



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #18

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Dear LEB Families,

It's hard to believe that June has arrived—what a whirlwind year it has been! As we enter this final month of the 2025–26 school year, we are recognizing Pride Month. This week's focus has been on embracing identity and practicing kindness. As part of this learning, we've been sharing short reflections during our morning announcements. Today's message was:

"Happy Friday! During Pride Month, we remember that our words have power. Using kind, respectful language helps everyone feel safe at school. If you aren't sure how someone spells their name or how they want to be addressed, just ask kindly. Respect starts with listening."

Alongside a busy June, we were thrilled to have nearly 80 students from Grades 4–7 participate in yesterday's District Track and Field Finals at Swangard Stadium—*incroyable!* We are so proud of their effort and enthusiasm.

Our Grade 7 students have also been making a strong impact through their leadership projects. These include organizing art sessions for primary students, fundraising for new recess sports equipment, and supporting food security initiatives. It's inspiring to see their ideas come to life and to hear the thoughtful intentions behind their work.

As we move through these final weeks, we're noticing that many students are eagerly anticipating summer break, especially with the recent warm weather giving us a preview of what's ahead! June

will continue to be full of celebrations of learning, outdoor activities, and opportunities for reflection.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Take care,

Evelyn Harcus, Principal

Louise Plante, Vice-Principal

Sports Day Helpers Needed

Sports day will be held on **Friday June 12th** this year. This fun event cannot run without the help of some parent volunteers. If you can volunteer your time to help us run some of the stations, please sign up on the google doc and indicate your availability. If you are interested in volunteering to help supervise your child's class – then please reach out to the classroom teacher. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura at loswin@vsb.bc.ca

[Sports Day adult volunteers - June 12, 2026 - Google Sheets](#)

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

September is a critical time for schools as we finalize student enrollment and report accurate numbers to the provincial government. This ensures that the school receives appropriate funding based on our registration.

If your child will be returning after the first day of school (Tuesday, September 8), please email L'École Bilingue at lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca as soon as possible so that we can ensure your child's space is held.

If your family anticipates an extended absence beyond this first week of school, it is especially important to notify the school promptly. Please also review the attached administrative procedures regarding sabbaticals and enrollment at choice schools.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Merci!

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VSB After the Bell LIVE Presents: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts

Dear VSB families,

Healthy habits with technology are important to maintain over the summer months. As the school year comes to an end, you are invited to attend a live virtual learning session. After the Bell LIVE

Presents: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts. You'll hear from experts in the field who will discuss practical strategies to help families support balanced, healthy and mindful technology use.

Topic: Building Better Tech Habits with MediaSmarts

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Who:

- Matthew Johnson, Education Director at MediaSmarts
- Christina Walker, Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher at VSB

Together, we will:

- Consider how digital technologies shape daily routines and well-being
- Learn evidence-based approaches to building positive tech habits
- Explore ways to support children and teens in developing critical digital skills
- Share strategies to foster open, supportive conversations about technology use

Have questions? Ask them live during the session's designated Q&A period.
Register [HERE](#) by 5 pm, Monday June 8th.

EarthBites recipes to try out at home:

PINK MINT LEMONADE

HYDRATION DRINK

Materials

- Jug
- Cups
- Measuring spoon

Ingredients

- 1 l cold water
- 1 tbslp cranberry or blueberry powder
- 1-2 sprigs of mint
- ½ lemon or 3 tbslp lemon juice
- 1-2 tbslp honey
- pinch of salt

Directions

1. In a jug, combine cold water, fruit powder, crushed mint, lemon juice, honey, and salt
2. Stir well
3. Taste and adjust the sweetness or sourness
4. Serve with a leaf of mint and a slice of lemon

Enjoy!

Notes

- **Hydration:** High water content helps maintain fluid levels, particularly when electrolyte sources like salt are added
- **Digestion & Nutrition:** Lemon and mint are known for aiding digestion, while lemon provides a boost of Vitamin C
- **Cooling:** The combination of fresh mint and citrus is excellent for cooling the body in hot weather
- **Blueberries**
 - Boosts Cognitive Function and is rich in antioxidants that protect the brain from oxidative stress
 - Supports Heart Health: Helps lower blood pressure and improve vascular health
 - High in Antioxidants, which fight free radicals and reduce inflammation
- **Cranberries**
 - Packed with Vitamin C: a vital antioxidant that supports the immune system by aiding in white blood cell production and function
 - Antioxidant Power: helps fight free radicals, strengthening the body's natural defences



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GARDEN GREENS SALAD

Materials

- Bowl/Jar
- Measuring spoon

Ingredients

- 2 tbslp neutral oil or olive oil
- 2 tbslp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tbslp honey
- ½ clove of garlic (optional)
- salt and pepper

Directions

1. Harvest greens from the garden, one leaf at a time
2. Wash with cold water
3. Shake to dry

Dressing


1. In a bowl or jar, combine oil, vinegar, honey, crushed garlic, salt and pepper
2. Shake well
3. Taste and adjust
4. Drizzle on garden greens

Enjoy!

Notes

Why Leafy Greens Are Super-Foods

- **Super Strength & Brain Power:** They contain high amounts of Vitamin K and antioxidants, which are vital for healthy development
- **Strong Bones:** Spinach and Swiss chard provide calcium and magnesium, which help build and maintain strong bones
- **Happy Tummies:** They are full of fibre, which helps digestion and keeps tummies comfortable
- **Energy and Immunity:** They help keep you energized and protect you from getting sick



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Counsellor's Corner

Dear families of L'École Bilingue,

Can you believe it is already June? The end of the school year can be hard for a lot of kids. Kids have been in school for nine months, and they are tired. Outside on the playground, the sun is shining, and it's hard to stay focused. Add to that all the exciting events this time of year: Sports Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, assemblies, outings and field trips.

In addition, routines are less structured, and there is a lot of uncertainty as the school year ends: *Who will my teacher be next year? Will my friends be in my class next year? What will the summer look like?* Grade 7 students going off to high school may be feeling this even more intensely.

You may be noticing that your child is having a harder time managing their feelings than usual. They may be having bigger reactions, being more emotional, becoming quicker to anger and frustration. I want to normalize this: the end of the school year is a challenging time for many students. This is normal.

What can you do about it?

1. Name it and normalize it ("The end of the year can feel exciting and hard at the same time.")
2. Try to keep routines predictable
3. Simplify afternoons and evenings
4. Add in some movement (bike rides, walks, playing outside)
5. Support basic needs (sleep, hydration, nutrition and downtime)
6. Practice some simple regulation tools (deep breaths, sensory breaks, quiet time)

Final note:

If your child is having a particularly hard time, and you feel like there is more going on than end of the year fatigue, trust your instincts. You can reach out to your doctor if you have concerns. You can also reach out to the school team. We're here to support.

Warmly,
Laura Robertson
Teacher- Counsellor

Safe School Streets & Bike to School Week

Today is the last day of our Safe School Streets and Bike to School Week programs. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make these special events a great success. It was great

seeing the students taking back to street to play, and we continue to encourage families to walk, bike and roll to school – especially with this great spring weather.

Special thanks to Sarah Wilson and Heather Bradbury - they helped to organize the Safe School Streets program and another special thanks to Matt Alexander to helped to organize the Bike Bus/Bike to School week.




Below is a link to the School Streets Program survey. As we've had Safe School Streets at L'École Bilingue for several years now, things are coming along well but we are always looking for further feedback to refine the program. The survey will be open until June 19 and by providing feedback you have a chance to win one of three \$50 JJ Bean gift cards.

[SAFE SCHOOL STREETS PARENT SURVEY](#)

LOST AND FOUND REMINDER

We encourage all families to check the school's Lost and Found regularly for any missing items. Our collection grows quickly, and despite efforts to organize and return belongings, the school cannot be responsible for lost items. **Please note that all unclaimed items will be cleared out at the very end of June and donated.** We kindly ask that you take a moment to check the Lost and Found before the end of the school year to ensure any lost items are retrieved. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Anticipated School Fees for 2026/27 school year:

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L'ecole Bilingue	School Year 2026-27
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	School Fee Schedule

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

The Vancouver School District is committed to ensuring that no school-age student will be denied an opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because of an inability to pay fees. Parents and guardians unable to pay some or all school fees are invited to speak to their child's teacher, school counsellor, and/or the school Principal.

[See Administrative Procedure 506: Financial Hardship](#)

\$35.00 SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE

As per the School Act, families are required to provide their child with consumable supplies and equipment for personal use. The Vancouver School District offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies provided in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2026-2027 is \$35.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for each student's personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. However, families can choose to purchase their own school supplies independently and opt out of paying this fee. The school will provide a list of required consumable supplies to families who choose this option.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOL FEES

Optional supplemental school fees can be charged for materials and/or activities that are in addition to what is necessary for the student to meet the learning standards of the curriculum. These resources and activities enhance learning experiences and are recommended, but not required. Some supplemental fees may be offset through fundraising events or financial support through the Parent Advisory Council. The items listed below include materials and activities that the school has already identified as supplemental fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Item	Description	Fees	Grade(s)
Agenda	School agendas support students with organization and planning.	\$10.00	1 to 7
Earthbites Gardening Program	Gardening workshops and materials.	\$45.00	K to 7
Workbooks- Literacy	Deposits for student workbooks. A refund will be issued if the workbook is returned in its original condition – without any markings or damage. No refund will be issued if the item is damaged or written in. Families may	TBD	3 to 5
Grade 7 Camp	Overnight camp experience for Grade 7 students.	TBD	7
Library Bags	Waterproof or durable bags for library books.	\$13.00	K to 3
Grade 4 Camp	Overnight camp experience for Grade 4 students.	TBD	4

OTHER POTENTIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FEES

Throughout the year, fees may also be charged as needed for field studies, performances, events and activities that are aligned with the curriculum and support unique or enhanced learning experiences beyond the required learning standards. Specific information and the associated fees will be communicated by the classroom teacher prior to these events. These activities and events are recommended, but not required.

LEB School Calendar for 2026/27

For your planning purposes – please see the attached 2026/27 school calendar complete with early dismissal times and professional days. Merci!

IMPORTANT DATES	
First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18, 2026
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 12, 2027
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 15, 2027 - Thursday, March 25, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Tuesday, June 29, 2027
Administrative/School Closing Day	Wednesday, June 30, 2027
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)	
Friday, September 25, 2026	Professional Development Day (School - moveable)
Friday, October 23, 2026	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 20, 2026	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Friday, February 12, 2027	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 19, 2027	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Friday, May 21, 2027	Professional Development Day (School – not moveable)
PARENT CONFERENCE DATES	EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 22, 2026	2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	2:00 pm
Thursday, April 22, 2027	2:00 pm

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 June 12 – Sports Day (Grades 1-7)

Thursday June 18 – Grade 7 Dance (5-7 pm)

Tuesday June 23 – Summary of Learning – Reporting Space on SpacesEDU is open to families to review their child's summary of learning report for the 2025/26 school year.

Tuesday June 23 – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (1:30pm start)

Thursday June 25 – Last day of school for students

Tuesday September 8 – First Day Back to School for the 2026/27 school year (Grades 1-7)

Wednesday September 9 – First Day for our new Kindergarten students (following their gradual entry schedule)