taxes

- **Interactive Programming with Python (Grades 3-7)**

Location: Music Room II Scheduled days: Mondays

Scheduled dates: Sept 23, Oct 7, 21, 28 Nov 4,18 25 Dec 2

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Price : \$300 + taxes

## CONTACT US:

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Please Visit:



\*NOTE: \$25 Annual Membership Fees is applicable (one time only)



## **LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTERSCHOOL AT L'ECOLE BILINGUE ELEMENTARY**

Sing Dance Act Shine! At Lights Up Afterschool, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!

### **FALL SHOW! SCOOBY DOO!**

Scooby Doo, Where are You?! This Fall, we will be putting on a musical specially written for our afterschool students based on the "Scooby Doo" cartoons and series. Join the Mystery Inc. Gang and solve the mystery of the spooky theme park with us!

Students will be supervised from dismissal. No need to pick up your child until 5.15pm! Performance on the last day of classes for parents!

After School Tuesdays

**Oct 8 – Dec 3 (9 SESSIONS)**

**3:00-5:15 PM**

**GRADES: 1 to 7**

**Fee: \$365\* (\*plus GST)**

<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/afterschool/lecolebilingue/>



JOURNEY BASKETBALL PRESENTS

# DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

*L'ecole Bilingue*

**SEPTEMBER 17TH  
TO DECEMBER 3RD**

EVERY TUESDAY

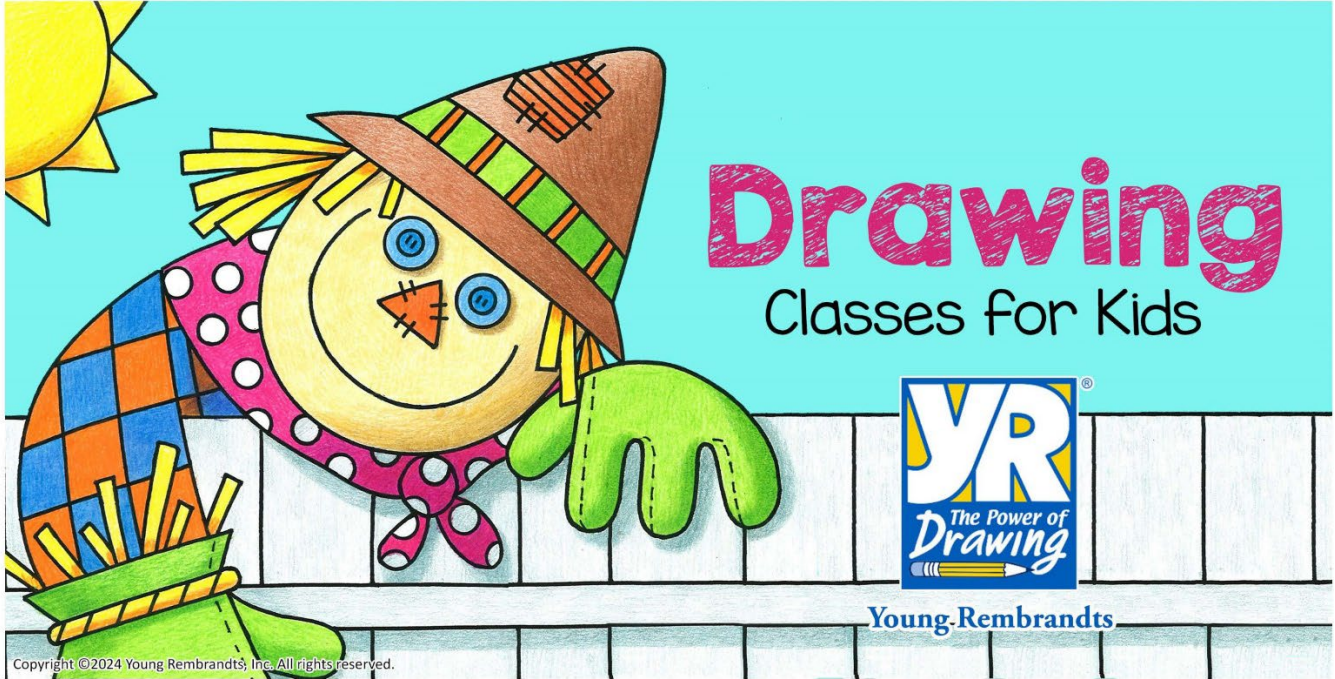
3:30PM - 5:30PM

GRADE 5 - GRADE 7

12 SESSIONS

\$280

REGISTER AT [JOURNEYBASKETBALL.CA](http://JOURNEYBASKETBALL.CA)



## L'Ecole Bilingue

Grades 1st to 6th

This fall our students will bring to life everything from delicious taffy apples to charming seasonal scarecrows, and even sassy bunnies. We're adding a sprinkle of Van Gogh's magic too, with vibrant sunflower sketches that burst off the page. Dive into an art-filled journey where colours pop and imaginations soar. Enroll your budding artist today and watch their creativity blossom into stunning works of art!



**classes**

Thursdays

3:05 PM - 4:15 PM

10/03/2024 - 12/12/2024



**tuition**

\$ 253.00 (tax included)

11 lessons



**enrollment**

ENROLL ONLINE at

[www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/)

[metrovancouver/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/)

## ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

**YOUNG REMBRANDTS** provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school inside the school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

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