



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Monday, November 25, 2024

Newsletter #7

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

Dear Families,

As we enter the colder months, we want to remind everyone of the importance of keeping sick children at home. This helps prevent the spread of illness and ensures a healthier environment for all our students and staff.

At our school, we are taking proactive measures to reduce the spread of infections. Our efforts include regularly disinfecting high-touch areas such as door handles, railings, and water fountains. These steps are part of our commitment to maintaining a clean and safe school environment.

We appreciate your understanding and support in keeping our school community healthy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Warm regards,

Evelyn Harcus, Principal
& Alice Jungclaus, Vice-Principal

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.

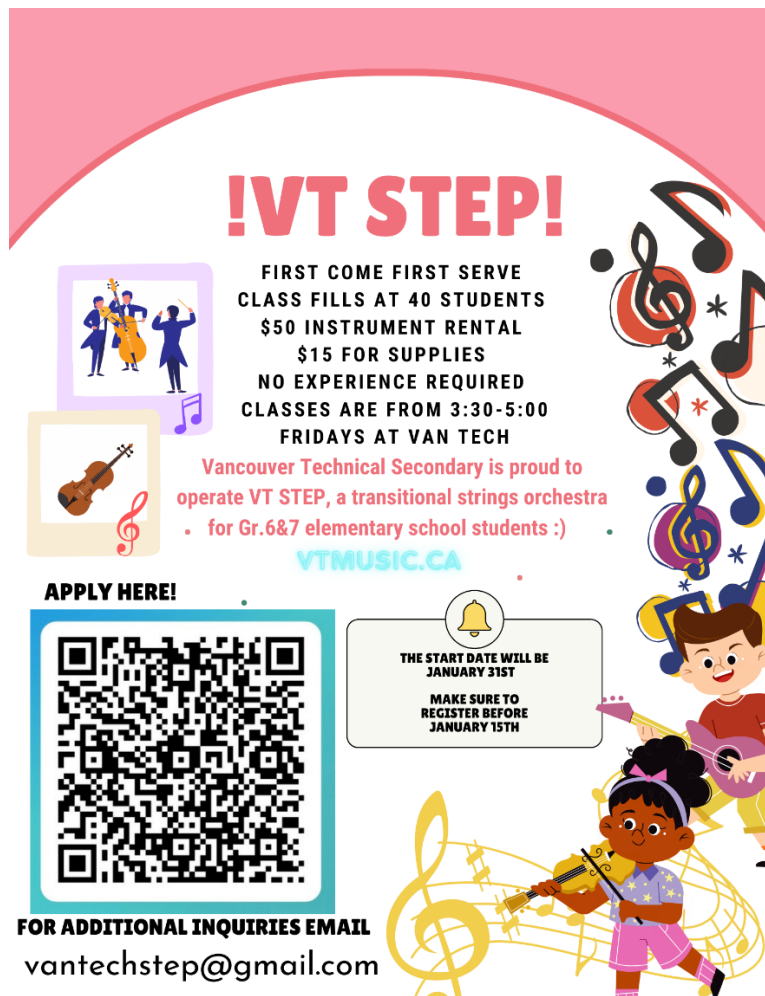
Also please be aware that the L'École Bilingue voicemail is not checked in a timely manner due to the busy nature of the office; please leave any time sensitive messages on the Safe Arrival phone line.

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.

STRINGS ORCHESTRA

Vancouver Technical School is offering a strings orchestra class for Grades 6 & 7.




!VT STEP!

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
CLASS FILLS AT 40 STUDENTS
\$50 INSTRUMENT RENTAL
\$15 FOR SUPPLIES
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
CLASSES ARE FROM 3:30-5:00
FRIDAYS AT VAN TECH

Vancouver Technical Secondary is proud to
operate VT STEP, a transitional strings orchestra
for Gr.6&7 elementary school students :)

VTMUSIC.CA

APPLY HERE!



FOR ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES EMAIL
vantechstep@gmail.com

**THE START DATE WILL BE
JANUARY 31ST**
**MAKE SURE TO
REGISTER BEFORE
JANUARY 15TH**

The poster features illustrations of a string quartet, a violin, and two children playing instruments. The background is pink and white with musical notes and a treble clef.

Early Kindergarten Registration – began November 1st, 2024.

Kindergarten registration has begun. More details can be found on the VSB website:
[Priority Kindergarten Registration](#)

HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS

For the seventh year, our school community will provide Holiday Gift Bags to the Downtown Community Health Centre on Powell Street. The clinic provides medical services to vulnerable individuals on the downtown east side on Christmas day and patients who come in receive a holiday bag from our school. For many, this is their only gift received and this year, our support is needed more than ever.



Blue bags have been placed in the classroom pods for collection until December 17th. The goal is to fill 100 individual gift bags as we did last year. The generosity of LEB families each year is incredible and very much appreciated.

In addition to the division items, we are also collecting \$5-\$10 Tim Hortons gift cards to complete the bags. No time to shop? Direct cash donations to LEB PAC (email address: treasurer@lebpac.ca and reference Holiday Gift Bags) are gratefully accepted. All money collected will be used to supplement and top up the donation items.

A very sincere thank you for your continued support with this essential project!

Allison Mitchell, Sarah Evanetz, Tessa Chaworth & Erin Barrett alliemitch@gmail.com

Items for divisions:

- Divisions 1 & 2 – Menstrual products and men's/women's deodorant
- Divisions 3 & 4 – Adult toques (new or gently used okay)
- Divisions 5 & 6 – Gloves/mittens (new or gently used okay)
- Divisions 7 & 8 – Socks: men's/women's- wool, synthetic preferred (new)
- Division 9 – Band-Aids and/or lotion (small size)
- Division 10 – Shampoo & conditioner (small size)
- Divisions 11 & 12 – Body wash (small size) and lip balm
- Divisions 13 & 14 – Hand towels (new/small size)
- Division 15 – Individually packaged snacks, cookies, granola bars, candies, etc.
- Division 16 – Hand sanitizer and hand/body lotion (small size)
- Divisions 17 & 18 – Toothbrushes and toothpaste

VANCOUVER HAWKS FIELD HOCKEY

The Vancouver Hawks will be coming to L'École Bilingue Elementary the week of December 9-13th to teach Field Hockey to our students. If your child is interested in playing Field Hockey outside of school, the Vancouver Hawks have an extensive Junior program for boys and girls (U5-U18). Spring Junior season runs April to June (U5-U18). Spring registration is NOW OPEN! Please visit our website: www.vancouverhawks.com for all the details.

See the information sheet attached to this email for all the details!

Recycling Soft Plastics

One more week to go!

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.

We are aiming to fill 3 super sacs – we are halfway there!

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!"



PLASTIC CUTLERY

Please remember to send cutlery with your child's lunch, especially if they have ordered sushi (on Tuesdays), as we have many students coming to the office for forks and spoons.

The office does NOT have a supply of cutlery.

If you have plastic cutlery to donate, please send it to the office. Much appreciated!

PAC NEWS

From the PAC Fundraising Committee:

Pie Hole - Thank you families, **we raised \$1195** towards the grade 5 Victoria trip!

Winter plant sale - orders are still open until Midnight tonight (on **Monday, Nov 25**)!
Can we beat last year's total? <https://ecolebilingue.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Direct Donations - voluntary and tax deductible, this is how the PAC raises the bulk of our funds. DD funds in the past have provided: cultural events, programs like Earth Bites and Selema Noon, funds for the library and field trips, new gym equipment.

<https://lebpac.ca/fundraising>

Cobs Bread at Cambie & 8th - please mention L'École Bilingue when you pay, they donate 5% of your purchase to the PAC. This is a great initiative to share with friends and family.

Mabel's Labels- Have you seen the lost and found pile in the main foyer? Mabel's Labels sells labels for almost everything you can think of. Labels are machine and dishwasher safe. Order today!

campaigns.mabelslabels.com - search for L'Ecole Bilingue PAC (Vancouver) and shop.

Tru Earth is having a huge bundle sale with up to 40% off! As always 20% of your purchase is donated back to the PAC.

<http://tru-earth.sjv.io/lebpac>

Questions or comments about fundraising? Reach out to Karla fundraising@lebpac.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Friday December 20th – Last day of school before winter break

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