



# L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, December 22, 2023

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## Newsletter #12

### *LAST NEWSLETTER OF 2023!*

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

A big **merci** to staff and parents who helped make this time of year so special for our students, with a myriad of activities, and events such as making crafts, felt ornaments, gingerbread houses, a pancake breakfast, a Winter Market, an art exhibit, door decorating and finishing off with a winter assembly. Thank you to parents for coming to share your holiday customs and traditions with our students, which is so important for them to learn about. It was a very busy month, and we are so proud of our students' accomplishments and are grateful to staff and parents for providing these enriching opportunities for our students.



As the end of 2023 draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to highlight how fortunate we are at L'École Bilingue to have so many parents who work on a voluntary basis to make our school a better place for our children. Although it is impossible to acknowledge everyone within this available space, please know that it is appreciated.

L'École Bilingue is also fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed staff who, not only work hard to provide many student-centered activities, but who are also active on numerous committees and initiatives at the school, each of which benefit our students. Merci to staff!

The staff at L'École Bilingue would like to wish all our families a very restful Winter Break and best wishes for the holiday season with lots of time to spend with family and friends.

We look forward to working with you all in the new year!

All the best in 2024,  
Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus



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## Important Reminders

### ONLINE FORMS

Reminder to please complete the **online forms for your child(ren)**.  
[myforms.vsb.bc.ca](https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca)

These forms include **permissions to share photos**, go on neighborhood walks, etc.  
We need your consent!

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### STUDENT ABSENCES

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

Safe Arrival Phone Line: **604-713-4585 Press #1**  
Safe Arrival Email: [lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca)

**If you email your child's Teacher regarding an absence, please copy (CC) the office at [lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca). Thank you!**

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### SAFETY REMINDER

Once again, we are reminding parents not to drop off or pick up students in the staff parking lot. This is for everyone's safety! Merci.

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## 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.

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## MunchaLunch

MunchaLunch session 2 runs from January 9<sup>th</sup> to March 14, 2024.  
Sushi Tuesdays and Pizza Thursdays will continue for this session.

**Ordering for sushi is open on MunchaLunch right now, until December 29th at noon.**

**Ordering for pizza will re-open from December 29th at noon till January 4th at noon,** for those that missed the first round of ordering.

Any questions contact the LEB MunchaLunch Admin, Krista at [lunch@lebpac.ca](mailto:lunch@lebpac.ca).

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## SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

A big thank you to parents for supporting the Scholastics Book Fair last week. Thanks to your generosity, our teachers received many new books for their classroom and our Teacher-Librarian, Mme Nathalie, will be able to purchase a large number of books for the library. We are thrilled that our students will be able to enjoy these new books either in their classroom or the library.

A very big Merci to Erin Barrett for championing this event! As well as thank you to all parent volunteers who helped in many ways to ensure the Book Fair ran very smoothly. Your time, support and commitment to supporting literacy at L'École Bilingue is greatly appreciated!



## HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS

Once again, L'École Bilingue demonstrated what a giving, caring and generous community we are, by donating enough items to fill 100 holiday gift bags for the Downtown Community Health Centre. The elves were hard at work on Tuesday preparing and filling the bags, and what a sight it was to see it all come together. Thank you to all for your contributions!



A big thank you to Cheri-Leigh Sewell for championing this event once again this year, as well as to Allison Mitchell and Tessa Chaworth for their help, and to the parents who helped assemble the bags.

Thank you to our students who created the beautiful cards to accompany the bags.

Given this may be the only gift some may receive, we are thrilled to be able to make someone's Christmas Day a little cheerier. Merci!

*Bravo L'École Bilingue!  
106 holiday gift bags were delivered to the Downtown Community Health Centre to be given out on Christmas Day. The Centre is thankful for the generosity of our school community! The bags were bursting with essentials and treats, thank you ALL for the Tim Horton's Gift Cards, each bag had one!*

*Thank you to the Elves - Allison, Tessa, Sara & Erin for assembling the bags!*

*Cheri-Leigh Sewell, Parent Organizer*



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## 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. Most programs require a minimum number of students to run so if you are planning on signing up, please do so as soon as you are able!

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

Contact Rose Lo or Allison Suter at [programs@lebpac.ca](mailto:programs@lebpac.ca) with any questions.

*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.*

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22:**
  - **PYJAMA DAY**
  - **WINTER ASSEMBLY – 9:30 AM**
  - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 3:03 PM DISMISSAL**
  
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 8:**
  - **FIRST DAY BACK!**



Div. 12 Art



Div. 8 Door Decoration



Grade 2 Gingerbread Houses  
Div. 10, 11, & 12