



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #2

Bonjour L'École Bilingue Families,

It was wonderful to welcome our students back this week and feel the energy and excitement of a new school year. The first few days have been focused on reconnecting and settling back into school routines.

On Monday, following morning attendance, students will transition to their new classes for the 2026-27 school year. Families can expect an email during the day with their child's class placement, along with a map indicating their dismissal location for 3:00 p.m. This location will serve as the regular pick-up and dismissal area throughout the school year.

For the 9:00 a.m. start on Monday, please have your child meet at the same gathering location used this week.

We know that class placement is an exciting time for students and families. Teachers have used their professional judgment and considerable care when creating classes. Many factors are considered, including student learning needs, learning styles, friendships, social dynamics, and the overall balance of each class. As a VSB school, we also follow class size and composition guidelines.

Like many VSB schools, some of our classes will be combined (split) classes. Combined classes offer many benefits and provide valuable opportunities for students to learn and grow together. If you would like more information, please visit: [Combined classes in elementary schools](#)

Whether in a straight-grade or combined class, teachers plan learning experiences that support, challenge, and engage all learners. Each class includes students with a variety of strengths, interests, experiences, and needs.

This time of year, can bring both excitement and uncertainty. Some students may feel anxious about a new teacher, new classmates, or changes in friendships. Families can help by encouraging a growth mindset, focusing on the opportunities ahead, and supporting children in approaching their new class with a positive attitude. In our experience, students settle into their classes quickly and begin building strong connections and routines.

If there are specific learning, social-emotional, or safety concerns that you would like your child's teacher to be aware of, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Please save the date for our **Meet the Teacher Evening on Thursday, September 24**, which will take place alongside our **Welcome Back BBQ**, hosted by the PAC. We hope you will join us to meet your child's teacher and connect with other members of the L'École Bilingue community.

School newsletters will be shared every two weeks, typically on Fridays. These newsletters contain important updates, upcoming dates, reminders from the administration team, information about school events and spirit days.

Once again, welcome back to another exciting year of learning. We wish you and your family a wonderful weekend ahead. After a week of early mornings and so much excitement, we suspect many of our students will be ready for some well-deserved rest!

Warm regards,

Evelyn Harcus (Principal) & Louise Plante (Vice-Principal)

Supporting Your Child's Transition to Their New Class

As your child settles into their new class for the 2026–2027 school year, we want to acknowledge that transitions take time. It is completely natural for children to experience a range of emotions during this period – including feelings of nervousness, uncertainty, or even excitement.

You can play a key role in supporting your child through this change. Here are a few ways to help:

- Listen with empathy: Give your child space to share how they're feeling about their new class, teacher, and classmates.
- Encourage a growth mindset: Remind your child that new experiences help us grow, and that it's okay to feel unsure at first. With time, things will feel more familiar.
- Stay positive: Your encouragement and optimism can help your child build confidence and resilience.

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

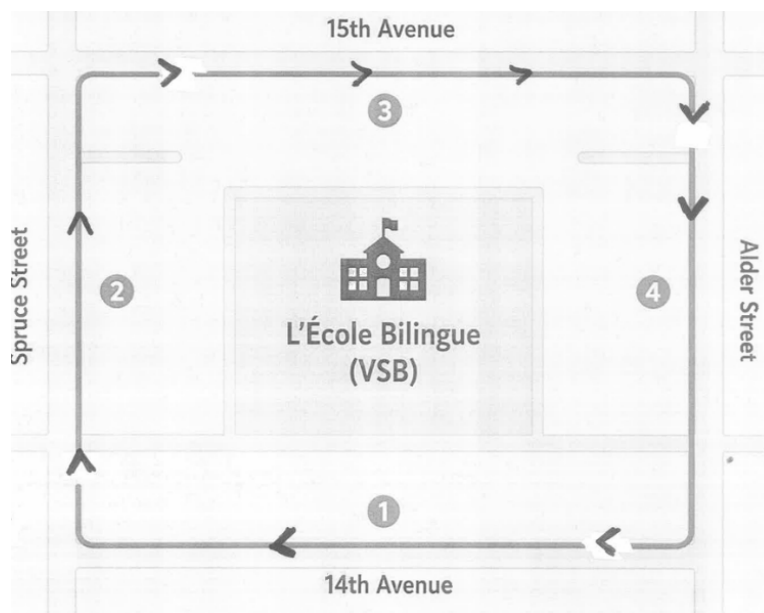
medication and your child's needs, additional documentation, physician authorization, and/or staff training may also be required.

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.

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.

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

Cross-country at L'École Bilingue

Here is some important registration information for Grade 1 to Grade 7 students interested in being part of our team.

Organizational meeting: **Wednesday September 16 at 12:10 p.m. in the gym**

Registration dates: **Wednesday September 16 until Monday September 21**

Practices: **once a week between 8:00 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. Day and dates TBA**

Mini-meets: Three times at Douglas Park (dates TBA) from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
We will walk together to Douglas Park
All students will be dismissed from the park

District Final: at Trout Lake Park on Tuesday October 20 afternoon (carpooling to be arranged by parents)

A VSB district coaches meeting on Monday will determine which weekday we will have our mini-meets. Once we know that, we can select another day to hold our morning practices.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with our practices and mini-meets to support our large cross-country team (running experience is not necessary). If you wish to help, please email me at mricard@vsb.bc.ca or let me know on the upcoming permission form.

More information will be available on the permission form that will be distributed at the student organizational meeting.

Looking forward to another great cross-country season with the LEC students!

Abheeru Ricard, LEB PE teacher

Important Dates:

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.
