



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #5

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“Happy Halloween” to those L’École Bilingue Students and Families who celebrate this fun day! If you are trick-or-treating, please enjoy the festivities today and stay safe.

Please consider bringing flashlights, glow sticks and other such reflective material so that you’re seen when outside trick-or-treating. Parents, please check the collected candy to ensure that it’s safe for consumption.

Although some of our students may be collecting copious amounts of candy this evening, we kindly ask that Halloween treats remain at home. Excessive sugar consumption can make it difficult for students to focus and engage in learning.

We’re looking forward to seeing your children back on Monday and hopefully feeling a little bit more rested after the fallback and extra hour gained with Daylight savings on Sunday at 2am.

Thank you for your continued support in creating a safe and respectful school environment for all learners.

Take care,
Evelyn Marcus, Principal
Louise Plante, Vice-Principal

Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021 begins on November 1

All kindergarten applicants are required to complete an online application for their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for District Choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/ or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an online application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

Step 1: Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) for the school year **2026-27**

Step 2: Verification of documentation

- After applying, you will receive instructions on how to schedule your in-person appointment.
- Bring supporting documentation during your scheduled appointment for verification.



Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a District Choice Program or cross boundary, you must **first apply to your English catchment elementary school**. District Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2026. For more information, go to: govsb.ca/kchoice and govsb.ca/crossboundary

Play Ball!

Students at L'École Bilingue are making the most of their outdoor free play during recess times. Whether you're cheering for the Blue Jays or the Dodgers, baseball has become a favorite pastime on our playground! It's wonderful to see students practicing their teamwork, sportsmanship, and love for the game as they hit, catch, and run the bases together.



Learning Opportunity for Families:

Subject: Virtual Information Session: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship and Cyber-Bullying

Hello families,

We are pleased to welcome you to the next virtual session in our digital literacy series. This conversation will discuss social media awareness, digital citizenship and cyber-bullying.

The event details are below:

When: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Virtually through Teams.

Who: Hosted by Safer Schools Together, through VSB

Registration: Please register by 9 pm on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025 using this link: [Registration for VSB Virtual Info Session-Nov 4](#) or the QR code below.



Registrants will receive a direct email with the link to the online session on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. This session will not be recorded. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Goals at L'École Bilingue

This year, one of our key priorities at L'École Bilingue is to deepen our focus on **social-emotional learning (SEL)**. Our students are actively developing their **self-regulation skills**, learning to navigate complex emotions such as anxiety, worry, sadness, and over-excitement. These skills are essential as they manage friendship dynamics, classroom interactions, and the overall rhythm of the school day.

In addition to self-regulation, we are supporting students in building **executive functioning skills**—such as planning, organization, and emotional control—which are foundational for lifelong learning and well-being.

Our commitment to SEL is part of a broader set of school goals, which also include enhancing **numeracy and literacy outcomes**, and deepening our engagement with **Indigenous ways of knowing and being** as we continue our journey toward reconciliation. These goals align with the **Vancouver School Board's Education Plan** and reflect the needs and strengths of our diverse student population.

To learn more about the SEL framework we use, please explore the information below about **CASEL** (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning). This model highlights the interconnected components of social-emotional development and emphasizes the importance of collaboration between schools, families, and communities.



Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

<https://casel.org/parent-resources/>

According to CASEL, social and emotional learning starts at home. Parents and families are critical partners in helping their children develop social and emotional know-how. They can model the kinds of skills, attitudes, and behaviors we want all students to master. And they can be important advocates for SEL at school. The following resources support your child's social and emotional well-being.

Building SEL Skills at Home - Edutopia

<https://www.edutopia.org/social-emotional-learning-parent-resources>

There are many ways parents can encourage emotionally intelligent behavior in their children. Check out this guide to resources for learning more about character development.

Sports Equipment and Exploration materials - Donations Welcome

We continue to seek donations of **new or used sports equipment** to support active play during recess. Items such as **soccer balls, basketballs, skipping ropes, frisbees**, and **exploration materials** (e.g., magnifying glasses, buckets, and shovels) are all greatly appreciated.

These contributions help keep our students engaged, active, and curious during outdoor time. If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Important Safety and Parking Reminders for Families

To help ensure the safety of our students and support smooth traffic flow around the school, please take note of the following reminders:

- **Staff Parking Lot Use**
 - The school parking lot located at the corner of Alder Street and 14th Avenue is for **staff use only during school hours**.
 - For safety reasons, **please do not ride bikes or walk through the parking lot**.
 - Parents and guardians are asked to **park on the street** if they wish to escort their children to or from school.
- **Safe Routes and Traffic Flow**
 - We encourage families to **move in a clockwise direction** around the school to help ease congestion and improve traffic flow.
- **Student Safety Patrol at 15th Avenue Crosswalk**
 - We now have **student safety patrols stationed at the 15th Avenue crosswalk** to assist students and families in crossing the street safely.
 - Please follow their guidance and use the designated crosswalk to ensure everyone's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

Cold & Flu Season Reminder

As we enter cold and flu season, we ask that families keep children home if they are feeling unwell, especially if they have a **fever, persistent cough, or excessive nasal congestion**, as these symptoms can be highly contagious.

Your help in keeping our school community healthy is greatly appreciated.

LEB PAC NEWS

PAC Updates - Subscribe!

The school newsletter shares official school information only. Updates from the LEB Parent Advisory Council (PAC) - such as early notice of lunch and after-school programs, PAC-led events and initiatives, volunteer and fundraising opportunities, and how PAC funds support LEB students come through the PAC bi-weekly newsletter.

Subscribe at <https://lebpac.ca/newsletter> so you don't miss out on important updates. Join other LEB families and stay in the loop. Questions? Contact the PAC at hello@lebpac.ca.

Important Dates:

Friday November 7 – Photo retakes (please see attachment for photo retake form) & grade 7 silly photos

Monday November 10 – Remembrance Day assembly at 11am

Tuesday November 11 – Remembrance Day – school is closed

Friday November 21 – Pro-D Day - no school for students

Tuesday December 16 – Term 1 Communicating Student Learning Reports go home

Friday December 19 - Last day of school before winter break