



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday September 18, 2026

Newsletter #3

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Bonjour L'École Bilingue Families,

This week has been an exciting one as students settled into their new classes for the 2026-2027 school year. It has been wonderful to see students making new connections, getting to know their classmates and teachers, establishing routines, and becoming part of their new classroom communities.

We know families are eager to meet their child's teacher. Our **Meet the Teacher** event will take place on **Thursday, September 24**, with two sessions available:

- **5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**
- **5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

This is a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher, learn about their program, and hear about classroom routines and expectations for the year ahead. We would like to remind families that Meet the Teacher is an opportunity to hear about general classroom learning and that our **October Informal Learning Updates** are for more individualized conversations about your child's learning and progress.

Immediately following Meet the Teacher, our **PAC Welcome Back BBQ** will take place (6:00-8:00pm). This annual event is a fantastic way to connect with other families, meet members of our school community, and celebrate the start of another great year at L'École Bilingue. We hope to see many of you there!

Important reminder about the PAC sponsored Welcome Back BBQ:

Welcome Back BBQ – Food Orders Close Sunday!

Important: **Food pre-orders close this Sunday, September 20 at 9pm.** There will be no food truck ordering available at the event, so please order ahead if your family would like dinner.

To order, sign in to [MunchaLunch](#) and click **Dashboard → Welcome Back BBQ**.

As the weather begins to change, please remember that **recess takes place outdoors in all seasons**. We encourage families to send students with weather-appropriate clothing,

including rain jackets, rain pants, and boots on rainy days. It is also helpful to keep a spare set of clothes at school in case a change is needed.

Finally, as you prepare snacks and lunches, please ensure your child has a nutritious and sufficient amount of food for the school day. We also ask families to be mindful that we are an **allergy-aware school**. If there are specific severe allergies within a class, those families will be notified directly. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe learning environment for all students.

We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding 2026-2027 school year and to partnering with you in supporting your child's learning and growth.

Warm regards,

The L'École Bilingue Team

Evelyn Harcus (Principal), Louise Plante (Vice-Principal) and Christine Fyfe (Office Admin)

School Hours, School Fees and School Calendar 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

Before and After school Supervision and Punctuality

We would like to remind families that the school day begins at **9:00 a.m.** and ends at **3:00 p.m.** Students are expected to arrive on time so they can begin the day with their peers. Punctual arrival supports a positive start to learning, establishes strong lifelong habits, and minimizes disruptions to the classroom.

We also ask that families ensure children are picked up promptly at 3:00 p.m. Teachers' duty of care for students is during the instructional hours of the school day.

In exceptional circumstances, if you anticipate being late for pick-up, please notify both the classroom teacher and the office. In these situations, we can provide short-term supervision for younger students in the office.

Please note that while staff are outside providing general supervision before school (**8:40–8:55 a.m.**) and after school (**3:00–3:20 p.m.**), this supervision is limited and intended to ensure overall safety. It is not the same as the direct supervision provided during the instructional day.

We recognize that many intermediate students travel to and from school independently and may spend time on the school grounds after dismissal. We also welcome families of primary students to use the playground after school; however, parents and caregivers must remain on site and provide direct supervision for their children.

Thank you for your attention to this important safety information.

Supporting School Safety: Minimizing Traffic Inside the Building

At L'École Bilingue, the safety and well-being of our students and staff is always our top priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure school environment, we are asking for your support in helping us reduce unnecessary traffic inside the building during the school day and after school.

Arriving Late to School

If your child arrives late to school, please accompany them to the office to sign in, if needed, and say goodbye there. We kindly ask that parents and guardians do not walk through the school after drop-off.

Visitor Procedures

As a reminder, any visitor who needs to enter the school during the day must:

- Sign in at the office, and
- Wear a visitor badge while in the building.

This helps us quickly identify adults in the school and maintain a safe and monitored environment.

Building Access

To support school safety:

- All exterior doors remain locked during the school day, except during the two recess periods.
- The front doors on 14th Avenue are the only entry point during instructional hours, allowing the office to monitor who is coming in and out of the building. And as stated above, the front doors to the building will also be locked at 3:30pm but that the building engineer's phone number will be posted on the door- should you need.
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Afterschool Program Pickup

- All afterschool program pickups will take place at the front doors of the school at the end of program time. Instructors will bring students—with all their belongings—to the foyer for dismissal. The doors to the school- including the front door will be locked after 3:30pm and the building engineer's phone number will be posted on the door if you need access. After school program teachers should also share contact information with families if a student needs to be picked up early.
- All of this helps us ensure that we know who is entering the building and allows our staff to maintain clear sightlines and secure access points after school hours.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in helping us keep L'École Bilingue a safe, welcoming, and secure place for all students and staff. Your support makes a difference.

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. If the child is marked absent, parents 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.

School Calendar and School Fees Information

Please see attached the 2026-27 school calendar and school fees schedule.

Please note that when you see an item on School cash it may be slighter more, due to the fact that schools need to account for the transactional cost of the item. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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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L'ecole Bilingue**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****School Year 2026-27****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.

Data and Image Consent for School Yearbooks

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) and its schools are authorized to collect, use, and disclose student personal information in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FIPPA"). At the start of the school year, your child's photo will be collected for operational purposes such as attendance or ID verification in accordance with section 26(c) of FIPPA.

As part of its commitment to protecting student privacy, the VSB is providing notice to you regarding the collection, use and disclosure of your child's personal information and image(s) for the purpose of creating a school-specific publication of the school year (a yearbook) and, if applicable, featuring their school photo, class composite photo, and other images (ex. Sports teams or clubs), in accordance with sections 32(a) and 33(1), respectively.

If you do not wish for your child's personal information or photographs to be included in the yearbook, **please email the school Principal by November 30, 2026.**

Production of this year's yearbook will be coordinated by the school PAC. If you do not wish for your child's image and personal information to be included, that will be shared with the PAC. Unless withdrawn, this consent is effective immediately from the day of receipt and lasts until June 30th of the current school year.

For inquiries about FIPPA, please contact privacy@vsb.bc.ca.

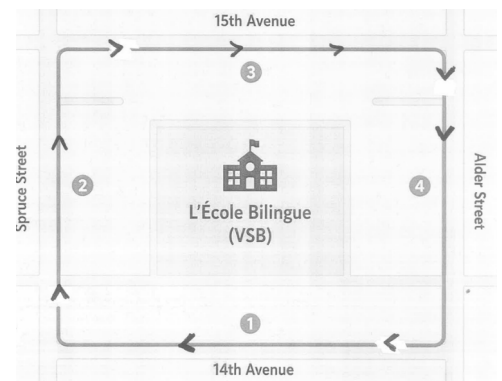
Parking & Traffic Safety Reminders

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. Please make safe choices when getting your children to school. **A safety reminder to NOT allow children to get out of vehicles mid-street and unparked.**

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.

Important Dates:

Thursday, September 24 – Meet the Teacher 5:00-6:00pm, PAC sponsored Welcome Back BBQ 6:00-8:00pm

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

Tuesday, September 29 – Orange Shirt Day – we are encouraging all LEB students to wear orange. We will have a student assembly that day to talk about the meaning of orange shirt day and reconciliation.

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

Friday October 2 – LEB Terry Fox Run – afternoon

Monday, October 12 – Thanksgiving – No school

Tuesday, October 13 – Photo Day! (Retakes on Nov.6)

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.
