



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #9

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Dear LEB Families,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a fun and restful winter break. What a fantastic way to start 2025 with the sun shining and everything looking bright!

As we kick off the new year, here are a few important reminders:

1. **Extreme Weather and School Closures:** Please check the information below regarding extreme weather conditions and potential school closures.
2. **Traffic Safety:**
 - Follow traffic regulations during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.
 - For families commuting from various parts of the city, we encourage you to park your vehicles and safely escort your children across the street and onto the school grounds.
 - If dropping off older students, ensure you drop them off on the proper side of the street and park your vehicle instead of letting them out mid-street. 14th Avenue is busy with bikes and other vehicle traffic.
 - Morning supervision begins at 8:40 AM, and students are welcome to come onto the grounds to play and connect before the 9:00 AM start time.
 - Consider parking a few blocks away and walking to school together to get some exercise and set a positive tone for the day.

In the coming months, we look forward to having Constable Christie from the VPD traffic department and community policing support our school safety. We also hope to implement a student patrol program next year.

Wishing you all the best in 2025, and we look forward to great learning opportunities and growth this year!

Warm regards,

Evelyn Harcus, Principal &

Alice Jungclaus, Vice-Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL – How to notify the school

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 (You can CC your classroom teacher!)

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/Email is not checked in a timely manner due to the busy nature of the office; please leave any time sensitive messages with Safe Arrival.

Be in the know, winter is coming!

- Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.
- During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.
- **Stay updated:**
 - Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](#)
 - Instagram: [@vsb39](#)
 - X: [@VSB39](#)
 - VSB website: vsb.bc.ca/weather

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.

Safety Reminders - Be seen, be safe!

A reminder for all students to ensure that they are properly outfitted for the season. Students riding a bike or scooter to and from school should be properly outfitted with a helmet and should also wear bright gear so that they are highly visible. This is especially important as it is now getting dark before 5pm. Be seen and be safe! The Vancouver Police Department Traffic Safety officers will be out to visit our school in January for an important assembly about pedestrian safety.

Preparing for Grade 8

For families of Grade 7 students, preparing for Grade 8: having the right information can help alleviate stress during this transition period.

The VSB has a new Webpage where all the relevant information is gathered:

[Preparing for Grade 8/What to know during the Grade 7 year](#)

Kindergarten Registration

Early Kindergarten registration began on November 1st 2024.

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

PAC NEWS

Winter extracurricular program update

Check out the schedule and register here: <https://lebpac.ca/programs>

Winter 2024

For January to March 2025 all classes will be in the Music Room. Program providers can't rent the gym as it is being used for VSB basketball.

After School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Program	Python Programming	Inside Out	Coding with Scratch	Elementary Drawing
Instructor	Wize Computing	Lights Up	Wize Computing	Young Rembrandts
Grades	3 to 7	1 to 7	1 to 3	1 to 6
Dates	Jan 13-Mar 10 (except Jan 17)	Jan 14-Mar 11	Jan 15-Mar 5	Jan 23-Mar 13
Time	3:00-4:30	3:00-5:15	3:00-4:30	3:00-4:15
Cost	\$300 + \$25 fee	\$383.25 (incl tax)	\$300 + \$25 fee	\$184
Contact	Namrata	Billie	Namrata	Virginie

Choir	Tuesday	Thursday
Program	Junior Choir	Senior Choir
Grades	K to 3	3-7
Dates	Jan 14-Mar 4	Jan 16-Mar 6
Time	Noon	Noon
Cost	\$96	\$96
Contact	Rob	Rob

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. Please ensure your child knows exactly where and when to go.

Sport Equipment Donation

THE LEB PAC continues to encourage donations of used and new sport equipment. Items such as bouncy balls, skipping ropes, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, frisbees, hula hoops, even sidewalk chalk and bubbles will be valuable in helping to keep our students engaged in sports and play during our outside recess times.



If you have a donation, please place it in the baskets that are located under the tables just outside the school office. Thank you for your contributions. We have our wonderful playground leaders who are volunteer grade four and five students who help to facilitate safe and healthy play with our grade one and kindergarten students on the back playground. This donated play equipment will be especially valuable in helping to teach and promote safe fun play.



2025 IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, January 24, 2025 – Professional Development Day – No school for students

Friday, February 14, 2025 – District-Wide Professional Development Day – No school for students

Monday, March 10, 2025 – Learning Update #2 goes home

March 17-28 – Spring Break

Monday, March 31, 2025 – Return to school after spring break