



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday September 5, 2025

Newsletter #1

Evelyn Marcus, Principal
Louise Plante, Vice-Principal
Christopher Wong, Director of Instruction

Welcome Back L'École Bilingue Families,

We hope that you had a wonderful summer break and are feeling rested and excited for the 2025/26 school year ahead.

This year we welcome a cohort of new grade one students to the French Immersion program. As well we welcome about twenty new grade two to seven students to our community of learners. This week has been all about seeing/meeting friends, re-connecting and getting back into the school groove.

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to the L'École Bilingue family:

- Louise Plante- new Vice-Principal/intermediate resource teacher
- Ty Amundson – teaching Grade 4/5 this year
- Phillip Menzies- teaching Grade 1/2 this year
- Amy Roy-Sherman – teaching Grade 1 this year
- Laura Robertson- new area Counsellor supporting our school (W, F and alternating Mondays)

We continue to work towards filling three positions – Grade six, Kindergarten and a part-time Prep/Resource position. As you may be well-aware, finding suitable and qualified teachers, especially for French Immersion is a challenge. We continue to work on this and will keep these impacted students/families updated with timely and relevant information as needed.

This week students spent time with their classmates and classroom teacher from last year. Time playing and sharing about their summer experiences, slowly getting back into routines. On Monday we have been approved to move into our new class placements for the 2025/26 school year and on families will receive an email with specifics about their child's new teacher, classroom location, and dismissal/pick up location. Please look for this email.

This is a very exciting time for students, and we want to assure families that teachers used their careful professional judgement in figuring out class placements and there were many factors to consider during this process. In all cases, teachers made their best efforts to

ensure that the placement was done to ensure student success and to ensure that there was at least one preferred friend in the same class. This time of year brings excitement but also big feelings of anxiety, with some students worrying about their friends and new teacher. As a parent/family you can help to encourage your child to have a growth mindset, to try and see the positives about the placement and to encourage them to put forward their best attitude. With time we find all our students settle into their new classes and work towards a positive and productive year of learning.

If you have specific concerns about your learner and would like to communicate that with the classroom teacher, especially if there are specific safety and learning concerns/needs, please do reach out.

We will have our 'Meet the teacher' night on Thursday September 18th and that will align with our evening 'Welcome Back BBQ' event which is hosted by the PAC. If you haven't already, please mark this evening on your calendar and join us to meet the teacher and then for the barbeque to connect with other LEB families.

Our school newsletters will be sent out on a bi-weekly basis typically on Fridays. In these newsletters are important/relevant information and reminders from the administrative team. Also, you will find important information about dates (pro-d, information nights, school spirit days). As well the PAC embeds in our newsletter information about after-school programming which may interest you.

Once again welcome back for another school year. Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead. I'm sure many of our students will be tired after a first week back of early mornings.

Take care,

Evelyn Harcus
Principal

Louise Plante
Vice-Principal

Safe Arrival

Absent/Late: If your child will be **absent from school** or **arriving late**, please inform the office by contacting the Safe Arrival line before 9am. Children who are not reported absent will receive a phone call from our office staff to ensure their safety.

If your child is arriving late, they must **sign in at the office before heading to class**.

Safe Arrival email: lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca (You can CC your classroom teacher!)

Safe Arrival phone: 604-713-4585

Please remember to state the STUDENT'S FULL NAME, division, reason for absence.

Leaving Early: if a student is leaving school early, **parents - please present yourself at the office to sign the student out**. We will call the student down to the office. Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety measure

Lost and Found

One last opportunity to check the lost and found for any missing items. Lost and Found items can be found in the east wing of the school by the gym/multipurpose room. Whatever isn't claimed by Friday September 19th will be donated.

Parking Lot & Traffic Safety

Please be reminded that the school parking lot located at the corner of Alder and 14th is for staff use only during school hours. Parents may park on the street to escort their children to their pick up/drop off spot. Additionally, please be reminded not to use the parking lot as a pathway to and from the school as it can be dangerous if there are cars coming and going. We are encouraging our families to move in a clock-wise direction around our school in order to help ease the traffic flow.

Medication

If your child is prescribed a medication that has to be delivered during the school day (EpiPen, puffer, etc.) please be sure to come by the office to discuss with Mme Christine, our Office Admin and First Aid Attendant. There is a consent form that we must be filled out in order to allow the administration of medication.

Important Dates:

Monday September 8 – Students move to their new classes for 2025/26 – Parents will be emailed the class placement information on Monday

Thursday September 18 – Meet the Teacher 5:00-6:00pm and Welcome Back BBQ 5:00-8:00pm

Friday September 19 – Pro-D Day – No school for students

Thursday September 25 – LEB Terry Fox Run

Tuesday September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day – No school

LEB PAC NEWS

Welcome Back, L'École Bilingue Families!

Mark your calendars—the much-anticipated **Welcome Back BBQ** is happening on **Thursday, September 18th, from 5–8pm** following *Meet the Teacher*.

This annual event is both an important **fundraiser for our Grade 7 graduating class** and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, and ALL are Welcome!

This year's highlights include:

- Cultivate Food Truck: burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, mac & cheese
- DJ Kyprios spinning the tunes
- Rain or Shine Ice Cream Truck
- Face painting & photo booth
- Musical cakes
- Snack table
- Movie room
- Game stations led by our Grade 7 grads
- The always-popular *Swifty Station*

Most importantly, the BBQ is a chance to **welcome new families and staff** and to **reconnect with old friends** as we kick off the school year together.

Important Details:

- Food orders will open soon through **MunchaLunch**, once class lists have been finalized.
- You can create and set up your students account at <https://munchalunch.com/>
- **All food truck orders are pre-sale only!!** There will be no food orders.
- Deadline to order is **Sunday, September 14th**.

We'll also be looking for **DONATIONS** (baked goods for musical cakes, unopened bottles, and more) as well as additional volunteer support—details to follow

We can't wait to see you there and celebrate the start of another great school year! A reminder that this fundraiser is traditionally led by Grade 7 students and families. We're currently short on volunteers—many from outside Grade 7—and would love to see more Grade 7 families step up so this tradition can truly be celebrated by our grads.

WhatsApp planning group: [Join here](#)

Leads: Kelly Little (778-836-0608) & Usha Menard — more leads welcome!

Please share this in your class/group chats.

LEB Afterschool Program News – PAC:**Fall 2025 Extracurricular Programs**

Registration is now open for the following programs. More information can be found in the attached flyers. We're still confirming programs for Monday so please stay tuned.

Extracurricular Programs: September to December 2025				
GYM	Monday *	Tuesday *	Wednesday	Thursday
Program			JR Tennis Academy	RBL Basketball
Age			Ages 6-9 (Gr 1 to 3)	Gr 4 to 6 (plus any keen gr 3s and 7s)
Dates			Oct 15 - Dec 17 (10 sessions)	Sep 25 - Dec 18 (11 sessions) NO SESSION Oct 9 and 23
Time			3:05pm-4:35pm (coaches will be there at 3pm)	3:15pm-4:45pm
Cost			\$346.50 incl. GST	\$315 +GST
Registration			Register here	Register here
Contact			Rilan	Leland
LIBRARY	Monday *	Tuesday *	Wednesday	Thursday
Program		Lights Up Musical Theatre - Beauty and the Beast	Brainiacs: Board Games and Chess	Young Rembrandts
Age		Gr K to 7	Gr K to 7	Gr 1 to 6
Dates		Oct 14 - Dec 16 (9 sessions) NO SESSION Nov 11	Sep 17 - Dec 10 (13 sessions)	Sep 25 to Dec 11 (12 sessions)
Time		3pm-5:15pm	3pm-5pm (2pm-4pm on Oct 8)	3pm-4:10pm (2pm-3:10pm on Oct 9)

Cost		\$365 +GST	\$395 +GST	\$282 incl. GST 10% off until Sep 8 with code <i>EARLYBIRD10</i>
Registration		Register here	Register here	Register here
Contact		Billie	Ashwin	Virginie
Music Room	Monday *	Tuesday *	Wednesday	Thursday
Program		VEMS Junior Choir		VEMS Senior Choir
Age		Gr 1 to 3		Gr 4 to 7
Dates		Sep 16 - Dec 9 (11 rehearsals and a concert)		Sep 25 to Dec 4 (11 rehearsals and a concert)
Time		Lunch time		Lunch time
Cost		\$156 +GST		\$156 +GST
Registration		Register here		Register here
Contact		Rob		Rob

* No sessions on stat holidays (Sep 30, Oct 13, Nov 11)

Early dismissal on Oct 8 and 9. Programs will start and end one hour earlier

Please remember that these programs are not school-sanctioned nor supervised by the PAC or by L'Ecole 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 (or be there to help on the first day of the program).



LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE AFTERSCHOOL AT L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE ELEMENTARY

Sing. Dance. Act. Shine!

At Lights Up Afterschool, your child can experience the joys and benefits of musical theatre by taking part in our afterschool programs led by our talented and experienced Lights Up Musical Theatre Schools' staff. These classes are a unique introduction to our weekend musical theatre programs and provide students with an enriching, rewarding, and most of all, fun afterschool activity right at the bell!

FALL SHOW: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

This Fall, *be our guest* with Lights Up's production of "Beauty and the Beast!" With a script crafted specifically for our afterschool program, students will step into a world of magic, beloved music, and enchanted characters! Taking inspiration from both the film and Broadway musical, join us for a great adventure in this *tale as old as time!*

Students will be supervised from dismissal. No need to pick up your child until 5:15pm!

Performance on the last day of classes for friends and family!

After School Tuesdays

OCT 14 - DEC 16

3PM - 5:15PM

GRADES: K to 7

Fee: \$365* (*plus GST)

<https://lightsuptheatre.ca/lecolebilingue/>



JR TENNIS ACADEMY

DISCOVER THE FUN OF TENNIS!

🎾 JR Tennis Academy Presents: After-School Tennis at LEB 🎾

JR Tennis offers after-school tennis program on Wednesday 3:05-4:35pm (Oct 15 to Dec 17) for students aged 6-9. Total of 10 sessions.

Our group lessons provide a fun and supportive environment where students learn and grow together. With a 1:8 coach-to-student ratio, players receive personalized guidance while enjoying the energy and teamwork of group play. Each session focuses on skill development, fitness, and confidence — perfect for beginners and intermediate players looking to improve while having fun with friends.

Program Details:

- Location: Gym
- Day/Date: Wednesday: Oct 15 to Dec 17
 - 1) Group Lesson (18 spots)
 - a. 3:05-4:35pm
 - b. Age: 6-9
 - c. 10 Sessions
 - d. \$346.50 (GST included)
 - 2) Private/Semi/Custom Group
 - a. Age: 6-12
 - b. 4:45-5:45pm
 - c. Please Email for more details
- o Gym opens at 3:00pm.

Join the Fun Today!

- Register Now: www.jrtennis.ca
- Contact Us: Rilan (778-227-7727 or rilanjrtennis@gmail.com)

🎾 JR Tennis Academy — Where Young Champions Begin! 🎾



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Classes for Kids



YoungRembrandts

L'Ecole Bilingue

Grades 1st to 6th

Let's make this back-to-school season a masterpiece! Young Rembrandts' drawing lessons will sharpen their artistic skills. We'll tackle creative projects like a globetrotting koala, a playful nutcracker, and a dazzling Egyptian headdress that'll whisk your artist back in time. A fall-themed illustration will introduce them to warm and cool colour theory. With every lesson, your child will enhance their art skills, strategic thinking and self-expression. Creativity is calling—sign up now!



classes

Thursdays

03:00 PM - 04:10 PM

09/25/2025 - 12/11/2025



tuition

\$ 282.00 (tax included)

12 Lessons



enrollment

ENROLL ONLINE at

[www.youngrembrandts.com/](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/)

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ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school inside the school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

Young Rembrandts is an independent afterschool program and is not affiliated to the School Board.

www.youngrembrandts.com/metrovancouver/ - 604-345-9053 - metrovancover@youngrembrandts.com



VEMS Choral Program L'Ecole Bilingue Elementary Fall 2025

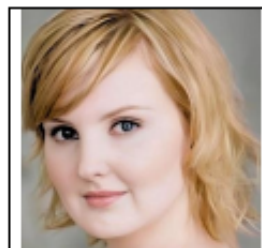


Junior Choir: Grades 1 to 3
11 rehearsals and a concert (\$156)

Senior Choir: Grades 4 to 7
11 rehearsals and a concert (\$156)

Registration: <https://vems.ca/signup.html>

What happens in Choir?	Junior Choir Schedule	Senior Choir Schedule
Students will learn healthy vocal production and musicianship while exploring diverse repertoire.	\$156 The Music Room 2025-09-16 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-09-23 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-10-07 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-10-14 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-10-21 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-10-28 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-11-04 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-11-18 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-11-25 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-12-02 (Tue) - 1200-1300 2025-12-09 (Tue) - 1200-1300	\$156 The Music Room 2025-09-25 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-10-02 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-10-09 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-10-16 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-10-23 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-10-30 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-11-06 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-11-13 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-11-20 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-11-27 (Thu) - 1200-1300 2025-12-04 (Thu) - 1200-1300
At every rehearsal there is a professional pianist to help with live music making.		
Regular attendance is important; new songs are regularly introduced.		



Your Conductor

Ms Libby holds a B.Mus. in Vocal Performance and multiple certificates in early childhood education. She has been teaching group and private music in Vancouver for 15 + years. She also teaches at the VSO School of Music and is a founding board member of VEMS who believes that music supports children socially, cognitively and emotionally.

"Music listening, performance, and composition engage nearly every area of the brain ... and involve nearly every neural subsystem." – Daniel J. Levitin, *This is your Brain on Music*.

Presented by ...

The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.
- Financial assistance is available; please apply when registering
- VEMS is registered with the CRA and issues tax receipts. www.vems.ca/donate/
- 20 children need to be enrolled for the choir to run.
- Questions? Email president@vems.ca



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