



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Monday, November 18, 2024

Newsletter #6

Evelyn Harcus, Principal
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Dear Families,

We hope this message finds you well. Starting this week, we will be moving our school newsletter distribution from **Fridays to Mondays**. This change is aimed at catching your attention at the start of the week and ensuring that you have all the information you need about upcoming events and activities.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Warm regards,

Evelyn Harcus, Principal

& Alice Jungclaus, Vice-Principal

Friday November 22nd – Pro-D Day – no school for students.

LEB staff will be learning about how to further their literacy instruction with a focus on writing. Also, new staff will be learning about the Ready Bodies Learning Minds (RBLM) program and getting hands on training in our lab. Our occupational therapist and rehab assistant from Vancouver Pediatric Team will be facilitating this opportunity.

Art Cards By Kids

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who appreciate and purchase your child's art cards. Your support not only celebrates your child's creativity but also contributes to a wonderful cause. All proceeds from the art card sales go directly to our sister school helping to make a positive impact in their community.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Art Cards ordering deadline: Friday, November 22nd

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Art Cards by Kids

Our school is participating in the Art Cards by Kids fundraiser this fall!

Watch for a sample card with instructions on how to order your child's art made into beautiful keepsake art products in the coming weeks.

Get excited because your child is hard at work creating their masterpiece in the classroom!

www.artcardsbykids.com

Recycling Soft Plastics

A reminder that this month our school is taking part in a special initiative to recycle soft plastics. We invite you to bring your soft plastics from home to contribute. Also, students who have soft plastics from their lunch (i.e.: granola bar wrappers and chip bags) are invited to throw them into our super sack, located in our front entrance.

Just be sure to contribute soft plastics that are **clean** because we don't want to attract unwanted creatures into the building.

Thanks for helping us out!

"Je prends soin de mon école"

"I take care of my school!"



Individual Photo Retakes

This is a friendly reminder to order school photos for your child for the 2024-2025 school year. Don't miss out on capturing these special memories!
Please check your Order Form for the deadline.

Headlice

Please be advised that there have been some cases of headlice that have been reported to the office. If your child is in a class where headlice has been reported, then you will receive specific notification.

Please be reminded that headlice is not a medical condition, and is quite common in elementary aged children. We realize it can be an inconvenience to treat, so here are some tips in helping to mitigate:

- Tie up long hair
- Add 10-15 drops of tea tree oil to your family's shampoo bottles (the scent repels lice)
- Remind your child to be mindful in **reducing head-to-head contact** (this is the **ONLY** way headlice is spread)
- As a precaution, check your child's hair regularly particularly behind the ears and around the base of the neck.

Basketball Season Preparation

It is already time to prepare for the basketball season!

There was an information meeting on Monday, November 18th at 12:10pm in the multipurpose room. Registration is for students in Grades 5 to 7. Students can sign up at the meeting and must sign up before end of day on Thursday, November 21st. This closing date is necessary as the VSB expects our FINAL team count for scheduling.

It is important that you and your child understand that the LEB team planning is based on the number of registered players. Therefore, we ask students NOT to withdraw their names after the closing deadline. Please double check your child's availability based on the game day schedule below.

Games will begin mid-January and be between 3:00 and 4:45 pm. The season will be four to seven weeks long.

- Junior Boys (gr. 5 & 6) games will be on Mondays
- Junior Girls (gr. 5 & 6) games will be on Tuesdays
- Senior Boys (gr. 7) games will be on Wednesdays
- Senior Girls (gr. 7) games will be on Thursdays

Practices will begin in January (or in some cases in December) and will be held before school (8:00 am) and/or at lunch. The practice schedule will be posted at the gym entrance.

The number of teams we can sponsor also depends on how many adults volunteer coaches are available. We are inviting parents to share their basketball expertise. If you have some basketball experience and would like to be a volunteer coach, please contact M. Abheeru before Thursday November 21. Please indicate your availability in your message.

Thank you for your support and looking forward to another great basketball season!

Abheeru Ricard

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Early Kindergarten Registration – begins November 1st, 2024.

Kindergarten registration has begun. More details can be found on the VSB website:

[Priority Kindergarten Registration](#)

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

I want to introduce you to a fantastic resource available to families, *Confident Parents, Thriving Kids*, a program developed by the Canadian Mental Health Association. This initiative offers valuable support to children dealing with anxiety and behavioural challenges, and it's entirely free of charge.

- **Anxiety Program:** As your school counsellor, I can refer your child to this program if they are experiencing anxiety. The program provides evidence-based strategies and one-on-one coaching to help children build confidence and manage their emotions effectively.
- **Behaviour Program:** If your child is struggling with behavioural issues, a referral from your family doctor is required. This program focuses on improving children's behaviour and emotional well-being through structured support and coaching for parents.

For more information, feel free to visit <https://welcome.cmhacptk.ca>. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or think this resource could benefit your family

Warm regards,
Nancy Chong, School Counselor

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will be **absent from school** or **arriving late**, please inform the office by contacting the Safe Arrival line before 9am:

Safe Arrival phone: 604-713-4585
Safe Arrival email: lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca

Please note that telling the classroom teacher is not sufficient, as a teacher may be away, and the office will not receive the information.

Also please note that the L'École Bilingue voicemail is not checked in a timely manner due to the busy nature of the office; please leave any time sensitive messages on the Safe Arrival phone line.

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.

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. Kindly avoid parking in the staff lot between 8am and 3pm.

We thank you for your cooperation.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

It looks like the rainy and cold weather 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. Sending a change of clothes is a good idea.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday November 22nd – Pro-D Day – no school for students

Monday December 16th – Learning Update #1 goes home to families

Friday December 20th – Last day before winter break

Monday January 6th, 2025 – First day back to school