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L'ECOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #19

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

On Wednesday, February 28th, L'École Bilingue will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day. In following the VSB's Education Plan and goal of creating a safe, caring, welcoming and inclusive school community, all students and staff will be participating in this important day. Two assemblies organized and led by the Grade 7 students will be held that day, a Primary assembly at 9:30 am and an Intermediate assembly at 1:30 pm. At these assemblies, our Grade 7 students will read stories, poems and present skits about kindness, empathy, and compassion, as well as the detrimental effects of bullying, gender stereotypes and homophobia. The Grade 7 students will also be organizing a photo booth at recess that day, so students may take photos with their friends dressed in pink.

The goal of Pink Shirt Day is not to wear pink only on February 28th, but to foster a commitment to being open minded, accepting, and to treating everyone with kindness and compassion every single day.

Therefore, all students are asked to wear **pink** on this day in support of anti-bullying and anti-homophobia.

Thank you to our Grade 7 students for organizing this important day. We look forward to seeing a sea of pink at our two assemblies.

Warm regards, Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus





A FRIENDLY REMINDER



- Please report student absences before 9am
- Safe Arrival Phone Line: 604-713-4585 Press #1
- o Safe Arrival Email (Office): lec-safearrival@vsb.bc.ca
- o If you email your child's teacher, please copy (C.C.) the office

SALEEMA NOON BODY SCIENCE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Please join us for **L'École Bilingue's Parent Session** - Talk Sex Today with Julie — on **Tues Feb 27**th **at 6:30pm on-line at**

Join Zoom Meeting link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82171134953?pwd=R1IFbzl2VjNXSG9DdTNvWm5XSmZnUT09

Meeting ID: 821 7113 4953

Passcode: 635744

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

PAC NEWS

The next PAC Meeting is on **Thursday, February 29th, 2024,** from 6:30pm (social) 7:00pm-8:00pm (meeting) in the library. On the agenda: The Fundraising Committee will be presenting their draft New Fundraising Model proposal! Babysitting is available (please RSVP to chair@lebpac.ca). Snacks and drinks will be provided in the meeting. A zoom link will be sent out with the agenda prior to the meeting for those unavailable to attend in person. Please join the PAC whatsApp group for up-to-date information.

Pizza and Sushi Leads for Next Year Needed! Calling on current Grade 3 and 6 Parents! With the final lunch session going towards next year's fundraising goal (pizza = grade 4 fundraising, sushi = grade 7 fundraising), the handover time for next year is fast approaching! Please contact pizza@lebpac.ca and sushi@lebpac.ca for more information.

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 <u>WhatsApp group</u> for news and information from PAC members/committees, and join the PAC <u>mailing list</u> for weekly newsletters.



FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Did you know that our school has a fruit and vegetable program?

Once or twice a month we receive shipments of local fruits or vegetables for our kids to try. We still have 5 more shipments scheduled this school year and we are looking **for more parent volunteers to help wash and sort produce** into bins for each division **once a month on Wednesdays**.

This is a low-key volunteer gig with the <u>fabulous perk of getting to meet other parents</u> in the school community. We typically need 4-5 people per shift, once or twice a month from 9:15-10:30ish. If we get lots of volunteers, you may only need to come in 2-3 times in the school year.

If you are interested, please email Lesley **right away** at lesleyturenne@gmail.com

Spring extra-curricular programs

We are currently finalizing the spring schedule with our third-party extra-curricular program providers. Precise dates and registration links will be available soon, but for planning purposes the tentative schedule is:

Mondays:

- Tennis (Mini)—the first few weeks will be makeup classes for the winter term
- Wize (grades 3+, mobile app development)

Tuesdays:

- Basketball (grades 2+, one or two days a week)
- Lights Up Musical Theatre (grades 1+)

Wednesday

- Tennis (Junior)—the first few weeks will be makeup classes for the winter term
- Petit Architect (grades 2+)

Thursday

- Basketball (grades 2+, one or two days a week)
- Young Rembrandts (grades 1+)

Friday

• Wize (grades 1-3, robotics)

Please remember that these programs are not school sanctioned nor supervised by the PAC or by L'École Bilingue staff. The instructors rent school space from the VSB Rentals Department and are responsible for supervising the students. **Please ensure your child knows exactly where and when to go** (and may we suggest you be present to help your child on the first day of the program).

SUSHI LUNCH TUESDAYS

Sushi session from April 2 to June 18th will be open on Munch-a-lunch from **Feb 26 to March 15th.** Please sign up for your next sushi session!

Grade 6 parents (or any grade) please sign up for sushi coordinator for next year! This fundraiser raises funds for the grade 7 activities plus helps with funds for around the school helping every grade! For more information please email; sushi@lebpac.ca

Parents volunteers are needed for 35 minutes to help deliver sushi lunch on Tuesdays from 12:40- 13:15.

Sign up HERE for weekly volunteers.

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.

FUNDRAISING

Cobs Bread

If anyone (families, friends, neighbors, grandparents etc.) goes into the new Cobs Bread at 8th and Cambie St. (across from Whole Foods) and mentions L'École Bilingue when they pay, 5% of their purchase or \$2 from every hot cross bun pack will be donated to the school!





IMPORTANT DATES

- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27:
 - SALEEMA NOON PARENT WORKSHOP ON-LINE 6:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:
 - PINK SHIRT DAY- all students are encouraged to wear pink that day.
 - PINK SHIRT DAY ASSEMBLY- 9:30 AM PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
 & 1:30 PM INTERMEDIATE ASSEMBLY
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29:
 - LOCK DOWN DRILL #2- 1:30 PM
 - PAC MEETING 7:00 PM IN PERSON IN THE LIBRARY
- FRIDAY, MARCH 1 & MONDAY, MARCH 4:
 - **OUR SALEEMA NOON STUDENT WORKSHOPS**
- MONDAY, MARCH 4 to FRIDAY, MARCH 15:
 - GYMNASTICS PROGRAM WITH KITSILANO GYMNASTICS DURING PE CLASSES





Lunar New Year Celebration - Division 13





