



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, February 9, 2024

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Newsletter #17

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

A reminder that on Wednesday and Thursday we will be holding our second Learning Conferences of the year. These conferences are a very important way to communicate student learning but also a time to celebrate students' successes. Enjoy this time with your child and classroom teacher.

Happy Lunar New Year to our families who are celebrating Lunar New Year this weekend. Wishing you all the best in this Year of the Dragon.

Warm regards,
Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus



SEL GROUPS

As shared, Mme Chloe our School Counsellor is currently on Maternity Leave. A warm welcome to Mme Marie-Pier, who will be running SEL (Social Emotional Learning) groups, with small groups of students. Mme Marie-Pier, who speaks French and is an experienced teacher, is very familiar with L'École Bilingue, having been a Teacher-On-Call in many of our classes this year. Mme Marie-Pier will be with us on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will work with small groups of students on their SEL needs.

Please note that as Mme Marie-Pier is not a trained counsellor, she will not be working with students one-on-one, in the capacity of a counsellor. Mme Marie-Pier will be communicating with parents whose child will be part of an SEL group. Please help us in welcoming Mme Marie-Pier to L'École Bilingue.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER



- Please report student absences before 9am
- Safe Arrival Phone Line: **604-713-4585 Press #1**
- Safe Arrival Email: lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca

SALEEMA NOON BODY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Every second year, all L'École Bilingue students participate in a Body Science workshop with Sexual Health Educator Saleema Noon. This year, the Body Science workshop for students is taking place on March 1 & 4. Prior to the student workshop, parents are invited to a Body Science Boot Camp workshop for Parents.

Parenthood never arrives with a rulebook, and when it comes to explaining the world of sexual health to your child, it can be hard not to end up a bright shade of red. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will show you how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids.

In this workshop parents will learn:

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes
- How to become their kids' preferred source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students

Join us via live Zoom on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 pm. (Zoom link to be shared closer to the date)

For more information about Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators go to www.saleemanoon.com.

PAC NEWS

SUSHI LUNCH TUESDAYS

Grade 6 parents, we need your help! This is the last session of current grade 7 parents in coordinating this fundraiser. We need one or two representatives from current grade 6 parents to take on Sushi Lunch Co-ordination.

Parents volunteers are needed for 35 minutes to help deliver sushi lunch on Tuesdays from 12:40-13:15. Thank you for all the volunteers! Without you, sushi lunch won't happen!

<https://signup.com/go/FHfXYcB>

If you want Sushi lunch to continue and you want to know how please contact ASAP at sushi@lebpac.ca.

Fundraising

Explore exciting new options to support the PAC! We've teamed up with Mabel's Labels and Tru Earth Laundry Detergent and environmentally friendly cleaning products, ensuring that 20% of your purchase goes directly to the PAC. By choosing these quality products, you not only get what you need but also contribute to our cause. Share the links below with friends and loved ones to amplify the impact!

Mabel's Labels: campaigns.mabelslabels.com - search for **L'Ecole Bilingue PAC (Vancouver)** and shop. Mabel's Labels sells highly customizable labels that are laundry and dishwasher safe. For use on clothing, shoes, bags, lunchboxes and anything your child might use or lose at school.

Tru Earth: <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/lebpac> - reduce your families single use plastics with laundry strips! Every 32-load eco-strips package eliminates 1 plastic jug from potentially ending up in landfills and oceans. True Earth sells laundry detergent as well as other environmentally friendly products.

Grade 6 parent Co-lead needed for the Spring Walkathon Event

The success of our first annual Walkathon last May was felt by the whole school community. This fun, community building event contributes to PAC, grade 7 events (2025) and a charity. The co-lead commitment includes emails, volunteer recruitment, pledge management and coordinating on the day of the event.

Please contact Cheri-Leigh if you'd like to sign-on to help. clsewell74@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:**
 - **EARLY DISMISSAL 2PM – Parent Teacher Conferences**
 - **VALENTINE'S DAY**

 - **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15:**
 - **EARLY DISMISSAL 2PM – Parent Teacher Conferences**

 - **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16:**
 - **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL**

 - **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19:**
 - **FAMILY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

 - **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27:**
 - **SALEEMA NOON PARENT WORKSHOP ON-LINE – 6:30 PM**

 - **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:**
 - **PINK SHIRT DAY**

 - **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29:**
 - **PAC MEETING 7:00 PM**
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