



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday September 19, 2025

Newsletter #2

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

Hello / Bonjour L'École Bilingue Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our "Meet the Teacher" evening and "Welcome Back BBQ" last night. It was heartwarming to see so many families come together to reconnect, build relationships, and strengthen our LEB school community.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers for hosting informative classroom sessions for "Meet the Teacher". We hope that families gained valuable insight into class programs, learning environments, and expectations. We really value the partnership between home and school and look forward to working collaboratively with families to support student learning and growth this year.



A special thank you goes out to our BBQ organizing leads, Kelly Little and Usha Menard, as well as all the parent volunteers who helped run stations and contributed donations of cakes and bottles. Your generosity and time are deeply appreciated and play a vital role in enriching our school community.

As an administrative team, we've also received several questions regarding our new lunch routine in the multipurpose room. To help families better understand the changes, we've shared some photos here that illustrate what lunchtime looks like. Our communal lunch periods for both primary (12:10-12:35pm) and intermediate students (12:35- 12:55pm) are designed to foster social interaction, encourage conversation, and create an enjoyable eating environment. Students are adjusting well, and we're pleased to report that we now have nine lunch tables to comfortably accommodate everyone.

This new lunch program is just one of the many positive changes we're implementing to enhance student experiences and learning at L'École Bilingue. We look forward to sharing more updates with you throughout the year.

Warm regards,
Evelyn Marcus, 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

Terry Fox Run

Our **LEB Terry Fox Run** will take place rain or shine on the afternoon of **Thursday September 25th** starting around 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to join the fun! We'll start in the gym around 1:15pm for a kick-off assembly including a warm-up and then some thoughtful reminders about Terry Fox, his legacy and why we're running. We are asking that students bring a **"Toonie for Terry"** and if families wish to contribute a bigger donation, here is the link to our school fundraising page:

[L'École Bilingue Elementary - Vancouver, BC | Terry Fox School Run](#)

Counsellor's Corner

Dear families of L'École Bilingue,
Welcome to a new school year! I hope your summer was restful and that you and your family are settling smoothly back into the rhythm of September. My name is Laura Robertson, and I am the Area Counsellor here at L'École Bilingue. I will be in the building every Wednesday and Friday, as well as alternating Mondays. I am here to support your children in a variety of ways to help them succeed in school. As a VSB Area Counsellor, I work collaboratively with students, staff, families, and community agencies to support students' educational, personal, and emotional development. I am so looking forward to working with the families in the L'École Bilingue community! I look forward to working together to make this a positive and successful school year.

Warm regards,
Laura Robertson

Bike, Walk, Ride, Roll

We encourage students and families to whenever possible, travel to school in an eco-friendly way. Also, please reach out to the LEB PAC if you're interested in leading and/or participating in a walking school bus. Let's do our part to reduce our emissions and think about environmental stewardship.



Utensils

We welcome donations of clean/unused disposable forks/spoons. This helps our students who may have forgotten lunch utensils. Please send donations to the office. Merci!

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.

Punctuality Matters: A Reminder for Families

We kindly remind all families that school begins promptly at **9:00 AM**. Arriving on time is essential—it sets a positive tone for the day, supports classroom routines, and helps students build lifelong habits of responsibility and readiness.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students begin their day with their classmates, prepared to learn and thrive.

If your child arrives after 9:00 AM, please note that our **late sign-in clipboard** has been relocated to the tables just outside the office and the process has been simplified. Please write your child's **name and division**, and students should proceed directly to class **independently**.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a smooth and respectful start to each school day.

Important Dates:

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

Thursday September 25 – LEB Terry Fox Run (afternoon)

Tuesday September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day – No school

Wednesday October 8 and Thursday October 9 – Dismissal at 2pm for informal learning updates. More information to come from classroom teachers about booking times for informal learning updates.

Monday October 13 – Thanksgiving Monday – No school

Tuesday October 21 – Trout Lake district cross-country meet (afternoon)

Friday October 24 – Provincial Pro-D Day – no school for students

LEB PAC NEWS

Attention LEB Parents! Munchalunch is now OPEN for families to order lunch for the fall term.

 First Pizza Thursday: 25 Sep (orders for this date close 22 Sep at midnight - see below)

 First Sushi Tuesday: 7 Oct

- **Returning parents** can log in to their existing account here: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

- **New parents:** Munchalunch is the program that we use for all fundraising and hot lunch programs at LEB. These programs are run by parent volunteers and the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

To set up your child in Munchalunch for the 2024/25 year you will need your child Division #, teachers name and a credit card, and can register an account here: <https://munchalunch.com/register>

Find out more about the PAC and how to sign up for email and WhatsApp communications about these and all LEB PAC programs at <https://lebpac.ca/>

- **Other Account options** such as adding a second school or transferring schools can be found here: <https://munchalunch.com/account>

- **Credits** - If you are a returning family and you notice a credit on your account, this has been rolled over from last year.

- **Changes for this school year:**

- munch will be "open" to place, change or cancel orders throughout the entire term
- each lunch day's orders will close 5 days prior: eg, for Pizza Lunch on Oct 9th, the ordering will close at midnight on Oct 4th
- during your initial purchase you will be asked to choose one repeating order for your child for the term: eg 2 slices of cheese pizza. If your child changes their mind, adjustments can be made anytime before that order closes

If you have any questions or concerns about Munchalunch set up or programs, email tessa, your novice LEB Munchalunch Admin at lunch@lebpac.ca

Welcome back to school everyone!

LEB Afterschool Program News – PAC:

Fall 2025 Extracurricular Programs

Good news – Monday programming is now confirmed!

We have a wide range of extracurriculars available, from singing to dancing, sports and more! Please see the schedule below and online at <https://lebpac.ca/programs>.

Extracurricular Programs: September to December 2025				
GYM	Monday *	Tuesday *	Wednesday	Thursday
Program	Illuma Studio Dance Sampler: Jazz Funk, Hip Hop, KPOP.		JR Tennis Academy	RBL Basketball
Age	Gr K to 7		Ages 6-9 (Gr 1 to 3)	Gr 4 to 6 (plus any keen gr 3s and 7s)
Dates	Sep 29 - Dec 8 (10 sessions) NO SESSION Oct 13		Oct 15 - Dec 17 (10 sessions)	Sep 25 - Dec 18 (11 sessions) NO SESSION Oct 9 and 23
Time	3pm-5:15pm		3:05pm-4:35pm (coaches will be there at 3pm)	3:15pm-4:45pm
Cost	\$383.25 incl. GST		\$346.50 incl. GST	\$315 +GST
Registration	Register here		Register here	Register here
Contact	Swan		Rilan	Leland
LIBRARY	Monday *	Tuesday *	Wednesday	Thursday
Program	Wize Academy Augmented & Virtual Reality - Learning & Creation	Lights Up Musical Theatre - Beauty and the Beast	Brainiacs: Board Games and Chess	Young Rembrandts
Age	Gr 2 to 6	Gr K to 7	Gr K to 7	Gr 1 to 6
Dates	Sep 29 - Nov 24 (8 sessions) NO SESSION Oct 13	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-4:30pm	3pm-5:15pm	3pm-5pm (2pm-4pm on Oct 8)	3pm-4:10pm (2pm-3:10pm on Oct 9)

Cost	\$300 +GST plus one-time annual membership fee \$25	\$365 +GST	\$395 +GST	\$282 incl. GST
Registration	Register here	Register here	Register here	Register here
Contact	Namrata	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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Drawing

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 detailed 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/)

metrovancover/

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

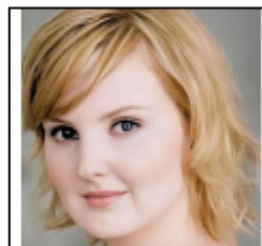


Junior Choir: Grades 1 to 3
11 rehearsals and a concert (\$156)

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



PAC FUNDRAISERS

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SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

L'Ecole Bilingue PAC (Vancouver)

Buy Mabel's Labels waterproof, durable labels to help reduce classroom mix-ups and keep your items coming home!



Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for

L'Ecole Bilingue PAC (Vancouver)



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE APPLE FUNDRAISER

10 pound boxes of Okanagan apples from Sun-Oka Farms

Ambrosia apples: \$23.95 per box

Honeycrisp apples: \$29.50 per box

Each box contains 16 to 24 apples

Sun-Oka is a family run farm in Summerland, BC <http://www.sunokafruit.com>



Deadline to order apples is Monday October 6, 2025

Apples will be delivered to the school in mid-October for pick-up (date TBD)

\$8-10 profit from each box of apples sold will go to PAC for general funding :)

Use link below to order apples:

https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/091881851/org-campaign/leb-school-harvest-2025