



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, September 13, 2024

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

Newsletter #2

Hello L'École Bilingue Students and Families!

It has been an exciting second week of school. Students are getting settled into their new classrooms for this year and teachers are working hard on growing their new community of learners.

Staff worked extremely hard on class placements and do take a great deal of time ensuring that students are placed in the best possible learning environment. We thank you for your support in this matter and do appreciate that our professional judgment is respected.

Students are nicely settling into their new routines and the curriculum is being rolled out. Our enrollment is at 414 students with 18 divisions. Our organization for 2024-2025 is as follows:

DIVISION/GRADE	TEACHING STAFF
Division 1 Gr 6/7	Andrea Strujic
Division 2 Gr 6/7	Katie Fabian
Division 3 Gr 6/7	TBA
Division 4 Gr 5/6	Alison St-Pierre (M, T, W) Nathalie Zeoli (Th, F)
Division 5 Gr 4/5	Teghan McDonald
Division 6 Gr 4	Laura Oswin
Division 7 Gr 3/4	Olivier Salvas
Division 8 Gr 3	Catherine Pilotte
Division 9 Gr 3	Karli Dionne (M, T, W) Suzanne Carry (Th, F)
Division 10 Gr 2/3	Gabrielle Horrocks-Denis
Division 11 Gr 2	Danyon Knapper
Division 12 Gr 2	Janine Dobry
Division 13 Gr 1/2	Emma Dosen
Division 14 Gr 1	Guillaume Robert
Division 15 Gr 1	Tania Danilovic
Division 16 Gr K	Tatiana McCormick
Division 17 Gr K	Matthew McBride
Division 18 Gr K	Lauren Zarembo

We had our first school assembly today. All students in Grades 1-7 participated (kindergarten students had their own special assembly on Wednesday). It was wonderful to see all the excited learners in the

gym together, to welcome our new students and staff and to go over LEB code of conduct and break time expectations to ensure clear messaging and a successful year for all.

We look forward to meeting everyone at the Welcome Back BBQ event on Thursday September 19th at 5-8pm.

Warm Regards,
Evelyn Harcus
Principal

Meet the Teacher Event: Thursday September 19, 5-5:30pm and 5:30-6:00pm

Our Meet the Teacher event is happening concurrently with the Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday the 19th. Please come to one of the sessions to meet your child's teacher and to hear a little about their program expectations, goals for the year, forms of communication and more. There are two sessions being offered to families but it is the same information being offered at both sessions. This is to support families that have more than one child attending L'École Bilingue.

Subject: Movie Room at Welcome Back BBQ

Once again this year the Grade 7's are offering to supervise any children who would like to watch movies while their parents attend parent-teacher meetings during the Welcome Back BBQ. Movies will be playing from 5:00-6:30PM in the Music Room at L'École where there will be student (Grade 7) and adult supervision. No need to sign up ahead of time, just drop by with your children and sign them in.

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

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.

Important dates to remember for September:

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 13th 1:30-2:30pm

Students have been learning all about Terry's journey and why he is considered to be a great Canadian hero. This afternoon students walked and ran in support of Terry. Primary students (grades 1-3) ran around the gravel field and intermediate students ran around the perimeter of the school. Congratulations to all students who participated and thank you to the parents who came to help out and run.

The campaign, "Toonie for Terry" continues through the month and so if you haven't already donated, you may still do so. 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](#)



Weather

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. Also, some families may prefer to pack a bag of extra clothes to be kept at school in your child's cubbie. If children become really wet after outside play, they may then change into a dry set of clothes to keep them comfortable for the remainder of the day.

Parking Lot

Please be reminded that the school parking lot located at the corner of Alder and 14th 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 8:40-8:55am 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 must 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 phones 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](#)

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](#)

Student Accident Plans:

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

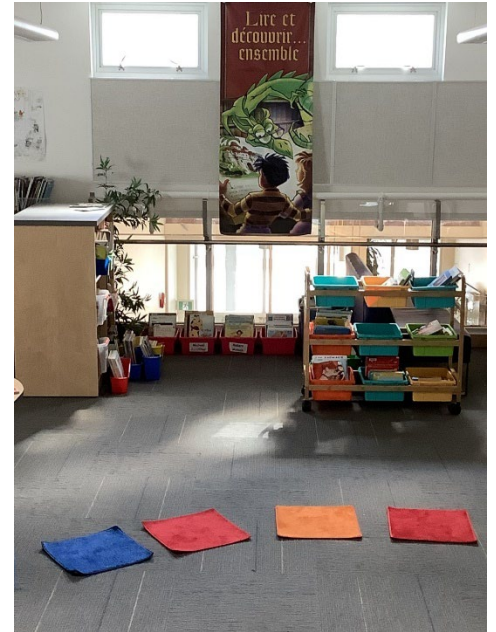
A message from Mme. Nathalie, our LEB librarian

Hello everyone!

We've kicked off story time and library visits for some students this week. The library schedule and guidelines will be shared as we begin book exchanges in the next couple of weeks. If you have any outstanding books, this gives you a little extra time to return them.

This year, I'd also love to welcome parent volunteers into the library. Currently, I'm looking for one or two parents to help with laminating and reinforcing book covers for our new paperback books. If you're available on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm in September, I would greatly appreciate your help! Please email nzeoli@vsb.bc.ca if you'd like to join me.

Also, I wanted to share with you that, thanks to our Scholastics fair last year, I was able to purchase some vibrant carts and floor mats for the library. Here's a picture! Your support truly makes a difference. I am so grateful for all our wonderful readers—big and small—who visit the library at l'École Bilingue.



Wishing you and your families exciting reading adventures for the 2024-25 school year!
See you soon,
-Nathalie

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
- This year, there will be a new format for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 in the cross country meets. All K-3 students will now run with their peers in the same grade, without differentiating their gender. They will be racing based on their grade and heat number according to school name*. This change supports our Education Plan and our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for all students. Additionally, every student participating in these races will receive a participation ribbon to celebrate their effort and enthusiasm.

Heat A: Bayview to Maquinna

Heat B: McBride to xpey

A separate information sheet about the format of our district final meet at Trout Lake will be going out to our cross-country families shortly. Thank you.

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 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

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

The PAC is excited for the start of a new school year with a big thanks to our amazing volunteers starting things off with the [Back to School BBQ](#) (Sept 19!), [after school programs](#), [always on fundraisers](#), and [Pizza lunch ordering](#) is now open!

We would love to see familiar and new faces this year in our meetings to learn what's important for you (and your kids!) as we work to improve school life and educational opportunities for our kids.

Interested in joining a PAC meeting this year? Tell us which times/days work for you [Survey Link](#).

Stay connected! Join the [PAC WhatsApp group](#) and [mailing list](#) for up to date information.

THURSDAY PIZZA LUNCH is back for the fall!

We are pleased to continue to offer individual slices of Panago Pizza, with Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie, Ham & Pineapple and Vegan available.

Cost: \$2.50 / slice

Term #1 dates:

First pizza session: Thursday Sep 26

Last pizza session: Thursday Dec19

Whole pizzas are delivered to the school, and parent volunteers work to distribute to each student at their division's lunchtime.

Please be aware:

- Your child's order (ie 1 slice cheese, 1 slice Pepperoni) is THE SAME for the whole term (Sep-Dec).

- At the time of ordering, you have the opportunity to remove dates in Munchalunch if you know your child will be away.
- No refunds are offered as lunch is a fundraiser run by parent volunteers.

To order:

Please visit Munchalunch: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

Ordering will close on Sep 22 at midnight.

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).

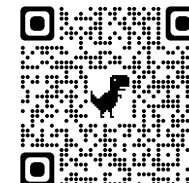
Fall/Winter 2024 Extracurricular Programs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Gym	<p>Art of Tennis - Mini Tennis</p> <p>Grades 1-3 Dates/ Times: TBD</p> <p>Contact: Juan Carlos karizmadesign@gmail.com</p>	<p>Journey Basketball</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>Registration link</p> <p>Contact: Coach Arnel journeybasketball2020@gmail.com</p>	<p>Art of Tennis - Junior Tennis</p> <p>Grades 4-7 Dates/ Times: TBD</p> <p>Contact: Juan Carlos karizmadesign@gmail.com</p>	<p>RBL Basketball</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>Registration link</p> <p>Contact: Leland leland@rblbasketball.com</p>
Music Room	<p>WIZE Interactive Programming in Python</p> <p>Grades 3-7 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>Registration link</p> <p>Contact: Namrata Sood namrata.sood@wizeacademy.com</p>	<p>Lights Up Musical Theatre</p> <p>Grade 1-7 Oct 8 - Dec 3 (9 sessions) 3-5:15 pm Fee: \$365 + GST</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Contact: Billie Murphy billie@lightsuptheatre.ca</p>	<p>WIZE Scratch Jr. -Coding, & Animation</p> <p>Grades 1-2 Dates: Sep 25- Nov 13 Time: 3-4:30 pm Fee: \$300 + \$25 annual fee+ GST</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Contact: Namrata Sood namrata.sood@wizeacademy.com</p>	<p>Young Rembrandts - Art</p> <p>Grade 1+ Oct 3 - Dec 12 (11 sessions) 3:00 - 4:15 \$253 (includes GST)</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Contact: Virginie St-Jean metrovancover@youngrembrandts.com</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

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



JOURNEY BASKETBALL PRESENTS

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

L'ecole Bilingue

**SEPTEMBER 17TH
TO DECEMBER 3RD**

EVERY TUESDAY

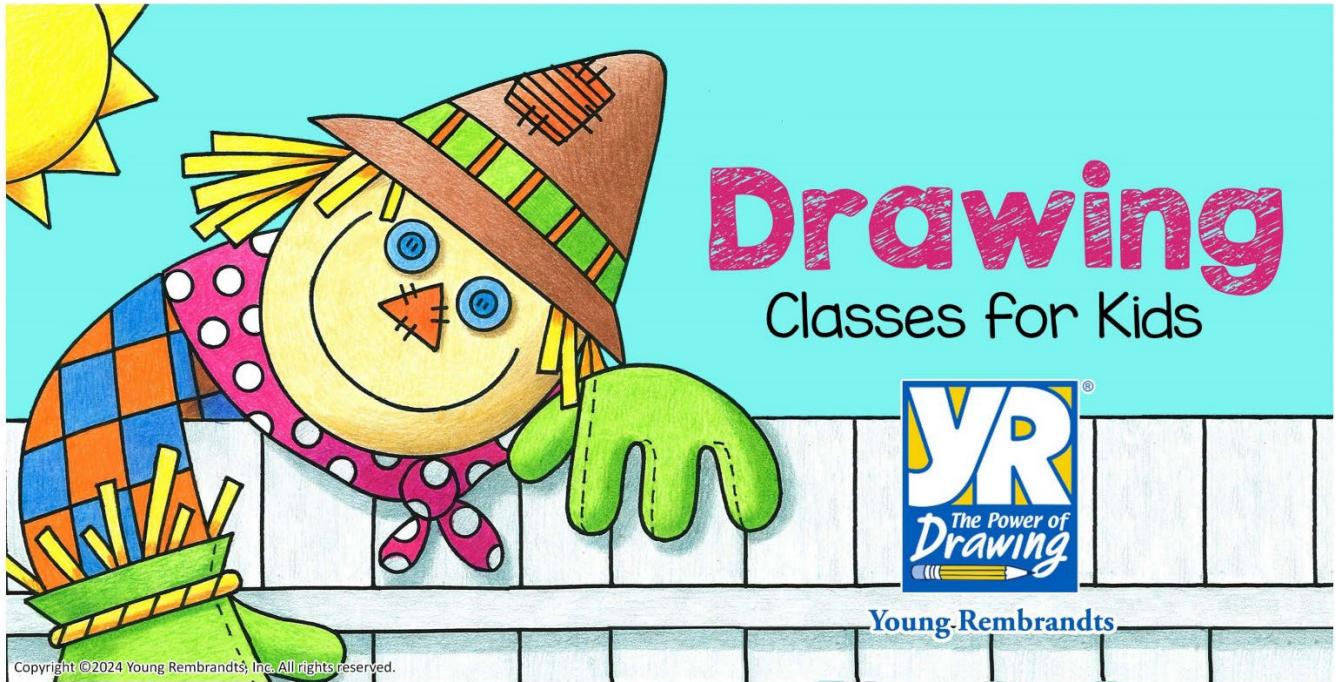
3:30PM - 5:30PM

GRADE 5 - GRADE 7

12 SESSIONS

\$280

REGISTER AT JOURNEYBASKETBALL.CA



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/
metrovancover/](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.

Young Rembrandts is an independent afterschool program and is not affiliated to the School Board.

www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/ - 604-345-9053 - [metrovancover@youngrembrandts.com](mailto:metrovancouver@youngrembrandts.com)



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/>