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L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #19

Dear LEB Families,

Sports Day was a wonderful success! It was so heartening to see our students working together in their colour teams - cheering one another on, staying active, and having fun. A special thank you to our Grade 7 leaders for their role in organizing the day, with the support of Mme Laura Oswin. We are also deeply grateful to our parent volunteers who helped prepare and serve food, support activity stations, and contribute in so many ways. It truly was a memorable day for our entire community.





Over these past couple of weeks, there has also been a great deal of excitement and energy across the school as students followed the World Cup soccer matches with enthusiasm and anticipation. It has been wonderful to see this shared interest bring students together in conversations and spirited support of their favourite teams.

On Tuesday, June 23rd, the reporting portal will open for families to access students' summative reports. We encourage you to take time to review your child's report together and celebrate their hard work and accomplishments this year - both academically and in their social-emotional growth and executive functioning skills.

This will be our final newsletter of the 2025–2026 school year. On behalf of the entire L'École Bilingue staff, we wish all of our students and families a wonderful and restful summer break. We hope you find time to relax, have fun, and make meaningful memories together.

Please note that the first day of school for the 2026–2027 school year will be Tuesday, September 8th. Students will attend for one hour (9:00–10:00 a.m.) on that day. For the remainder of the week (Wednesday–Friday), students will attend full days and remain with their current class group until new class placements are finalized and approved by the district. Incoming Kindergarten students will follow their gradual entry schedule, as previously communicated with families.

As we wrap up the school year, classes will be enjoying a variety of field studies, celebrations, and special events to mark a year of learning and growth. It has truly been a remarkable year!

Warm regards,
Evelyn and Louise

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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SCHOOL CASH ONLINE BALANCES DUE

A reminder to please check your School Cash Online accounts to ensure that any outstanding items are paid before the end of the year. As we close this school year, we want to ensure that our accounting is in good order and we appreciate your help with this. Please note that if you require some financial assistance to please contact Mme Marcus to indicate need. Merci.

LOST AND FOUND REMINDER

Before the end of the year, we encourage all families to check the school's Lost and Found 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.

Grade 7 Leadership project

Congratulations to all our grade 7 leadership students on their successful projects. Here is Lisa who is moving boxes of food from our school to the Food Stash for her leadership project in helping food security.



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

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

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 communicate by the classroom teacher prior to these events. These activities and events are recommended, but not required.

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:

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 (9am to 10am)** for the 2026/27 school year (Grades 1-7)

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