



OUR VSB

# L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Monday, January 20, 2025

## Newsletter #10

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

Dear LEB Families,

As we progress through Term 2, we are thrilled to see our students working hard and engaging in a variety of enriching activities. Our students have been participating in numerous field studies, both on and off campus, including workshops, ice skating and cooking classes that have been both educational and fun.

Basketball season is now underway, with games starting this week. We are excited to see our teams in action and wish them the best of luck!

In other exciting news, we have just installed a new scooter rack along the main walkway up to the front of the school. This addition will provide a convenient and secure place for students to park their scooters.

We continue to focus on engagement activities during lunchtime recess. Some of our students are helping as library monitors, some are finding a cozy spot in the main foyer to enjoy card games with friends. Also, we have a scratch coding club, creative writing club, art oratoire (public speaking) and book club. Plus, with some new sports equipment, we are rolling out soccer balls and basketballs for use during outside recess time. For our younger learners, we are reminding them of the available play options and who to ask for help if they encounter any problems.

In the coming weeks, Mme. Harcus and Mme. Jungclaus will be meeting with smaller grade groups to facilitate mini assemblies. These sessions aim to support social-emotional learning and promote fun and positive interactions during recess times.

Looking ahead, we have some special events planned. On January 29th, we will celebrate the Lunar New Year with a lion dance performance. The following day, January 30th, Constable Christie will join us for a mini assembly to discuss pedestrian safety.

As we move forward, we are also exploring ways to support our students in practicing safe online behavior. In the meantime, we encourage parents to visit [Common Sense Media](#) for valuable information on keeping children safe online. Additionally, we urge parents to regularly check in with their children about their online activities and overall well-being, both at school and in other settings.

We'd like to highlight that there are a few upcoming family sessions that are being offered by ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education). February 4<sup>th</sup> is the next planned session and it's a remote session recommended for parents/caregivers and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community (60 minute session).

### [ERASE Family Sessions](#)

At the school level we will also be working to support student learning around being a safe and caring digital citizen and classes will be participating in some ERASE sessions.

This week the weather continues to remind us that we're still well in the winter season. Please dress/remind your children to dress warm and be equipped for this polar system blowing through. Stay warm and stay well!

Kind regards,

Evelyn Harcus, Principal &

Alice Jungclaus, Vice-Principal

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### 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](https://vsb.bc.ca/weather)

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### 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](mailto:lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca) (You can CC your classroom teacher!)**

Please note that telling the classroom teacher is insufficient, 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.

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## Counsellor's Corner

### Erik Erikson's 8 Stages of Development

Erik Erikson, a renowned psychologist, outlined eight stages of psychosocial development that people experience throughout their lives. Each stage represents a unique challenge or task that contributes to a person's sense of self and relationships. For school-age children, this often involves building confidence, navigating peer relationships, and developing a sense of competence. Understanding these stages can offer helpful insights into how children grow and adapt during different phases of life.

Here is an article about each stage: [Positive Psychology Erikson](#)

Here is a video about each stage: [Positive Psychology Stages Youtube](#)

I like to keep these stages in mind when working with students and also as a parent (as I parent two teenagers).

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## 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.

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## Utensils

If you have plastic forks/spoons/chopsticks to donate to the school, please send them to the office.

If you are ordering SUSHI lunch, please remember to send utensils, as each week several students are in the office asking for supplies.

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## 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](#)

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## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2025-26 school year. More details can be found on the VSB website: [Priority Kindergarten Registration](#)

## 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.



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## **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, February 17, 2025 – Family Day – No school**

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

**March 17-28 – Spring Break**

**Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Return to school after spring break**