



# L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, September 27, 2024

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 Instruction

## Newsletter #3

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' event, and the PAC organized 'Welcome Back BBQ' on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

It was a fabulous night, indeed! For the 'Meet the Teacher' portion of the evening, families had a chance to tour classrooms and had an opportunity to meet the teacher and learn more about their programs and expectations.

The PAC sponsored Welcome Back BBQ event included so much fun: a cake walk, ring toss for bottles and lots of dancing and bubbles and lots of fun treats and food. A very special thanks to our grade seven parent leads: Rachel B, Keiko, Rachel S and Tiffany, who helped to organize this first and very special LEB event of the year.

The next opportunity for parents to meet with teachers will be in October: October 23-24 are our early dismissal days (at 2pm) to support conversations for informal learning updates. Please stay tuned to find out more information from individual classroom teachers.

Warm regards,  
 Mme Marcus & Mme Jungclaus

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### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30 will be a day of reflection with an opportunity to honour and remember all impacted by the residential school system. It's a time to learn from our province's history and, hopefully, take steps to improve our current society. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and it also provides educators an opportunity to foster dialogue and deepen their understanding of Indigenous Peoples' histories for the coming school year.



## Why Orange Shirts?

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. It grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. It has become an opportunity to keep the discussion, on all aspects of residential schools, occurring annually.



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## SUSHI LUNCH IS BACK

First lunch date is October 1st.

Munch a Lunch orders will be open until midnight tonight (Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>). Make sure to put your orders in.

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

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## FORMS

Forms will be coming home for your review. Please review the Student Verification form (pink), complete the Emergency Reunification form (yellow), and return them to your classroom teacher as soon as possible, as we require this important information.

Thank you also for completing the on-line forms.

Should you have any questions regarding these forms, do not hesitate to contact Mme Christine in the office.

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## FEES

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 2024-2025 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.

Some divisions will be using agendas this year. This fee will appear on your School Cash Online account if your classroom is using agendas. The fee for the agenda this year is \$9.00.

The school fee and agenda fee if applicable, will be added to your cash-on-line account. For technical support paying the fees on-line, please contact Mme Christine in the office. If you require financial support, please contact the Principal at [eharcus@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:eharcus@vsb.bc.ca).

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## SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will be **absent or late to school**, please inform the office by **calling the Safe Arrival line OR sending an email before 9am**. Please note that telling the classroom teacher is not sufficient, as a teacher may be away, and the office will not receive the information. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

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

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## PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please do not walk through our staff parking lot when arriving or leaving school grounds. This is requested for everyone's safety!

Please note that the staff parking lot is NOT open for drop off or pick up. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe.

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## BIKES

On most days, our bike racks are full as many of our staff and students bike to school. It is indeed a wonderful way to start and finish the school day, with exercise! Unfortunately, we have had one report of a bike being damaged this year and unfortunately, the school cannot be held responsible. However, please know that all students are reminded on a regular basis (announcements) to not touch the bikes during school time, especially if it doesn't belong to them. Also, we have supervision aides and support staff outside supporting student safety and well-being who provide additional reminders. Thank you for your understanding.

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## **SPORTS NEWS:**

### **Cross-country information**

#### **Mini-meets**

- Our first of three mini-meets will be Tuesday October 1
- All participants will meet at the gym at 2:45 for a roll call and additional information
- All runners need to attend this meeting even if they then bike or drive to the park
- We will then walk together to Douglas Park and will appreciate the help of available parents to keep our students safe
- This year, VSB Athletics has introduced new policies for the mini-meets and the Final.
  - Races for each primary grade level will combine both genders.
  - Since this will create larger groups, each primary grade race will have heats
  - For the mini-meets our school will be in Heat 1.
  - All primary runners will now only receive a participation ribbon.
- Intermediate races will be as previous years, separating genders for each grade level.

## Practices

- We had our first two practices and will have three more on the following Thursdays.
- Please remind your child to be on time and sign in when they arrive.

## Extra optional practice

- Should your child wish to do extra practices, the distances at Douglas Park are:

Grades 1 to 3	1 lap (1000 m)
Grades 4 to 6	1.5 lap (1500 m)
Grade 7	2 laps (1900 m)

## Volleyball season preparation

Registration for our volleyball season is now underway for Grades 5, 6 and 7 and will close on Wednesday, October 2.

The commitment is for about five weeks of games played from 3:00 pm to approximately 4:30 pm. Games will begin in October. As games will be played at neighborhood schools, carpooling to and from games will be needed. Game schedules will be posted by the gym door as soon as I receive them from the VSB sports coordinator.

Practice will begin soon, and schedules will be posted by the gym entrance once team count is completed.

The number of teams we can register depends on the number of available adults/staff to coach or chaperon (a VSB employee). If you are interested in helping with either of those roles, please email me BEFORE TUESDAY OCTOBER 1 AT 3 PM. Note that a chaperon is a VSB employee that attends games only, no volleyball experience necessary.

Game days are as follow:

- junior boys on Mondays (Gr 5 and 6)
- junior girls on Tuesdays (Gr 5 and 6)
- senior boys on Wednesdays (Gr 7)
- senior girls on Thursdays (Gr 7)

If you have questions about LEB Sports, please contact M. Abheeru at [mricard@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mricard@vsb.bc.ca)

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## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

It looks like the rainy weather is upon us! Students are expected to be outside during our two recesses, therefore, please ensure that your child is coming to school dressed to play outside in the rain. Sending a change of clothes is a good idea.

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## ILLNESS

A friendly reminder to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well. Staff will continue to remind students to wash their hands regularly and to cough or sneeze into their elbow in an effort to minimize the spread of germs.

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### DISPOSABLE UTENSILS

A friendly reminder to send utensils with your child's lunch. We have weekly visitors to the office, asking for forks and spoons. If you have any disposable utensils you would like to donate, please send them to the office.



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## PAC NEWS

Extracurricular programs

Tennis: This term JR Tennis will be offering tennis lessons for grades 1+ on Mondays and Wednesdays (interested kids can sign up for either or both sessions).

Choir:

- Junior choir (grades 1-3) is full/accepting students onto a waitlist.
- Senior choir (grades 4-7) still needs a few more students to run and have a few promos including a free trial and "bring a buddy" (see the attached flyer) for more info! If you have questions about these promos please ask Rob (president@vems.ca).

As usual, sign up via the PAC website: <https://lebpac.ca/programs>

*These programs are not school-sanctioned nor supervised by the PAC or L'École Bilingue staff. The instructors rent school space from the VSB Rentals Department and are fully responsible for the supervision of the students.*

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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

**Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day – no school**

**Wednesday October 23 and Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> – informal learning updates – more information to come from classroom teachers**

**Friday October 25 – Professional Development Day – no school for students**

# We Need a few more Singers!

(or even a well-behaved monster or two)



**Senior Choir: Grades 4 – 7**  
**Duration: 11 weeks plus a concert**  
**Cost: \$132 \***  
**Registration: <https://vems.ca/signup.html>**

## Skills Acquired

- Healthy Vocal Production
- Musicianship
- Live Music Making
- Performance Skills and Etiquette
- Teamwork

## Senior Choir Rehearsals Thursdays at lunch time

Oct-10, Oct-17, Oct-24, Oct-31, Nov-07, Nov-14, Nov-21, Nov-28, Dec-05, Dec-12

(Plus a concert date to be determined)

## Try before you buy

If a student joins the first rehearsal, but doesn't like it, VEMS accepts cancellations with refunds after two weeks.

## What is Choir Anyway?

Choir (pronounced Kuh-Why-Or) means singing with a group of people. Did you know that everyone can sing? When you join a choir, you get to sing with your friends and other kids. You'll learn new songs, sometimes you might know some of them, and you get to perform them for family and friends.

A choir has a conductor who stands at the front and tells you when to start and stop. They also teach you the songs. There is a person playing the piano for the whole choir. They are like the conductor's best friend. Choir is really fun and relaxing, and you'll never be hit by a random soccer ball! 😊😊

### Presented by ...

#### The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
- \* Financial assistance is available; please apply when registering in September
- VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. [www.vems.ca/donate/](http://www.vems.ca/donate/)
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the choir to run.
- Questions? Email [president@vems.ca](mailto:president@vems.ca)

