

Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

Teachers and students spent the first few days of school renewing friendships, meeting newcomers and getting reacquainted in family groupings. During the second week of school, students moved into this year's home rooms and have slowly started adjusting to routines and the patterns of a school day. We currently have 230 students and 10 divisions, very similar to last year.

Thank you to everyone who has completed their school forms and paid school fees. If you have not completed our forms please use the following link: <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>.

Another reminder on how important it is to keep your contact information updated with the office throughout the year if there are any changes.

On Friday, September 29, students and staff were encouraged to wear orange to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As with all schools in Vancouver, Beaconsfield is committed to integrating Indigenous knowledge into our teaching and providing all students with opportunities to understand and honour the role Indigenous culture and people have played in our shared Canadian history.

Later this month we will be celebrating Halloween; we encourage everyone to come to school on the 31st in costume. Please ensure that children's faces are visible and that the costume does not include any weapons.

Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

The link below is for the Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol that we are required to share with staff and parents each year. Please read through and discuss with your child, where appropriate for their age level. Our goal is always to maintain a safe and inclusive environment.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5072/student-threat-risk-assessment-vtra>

Terry Fox

Our Terry Fox run was held on Friday, September 22. Students used our lower field to complete their run. Thank you to Mr. Thomas for organizing this event. So far, our school has raised close to \$400! Donations can be made through the Terry Fox website [here](#). Thank you to everyone who donated money for this important cause.



Parent Teacher -Three Way Conferences

The dates for our conferences are set for Tuesday, Oct. 24th and Wednesday, Oct. 25th from 2:15 onward. On both days there will be an early dismissal at 2:00 pm to facilitate the maximum number of conference spots available. Teachers will be sending out instructions as to how to register and book a conference. Parent – Teacher – Three Way Conferences are the first step in our sharing of how we communicate the learning of your child throughout the year. The dialogue at this meeting is significant as in a 3-way conference the triangle of learning is best articulated with the student present to discuss their goals and challenges that they will work with in the coming year. The conferencing time is short so please be prompt and have your questions and inquiries from yourself and your child ready to go to ensure optimal use of the conferencing session.

Foundational Skills Assessment Grade 4 and 7

In the coming weeks, students in grades 4 and 7 will participate in the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA). These assessments focus on students' literacy and numeracy development. As mentioned earlier this week in a message from our superintendent to families of students in grades 4 and 7, the FSAs provide valuable information about how students in Vancouver schools are doing. Individual classroom teachers can use assessment results as one measure of how students in their classrooms are doing and where they need more support. As a school district, **FSA results are used to help make evidence-informed decisions about where we need to focus resources and supports to enhance student learning.**

The Ministry of Education and Childcare has more information about FSAs – available in a variety of languages. Here are links to that information.

- [Foundation Skills Assessment for Parents and Caregivers \(English\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [French \(Français\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Simplified Chinese – 简体中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chinese \(Traditional Chinese – 繁體中文\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Farsi \(فارسی\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Punjabi \(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Tagalog \(PDF\)](#)
- [Urdu \(اردو\) \(PDF\)](#)

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 or if your child will be late. **If your child will be absent or late, please phone the school and 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.

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

Our PAC hosted a very successful Meet and Greet event last week. Parents and students played soccer on our back field and enjoyed refreshments by our under-cover area. A special thank-you to all our parents who were able to help set up and take down this event. The last PAC meeting was held on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30pm in the library, we had a great turn out. Minutes will be posted on the PAC tab of the school website. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30pm in our staff room. 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 October

Mon. Oct. 2	School not in Session (day in lieu of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation)
Tues. Oct. 3	Photo Day
Mon. Oct. 9	Thanksgiving – school closed
Tues. Oct. 10	PAC meeting @ 6:30pm in staff room
Wed. Oct. 11	Foundation Skills Assessment window for grades 4 and 7 students begins
Thurs. Oct. 19	Earthquake drill (province wide)
Fri. Oct. 20	Professional Day – no school for students
Tues. Oct. 24	Parent/teacher/Student conferences beginning at 2:15, dismissal at 2:00pm
Wed. Oct. 25	Parent/teacher/Student conferences beginning at 2:15, dismissal at 2:00pm
Tues. Oct. 24	Immunization clinic for kindergarten and grade 6
Tues. Oct. 31	Halloween

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

