L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #7

Hello & Bonjour L'École Bilingue Families,



The past few weeks at L'École Bilingue, and the beginning of November, have been filled with many enriching learning opportunities for our students.

On November 6, our intermediate students had the exciting opportunity to participate in workshops with acclaimed Canadian author Kenneth Oppel, author of *Silverwing*. Students were engaged and inspired by his insights into the writing process, creativity, and storytelling.

On the same day, several classes also participated in workshops with Indigenous educator Brandon Peters. Students learned about the significance of wool within Coast Salish culture and traditions and created wool friendship bracelets while exploring the cultural importance and uses of this natural resource. Both Kenneth Oppel's visit and Brandon Peters' workshops enriched student learning and helped bring the curriculum to life through authentic, hands-on experiences.



Earlier this week, in advance of the Remembrance Day holiday, we gathered as a school community for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. Many classes contributed through poetry, artwork, music, and reflections that helped us honour and remember those who have served our country. Several Grade 7 students demonstrated impressive leadership by emceeing the assembly, while others assisted with organizing and presenting the accompanying slideshow. Opportunities such as these help our intermediate students develop confidence, independence, public speaking skills, and leadership abilities that will serve them well both now and in the future.





As educators, we are guided by the British Columbia curriculum, which emphasizes the development of critical thinking, inquiry, communication, and problem-solving skills. While teachers have professional autonomy in how they design learning experiences and connect curriculum concepts to classroom instruction, our shared goal remains the same: to help students become thoughtful, engaged learners who can ask meaningful questions, think critically, and make connections in their learning.

As we move through November, students are becoming increasingly established in their classroom routines and expectations and are deeply engaged in their learning. Teachers continue to assess student growth and provide feedback as we work toward the first Learning Update, which will be shared in December.

We value the important partnership between home and school and appreciate the support of all members of our school community. Together, we play a vital role in supporting the success and well-being of our students. We also encourage families to trust the learning process and know that our teachers are working hard each day to create engaging, meaningful learning experiences that support every student's growth and success.

Thank you for your ongoing support of L'École Bilingue.
Warm regards,

The L'École Bilingue Team
Evelyn Harcus (Principal), Louise Plante (Vice-Principal) and Christine Fyfe (Office Admin)

Halloween Candy Donations

Up until December 1st Division 6 and Mme Laura are looking for Halloween candy donations to donate to folks in the downtown Eastside. Our Vancouverites living in the Downtown Eastside could benefit from some sweet treats and donations will go to **Vancouver Coastal Health – Mental Health & Substance Use Program** and the **Salvation Army Harbour Light Centre** on the Downtown Eastside. If you have candy donations, please have your children bring to their classroom teacher or you can drop off to the school office. Thank you for you donations!

Art Card Orders – deadline this Sunday November 15th

ORDER HERE: ART CARDS BY KIDS

Prices are indicated online. It is not recommended to use a cell phone to enter your order as it may not display properly. **Enter the RED code on the back of the sample card.** This is your child's unique art code. Pay for your order online with credit card. Multiple orders accepted. If you choose to share your child's card code with others (e.g. relatives/friends) you are giving them permission to order your child's artwork on products we provide. Orders will be packaged separately. All orders will be delivered to our school for distribution to students.

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 15th You can edit child's name and age online if necessary/to customize. If sample card is WRONG ORIENTATION (vertical/horizontal) or upside down and you would like it turned around please email **info@artcardsbykids.com.**

Darker mornings, shorter days: tips for a safe school commute

As our mornings grow darker, we can all help students get to school safely.
A few simple steps can help keep everyone safe on the way to and from school:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing
- Use lights when cycling or scootering
- Cross at marked crosswalks and follow traffic signals
- Stop, look and listen before crossing. Wait until vehicles have stopped before stepping onto the road
- Put phones and other distractions away during commutes
- Drivers should slow down, stay alert and take extra care around schools, crosswalks and drop-off areas

As the days grow shorter, please give yourself a little extra time and take extra care on your way to and from school.

OFFICE REMINDERS:

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE
A friendly reminder for families to please log in to School Cash Online and ensure that any outstanding fees have been reviewed and addressed.

If your family is experiencing financial hardship and requires support, please do not hesitate to contact Mme Harcus at eharcus@vsb.bc.ca. We are committed to ensuring that all students can participate fully in school activities. Thank you for your attention to this.

VISITOR BADGES

Thank you to all of our volunteers who support our school by helping with hot lunch delivery, field trips, classroom activities, and other events. We really appreciate your time and commitment to our school community. As a friendly reminder, please remember to return your visitor badge when signing out at the office. We have had several badges go missing recently, and your help in returning them at the end of your visit is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to PAC and our wonderful LEB parents

Thank you for coming out to the PAC sponsored Halloween Haunt event on Friday October 30th. It was a wonderful turnout, the grade sevens enjoyed the tradition of organizing the theme and decorations for the haunted house portion and there were lots of smiles and fun that evening. A special thank you to Heather Bradbury for leading this event's organization and we would like to extend a warm thank you to all the other parents who helped organize donations, food and games for this special event.



While we're celebrating community contributions, we'd also like to give a special shout-out to Barran and his father, Osman, for building the fantastic portable keyboard storage units for our school. Their generosity, craftsmanship, and willingness to give their time have made a meaningful difference for our students and staff. Acts of kindness like these help strengthen our school community and make L'École Bilingue an even better place to learn and grow.

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.



Parenting Webinars

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) is offering virtual live online webinars for parents and caregivers on *Parenting in the Online World.* During these sessions, C3P will provide insights into concerning trends seen through operations of Cybertip.ca – Canada's tipline to report the online sexual exploitation of children, and provide considerations and resources for talking with children and youth about online safety.

Parents can sign up for one of four dates between November and April to learn more about online risks and trends concerning children and youth. There will be a Q and A offered at the end of each session. The first webinar will be taking place on **Wednesday, November 18*th*** at **4:00p.m.**

You can register for one of the virtual sessions being offered to parents and caregivers here: https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/parenting_in_the_online_world_webinars



Volunteer Conduct Agreement and Criminal Records Check

If parents will be volunteering at school this year (for field trips, coaching or helping in the library for example), we encourage you to complete a volunteer conduct agreement and a criminal records check. The VSB volunteer agreement is linked here and must be completed annually and the criminal records check information is listed below (CRCs are valid for five years). Even if you've already completed a CRC with another organization, we are required to have it linked to our organization – and you can do so by following the prompts on the site. Thank you for helping to volunteer this year!

Volunteer Conduct Agreement link here: Volunteer Conduct Agreement.pdf

Criminal Record Check CRC:
https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access

L'École Bilingue Access Code: UCQ9JNKQMR

Your CRC result/clearance letter will be emailed directly to Madame Harcus.
CRCs are valid for five years. If you've already completed a CRC for another organization, you can use the link above to link that CRC to our organization. Merci!

Important Dates:

Friday November 20 – Pro-D Day – No School for Students

Tuesday December 15 – Learning Update #1 goes home via Spaces

Friday December 18 – last day before winter break

Monday January 4 – first day back after winter break

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.