



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Wednesday September 2, 2026

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Newsletter #1

Bonjour L'École Bilingue Families,

We hope you are continuing to enjoy a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the 2026-2027 school year. As we prepare to welcome students back next week, we would like to share some important information to help ensure a smooth start to the school year for all students and families.

School Start-Up Schedule:

Tuesday, September 8

Students in Grades 1-7 will attend school for **one hour, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Students should meet their 2025-2026 classroom teacher at the usual outdoor pick-up locations when the 9:00 a.m. bell rings. New to LEB students will meet M. Abheeru outside the gym doors closest to the gravel field along 14th Avenue and he will tour students around the school. On Wednesday these new students will be placed into grade appropriate classes to begin connecting with new friends.

➤ **Kindergarten Students**

Our new Kindergarten students will begin school on **Wednesday, September 9** through a gradual entry schedule. Kindergarten families will receive additional information specific to their child's start-up schedule.

Wednesday, September 9 to Friday, September 11

Beginning Wednesday, September 9, and continuing for the remainder of the school year, all students will attend school for the **full day, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** During this first week period, students will remain with their class cohort and teacher from the previous school year.

- **Students in Divisions 16, 17, and 18 (Mme Amy's, Mme Tatiana's, and Mme Cathy's 2025/26 classes)** should meet their prep teachers at the back basketball court area for pick-up. Signage will be posted to indicate where each class should line up.

Class Placement Information

Please note that during the first week of school, students will remain with their classmates from last year and will be learning with their previous classroom teacher. We are awaiting final approval to move students into their new 2026-2027 homeroom classes and anticipate this transition will take place on **Monday, September 14.**

School Assembly

On Friday, we will hold a school-wide assembly to review school expectations, playground boundaries, lunch procedures, and our social-emotional learning (SEL) practices, including problem-solving strategies. We will also introduce new staff members and discuss the upcoming class transitions. We recognize that change can sometimes feel challenging for students. As a school community, we will encourage everyone to embrace a growth mindset as they meet new classmates, build new friendships, and learn with a new teacher in a new classroom environment. We are confident that our students will approach these changes with curiosity, resilience, and enthusiasm.

Lunches and Snacks

Beginning Wednesday, September 9, please ensure your child comes to school each day with healthy snacks and a packed lunch.

As you prepare lunches and snacks, we ask that families be mindful of food allergies within our school community. Several of our students have severe allergies to peanuts and other food allergens. We encourage all families to make allergy-aware choices when packing food for school.

Additional information regarding classroom-specific allergies will be shared with families as needed throughout the year. Thank you for helping us support the safety, health, and well-being of all students.

For information about hot lunch programs, after-school activities, and other community opportunities, please visit the **L'École Bilingue PAC website**: lebpac.ca.

Welcoming New Staff

We are pleased to welcome several new team members to the L'École Bilingue community:

- **Natalie Watts** – Grade 6/7 Teacher, covering for Mme Fenrich during her maternity leave. Congratulations to Mme Fenrich who welcomed baby Charlie at the very end of July. Mme Fenrich and her family are doing very well.
- **Maria-Teresa Foster** – Area Counsellor, supporting our school on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays, and Fridays
- **Kate Morrison** – Resource Teacher, Fridays

We are excited to welcome our students back on Tuesday and look forward to hearing all about their summer adventures. Until then, enjoy the remainder of the summer and the long weekend and take the opportunity to ease back into September routines.

Warm regards,

The LEB Admin Team
Evelyn Harcus (Principal) &
Louise Plante (Vice-Principal) &
Christine Fyfe (Office Admin)

School Hours, School Calendar, School Fees and Forms

Please see below for our bell schedule. This year, the school day ends at 3:00 pm. This year we are continuing with our alternating lunch play and eating schedule.

Kindergarten students will eat in their classes and monitored by a Supervision Aide as well as our intermediate leadership students.

All primary students (grades 1-3) will eat in the multipurpose room from 12:10-12:35pm while intermediate students play outside.

The 12:35 pm bell signals the start of intermediate lunch time and the start of primary play time.

Families are reminded to have their students bring the appropriate attire for the day as students play outside rain or shine.

9:00 am	Start bell
10:30 am	Small recess start bell
10:50 am	Small recess end bell
12:10 pm	Lunch recess start bell
12:35 pm	Bell signaling the end of primary lunch time and the beginning of intermediate lunch time
12:55 pm	End of lunch bell
3:00 pm	End of day – dismissal bell

Please see attached the 2026-27 school calendar and school fees schedule. More information will be coming later this month about the \$35 school fee, which will be uploaded to School Cash (our online payment system). The school fee will cover the basic school supplies that students will need for the year. There is also an agenda fee (for those classes using agendas) as well as an EarthBites fee, the wonderful gardening program that our students enjoy throughout the year. There may be some other additional fees to come as well – workbooks and field studies – and that information will be communicated accordingly by teachers when applicable and appropriate.

Please be reminded that no student shall be precluded from any field studies or programming due to financial hardship. Please contact Mme Harcus privately if you require financial assistance. eharcus@vsb.bc.ca

LEB School Calendar for 2026/27

Please see below for the calendar for this school year. Please also know that the 2027/28 school calendar has been approved and can be viewed on the VSB district website.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

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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.

Late return

Please be reminded that if your child will not be returning **before Friday September 11th**, to complete the attached form and email back to lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca.

Any students that have not attended by Friday September 11th for which we have not received any communication from family about their return – will be unenrolled.
Thank you for your attention to this.

Parking & Traffic Safety Reminders

Please note that the staff parking lot, located at the corner of 14th Avenue and Alder Street, is reserved for **staff only**. We ask that families **do not use this lot for student drop-off or pick-up**.

Limited drop-off and pick-up parking is available along Spruce Street and Alder Street between 14th and 15th Avenues, as well as along 15th Avenue. Due to the limited availability of these spaces, we encourage families, when possible, to park a few blocks away and walk to school. Walking together is a great opportunity for students to get fresh air, connect with family, and arrive at school ready to start the day.



To help reduce congestion and improve traffic flow around the school, we ask families to travel in a **clockwise direction** around the school whenever possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all students, families, staff, and community members.

Please also be aware that several streets surrounding the school continue to be affected by ongoing **water main construction**. Road closures and construction vehicles may impact traffic flow in the area. We encourage families to plan ahead and allow extra travel time to ensure a safe and stress-free arrival at school.

Medication Administration at School

If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day (such as an EpiPen, inhaler/puffer, or other prescribed medication), please contact the school office and speak with Mme Christine, our Office Administrator and First Aid Attendant.

Before any medication can be administered at school, the required "Administration of Medication" form must be completed and submitted (see attached). Depending on the medication and your child's needs, additional documentation, physician authorization, and/or staff training may also be required.

These procedures help ensure that we can safely and effectively support your child while at school. We encourage families to connect with the office as soon as possible so that all necessary paperwork and arrangements can be completed before medication is needed.

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 School Code 97

Please remember to state the STUDENT'S FULL NAME, division, and 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

Important Dates:

Tuesday, September 8 – first day of school for grade 1-7; students attend 9:00-10:00am

Wednesday, September 9 – first full day of school for grades 1-7 and first day of gradual entry for our new kindergarten students

Thursday, September 24 – Meet the Teacher 5:00-6:00pm, PAC sponsored Welcome Back BBQ 6-8pm (more information to come soon)

Friday, September 25 – Pro-D Day – No school for students

Tuesday, September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day – No school

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.
