

Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

This month on Wednesday November 16 and Thursday November 17 from 2:15 pm, parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss student progress. This is one of five opportunities throughout the year that families will receive information on the strengths, areas for growth, and ways to support learning for their child. Communicating student learning is a fundamental component of our education system and we hope all families take part in this process. Teachers will be in contact with families to give specific information for their child's appointment. **A reminder that students are dismissed both days at 2:00pm.**

At the recent PAC meeting, our counsellor Mr. Pickett made a presentation about his role and the services he provides to students. I want to take the opportunity to let parents know about other district staff that are connected to Beaconsfield and their role in providing supports to students.

Ms. R. Smith – district literacy teacher who adds to our resource support with a focus on literacy development

Ms. B. McElroy- community schools team youth and family worker who focuses on support to students and families

Ms. E. Boswell – speech and language pathologist who works with students and is a support to teachers addressing speech and language issues

Ms. C. Vexelman – psychologist who supports the school with guidance and completes psycho-educational assessments for students

Ms. P. Forrest – Indigenous enhancement worker who supports our students and school with guidance on Indigenous issues and curriculum

We want to let you know about an exciting learning opportunity sponsored by the PAC. SVibe Dance Tribe will be returning to Beaconsfield the week of December 12-16 to work with all the students on a Hip Hop dance routine with a performance scheduled for parents on the evening of Thursday December 15. We will also have a performance for students on the morning of Friday December 16. We will be able to accommodate a few parents at that performance as well. We will update you on specific details closer to the dates.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to everyone that participated in our walk-a-thon. The money raised will be used to reduce costs for student field trips and intermediate camp.

Students and Online behaviour

Each year we deal with situations involving student behaviour online, typically these events happen outside of school hours but involve students in our school. Giving your child access to online platforms and devices requires supervision as young students may write and send inappropriate or offensive material to other students. At school we are trying to have an ongoing conversation with students about responsible behaviour both in school and outside of school hours, even when online. We encourage parents to also have ongoing conversations with their children about their online activities and monitor it closely. This resource from Safer Schools Together may be of help to families <https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>

Sports Teams at Beaconsfield

We currently have several afterschool sports opportunities for Beaconsfield students supervised by staff:

- Cross country running grades 4-7 and soccer grade 6/7 (season has ended)
- Volleyball grades 6/7 started Oct. 26 and finishing the first week of December
- Basketball grade 6/7 January-March break
- Badminton grade 6/7 March Break-May
- Track and Field grade 4-7 April-June

If parents are interested in volunteering, we need drivers to games at Renfrew School on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the volleyball season. Please let the office or Mr. Thomas know if you are interested in being a driver.

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24



Kindergarten registration for children born in 2018 begins on November 1st.

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on **Tuesday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Tuesday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for Kindergarten is a **2-Step process**:

Step 1: Completion of an online application form.

Step 2: Bringing supporting documentation, along with your child, to your neighbourhood English catchment school.



Supporting Documents Needed:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court Orders/Documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will begin to be accepted in early 2023.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1st and January 31st

1. **In-catchment** Kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.
2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining Kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31st and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31st

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31st will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31st.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the district. (Administrative Procedure 300)

Safe Arrival Procedures

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. **If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on the answering service by calling 604-713-5159 school code 11.** Messages can be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159 school code 11** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence

Student Sign out Procedure:

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you notify the office. If you do not notify the office, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a ‘missing’ student and will commence a search of school grounds. **If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department.** Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Pick up and Drop off

Families should take note that in front of the school there is a **No Stopping** zone. City Bylaw Section 17.1 states: You cannot stop in a No Stopping zone for any reason, or any length of time. On either side of the **No Stopping** area there is a **No Parking** zone where people can stop for five minutes to pick up and drop off children. Check out this City of Vancouver [link](#) for more specific parking information.

PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday October 18 at 6:30 pm in the library. Several parents attended. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is on **November 15 at 6:15pm** in the library. Childcare will be available. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact PAC or volunteer to help out with a program, please email beaconsfieldschool@gmail.com

Important Dates in November

Tues. Nov. 8	Pedestrian/road safety talk for primary students
Fri. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day- no school
Tues. Nov. 15	PAC meeting @ 6:15pm in library
Wed. Nov. 16	Parent/teacher/Student conferences 2:15- dismissal at 2:00pm
Thurs. Nov. 17	Parent/teacher/Student conferences 2:15- dismissal at 2:00pm
Fri. Nov. 25	Indigenous Focused Professional Day – no school for students

Important Upcoming Dates in December

Tues. Dec. 6	PAC meeting @ 6:15pm in library
Fri. Dec. 9	Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 12-16	Hip Hop workshops
Thurs. Dec. 15	“Café Noel” PAC fundraiser (details TBA)
Thurs. Dec. 15	Hip Hop Performance 6:15pm in gym
Fri. Dec. 16	Hip Hop Performance for students -morning (time TBD)
Fri Dec. 16	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Tues. Jan. 3	Students return to classes

Please check our website Beaconsfield.vsb.bc.ca for the regularly updated school calendar