



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, December 8, 2023

Jacque Lavoie, Principal
Alice Jungclaus, Vice-Principal
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Newsletter #11

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

Did you know that L'École Bilingue has an RBLM room and a Sensory room to support students' Social Emotional Learning? Our School Learning Plan (school goal) continues to focus on implementing strategies and tools to support our students with self-regulation and executive functioning challenges and stretches.

One strategy used to support this goal is the RBLM (Ready Bodies Learning Minds) program, which we are very pleased to offer at L'École Bilingue. RBLM supports sensory integration and motor control which in return helps students with their academic successes. The goal of the RBLM program is "Helping the children develop skills for learning readiness and mastery of the environment".

In our RBLM room, students rotate through a series of activities that address in particular: Reflexes, Vestibular, Proprioceptive, Tactile, Visual, and Auditory systems.

There are also activities for Eye-Hand-Foot coordination, Locomotor, Balance, Motor Control, Ball Work and Handwriting. All systems work together, and one activity will feed multiple systems.

We are most fortunate to have our dedicated Support Workers trained in RBLM, so that they may work with students in the RBLM room. Also currently, we have two teachers trained and many more who will be trained by district staff in the new year, so that more students may benefit.



Our RBLM room would not be possible without the financial support from the PAC. So, a big heartfelt THANK YOU for helping

L'Ecole Bilingue achieve our goal of having a fully functional RBLM room. We are so grateful, and our students truly benefit thanks to you!

In next week's newsletter, we will share about the Sensory room.

Happy Hanukkah to our L'Ecole Bilingue families who are celebrating this festival of lights.

Warm regards,
Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus



ILLNESS

With the cold and flu season upon us, we thank you for keeping students at home if they are unwell.

A reminder that if your phone number changes throughout the year, to please let the office know, as at times it is necessary to call parents if your child becomes sick when at school.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you currently have a child in the French Immersion District Choice Program (K-6) at L'Ecole Bilingue and have a younger child you are intending to register in Kindergarten for September 2024, please send an email to Mme Christine at cfyfe@vsb.bc.ca with the name of the child who is currently at L'Ecole Bilingue and the name of the child entering Kindergarten in September. **Please send by Thursday, December 14th.**

Replying to this email does not act as registration for kindergarten, this question is being asked to gauge the number of siblings entering the District Choice Programs for Kindergarten in September 2024. To register your child, you MUST:

- register your child at their neighbourhood catchment school
- AND
- apply online to the Kindergarten District Choice Program between January 8 and February 2 indicating the child is the sibling of a current student in the French Immersion program

ART CARDS

Thank you so much to families for supporting our Art Cards program this year. All our students did a wonderful job with their creative and artistic designs, and we are very proud of them.

A big thank you to Mme Janine for organizing and coordinating this project with all our divisions!

Thanks to families' support and purchases of your child's beautiful card, we have raised \$2,625.73 for our sister school Grandview Łuuqinak'uuh Elementary. Grandview School thanks students, staff and the L'École Bilingue community for our generosity. This is a true testament to what an amazing and caring community L'École Bilingue truly is.

Important Reminders & Notices

ONLINE FORMS

Reminder to please complete the **online forms for your child(ren)**. www.myforms.vsb.bc.ca
These forms include permissions to share photos, go on neighborhood walks, etc. We need your consent!

STUDENT ABSENCES

Reminder to please call or email the school before 9am to let us know of your child's absence.

Safe Arrival Line: **604-713-4585 Press #1**

Office email: lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca

If you email your child's teacher, please copy (CC) the office. Thank you!

PAC NEWS

The next meeting is on **Thursday, January 25, 2024**.

Direct Donations is open! The school is in need of new technology upgrades for classrooms. Your donations this year will contribute to the purchase of a new classroom set of tablets/laptops for student learning. Every dollar makes a difference, so please contribute what you can! You will receive a tax receipt for your donations! Please visit [the PAC website](#) to donate and to learn more.

Join the PAC [WhatsApp group](#) for news and information from PAC members/committees, and join the PAC [mailing list](#) for weekly newsletters.

MUNCH-A-LUNCH

The next pizza session from January to March will be open until Dec 15 for ordering on Munchalunch

[Munch-A-Lunch Login](#)

WINTER AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS!

Our after-school programs for January to March, including Art of Tennis, Petit Architect, Musical Theatre, Robotics & Coding, and Drawing are now accepting registrations!

Visit <https://lebpac.ca/programs> to see the schedule and sign up.

Note: these programs are not school sanctioned nor supervised by L'École Bilingue staff. The instructors rent school space from the VSB Rentals Department and are fully responsible for the supervision of the students. Contact Rose Lo or Allison Suter at programs@lebpac.ca with any questions.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING

The book fair is coming back, and we need your help. The fair is scheduled for Dec 14 and 15th, just in time for holiday shopping.

As this is the first year in a bit (and my first year), we're keeping it simple: book sales will be after school on Dec 14 and Dec 15 from 3:03 pm to 5:30 pm.

Set up will happen on Dec 13th in the afternoon (exact time TBD). If you have an eye for design and display, I would LOVE some help.

If you love books and your kids, there are lots of fun ways to help out. Please email Erin.Barrett@gmail.com or [visit this sign-up sheet](#).

SUSHI LUNCH TUESDAYS

Parents volunteers are needed for 35 minutes to help deliver sushi lunch on Tuesdays from 12:40-13:15. [Sign up HERE](#)

This program raises money for Grade 7 special events therefore is being run by grade 7 students and led by grade 7 parents. Thank you to all the volunteers - you make sushi lunch possible 🙏

Important notification- Sushi lunch will not be able to operate without volunteers. We need a minimum of 3 volunteers each Tuesday.



Tis the Season for Giving



NEEDED: ESSENTIALS FOR HOLIDAY GIFT BAG

For the sixth year, our school community will provide Holiday Gift Bags to the Downtown Community Health Centre on Powell Street. The clinic provides medical services to vulnerable individuals on the downtown eastside. They are open on Christmas day and patients who come in receive a holiday bag, and for many this may be their only gift. The staff cannot thank our school enough for our generosity. Labelled boxes for each division will be placed in the pods the week of November 20th.

ALL items are still needed to reach our goal of 100 gifts. We are short **shampoos, body wash, bars of soap, deodorant, toothpaste & menstrual products.**

Collection will take place until Tuesday, December 19th.

Additionally we are collecting gently used *toques* from the **whole school community** and if you can, \$5-\$10 *Tim Hortons gift cards* to complete the bags. A collection box is located outside of the office for toques and gift cards can be given to Christine in the office - Merci!



No time to shop? Tessa will be collecting e-transfers for any amount to buy the items most needed.

Thank you to everyone who has donated!

Cheri-Leigh Sewell, Clsewell74@gmail.com

Allison Mitchell, alliemitche@gmail.com

Tessa Chaworth tessa.cm@gmail.com

Items requested from each division:

Divisions 1 & 2 – Menstrual products and men's/women's deodorant

Divisions 3 & 4 – Adult toques (new or gently used okay)

Divisions 5 & 6 – Adult finger gloves (new or gently used okay)

Divisions 7, 8 & 9 – Socks: men's/women's- wool, synthetic preferred (new)

Division 10 – Small-sized shampoo & conditioner, lip balm/ChapStick

Division 11 – Soap: bars, small sized body wash, lip balm/ChapStick

Division 12 & 13 – New Hand Towels (small)

Division 14 – Individually packed soft snacks, cookies, cereal bars

Division 15 – Individually packaged holiday treat of chocolates or candy or gum

Division 16 & 17 – Toothbrushes & Toothpaste



IMPORTANT DATES

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11:**
 - **LOCK DOWN DRILL #1 at 9:45 AM (postponed from December 4th)**
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15:**
 - **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22:**
 - **PYJAMA DAY**
 - **WINTER ASSEMBLY - TIME TBD**
 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Art de la classe de
M. Matthew (div
17)



Art de la classe de Mme Gabrielle (div 11)

