



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #21

Dear L'École Bilingue Community,

As we bring the 2024–2025 school year to a close, this final edition of the LEB newsletter comes with heartfelt farewells and warm wishes for several members of our cherished staff who will be moving on to new chapters.

Mr. Matthew McBride, our dedicated and long-standing Kindergarten teacher, will be relocating to the Sunshine Coast. Over the past fifteen years, Matthew has been a cornerstone of the LEB community, nurturing countless young learners with care and enthusiasm. We extend our deepest gratitude and wish him all the best in his new teaching and life adventures.

Ms. Nancy Chong, our area counsellor, will be focusing her efforts on her three East Side schools next year. We thank Nancy for her compassionate support and welcome Ms. Laura Robertson to the LEB family as our new area counsellor. Laura will follow a similar schedule, working Wednesdays, Fridays, and alternating Mondays.

We'd like to thank Anne Rodgers, our wonderful Speech-Language Pathologist, who will be moving on to support schools in a new zone next year. Anne's expertise and dedication over the past few years have been deeply appreciated. We wish her all the best in this next chapter!

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mme. Judy Toy for stepping into the teacher-librarian role this year while Mme. Nathalie Zeoli brought her energy into the classroom. Mme. Judy, a long-time high school librarian in Coquitlam, graciously came out of retirement to support our school community. Her experience, dedication, and warmth have made a lasting impact, and we are truly thankful for the time and care she has shared with us.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Mme. Evelyn Niyuhire for her incredible support and dedication as a student support worker at LEB this year. As an additional allocation, she brought warmth, care, and commitment to our youngest learners, helping them grow and thrive. We are so grateful for her contributions to our school community and wish her all the best in her next adventure at her new school.

Mme Catherine Pilotte, after an extraordinary 33-year teaching career, has decided to retire. We congratulate her on this remarkable milestone and wish her many joyful days ahead filled with cycling, travel, and cherished time with family. *Félicitations, Mme Catherine!*

Mr. Olivier Salvas will be taking on an exciting new role as Vice-Principal at Kerrisdale Elementary School. Olivier has been an integral part of our school, championing initiatives such as the Safer Space Club, literacy development, Indigenous education, professional learning, and SOGI. We thank him for his leadership and unwavering commitment to our community.

Mme Jungclaus, who has served LEB with dedication over the past two and a half years as both an intermediate resource teacher and Vice-Principal, will also be moving on to serve as Vice-Principal at Maple Grove Elementary. Her professionalism, work ethic, and support have left a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed. We are excited to welcome Mme. Louise Plante as our new Vice-Principal. She has been an integral part of the French Immersion community for many years and will be a welcome addition to our LEB family.

To all our staff members embarking on new journeys, we extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes. Your contributions have enriched our school in countless ways.

To our Grade 7 students and others transitioning to new schools, we hope you carry with you fond memories of your time at L'École Bilingue. We are proud of all you have accomplished and excited for what lies ahead.

Wishing everyone a joyful and restful summer filled with sunshine, family time, and well-deserved relaxation.

Warmest regards,

Mme Marcus



Winners of the Bike-to-School week!

A note from M. Matthew:

Dear Families of L'École Bilingue, I wanted to share some happy/sad/BIG FEELING news with you. Some of you may have already heard it through the grapevine, but this is my final year teaching at L'École. Mariko, Oona and I are making a brave move to the Sunshine Coast. I have had an incredible run of 15 years of teaching at L'École, with all the ups and downs that two-thousand-seven-hundred-forty-five days of instruction can hold. It was a privilege to learn alongside your kinders, and I am so grateful to be able to spend my days teaching. I feel honoured that you entrusted me with your little ones, and I wanted to let you know that their thirst for learning and capacity for care fills the cockles my heart. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to spend my days labouring at something that precipitates joy and wonder.

*With love from your friendly neighbourhood kindergarten teacher,
M. Matthew"*

SUMMARY OF LEARNING REPORTS

The year end Summary of Learning reports will be sent home on Wednesday June 25th. If your child will not be at school on June 25th, their report will be kept in the office and may be picked up the following week on Monday June 30th or Wednesday July 2nd or in September.

Please take the time to review this important document with your child and congratulate them on a job well done! Thank you to the staff who worked very hard to write this comprehensive report which highlights your child's successes.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

September is a crucial month for all schools as we finalize enrollment and ensure accurate communication of our numbers to the provincial government. This helps us secure the correct funding based on our enrollment figures. If you plan to be away during September, please make sure to speak with Mme. Marcus and also complete the 'notice of late return' form. Merci.

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SCHOOL FEES & SCHOOL CALENDAR

See attached notice regarding upcoming school fees for the 2025-2026 school year. Please also see our 2025/26 school calendar with professional development dates and etc. for your planning purposes.

SEPTEMBER START-UP AND BELL SCHEDULE

The first day of school will be on **Tuesday, September 2nd from 9:00-10:00 am**. All students will return to their previous classroom including the current Kindergarten students.

Wednesday, September 3 to Friday, September 5, students will continue to be in their previous classroom with their current teacher except for the current kindergarten students – their teachers will be busy welcoming the new to LEB kindergarten students. Details on classroom location and who will be with these students will be shared in early September.

2025-2026 L'École Bilingue Bell Schedule:

9:00 am – Start

10:30-10:50 am – Recess

12:10-12:55 pm – Lunch

2:58 pm – Dismissal

VSB AFTER THE BELL

In this episode, we turn the conversation over to the people who make our District so special – the students and staff! Learn about some of their best and proudest moments by listening to the episode [here](#), or find it on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or wherever you listen to podcasts by searching VSB: After the Bell.

[Ep. 36 - After the Bell: School Year Recap by VSB: After The Bell](#)

FOR GRADE 6 PARENTS

Please see the attachment with the September 2026 Grade 8 program offerings. Please note information nights for those interested programs.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is piling up with lots of sweaters, shoes and jackets. If you are missing an item, please come and check out the lost and found – located in the wing by the music room. Merci!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, June 25 – Summary of Learning report goes home

Thursday, June 26 – Last day of school for students

Tuesday, September 2 – First day back to school for the 2025/26 school Year 9:00-10:00am for students.

Wednesday, September 3 – First FULL day back: 9:00-2:58pm (except for our new kindergarten students who have their own gradual entry schedules)

PAC NEWS

Welcome Back BBQ Planning – help needed

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 (Pro-D on the Friday)

This LEB welcome back event needs your help to be successful. With an early start we hope for light work. Please join the WhatsApp chat for information, save the above date and expect for a planning meeting the first week of September. If WhatsApp is not your thing, email Kelly directly: klittle.2012@gmail.com

We need at least one grade 7 parent to support us in liaising with our grade 7 students who remain a core part of running the stations.

Please join the chat for information:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JnVZ4EhtaxDK31utOwb53N>

Welcome Back BBQ 2025-26

WhatsApp group

