



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #2

Dear L'École Bilingue families,



We hope everyone had a great first week! It is clear that the students are very happy to be back amongst their friends and we have enjoyed the opportunity to connect with parents and family members.

Welcome back to all of our returning staff members. Staff enjoyed spending the week with their returning students, learning about their summer adventures, while reviewing concepts and practicing their oral French skills. Staff have been busy planning and preparing and are eager to start working with their new students.

A warm welcome to our new Office Administrator, **Mme Christine**, who has been busy registering new families, ordering needed supplies and updating student files. Please help us in welcoming Mme Christine to L'École Bilingue!

A big thank you to our hard working engineers, **Ed and Freddie**, who spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning and getting the building ready for the safe return of our students.

This newsletter contains a lot of information which we hope you will find helpful, so please read on.

I welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me by telephone or email or catch me when outside in the morning and after school.

Wishing you all a great school year ahead!

Sincerely,
Jacque Lavoie, Principal

Staff News

Please help us in welcoming the following new and returning staff members to L'École Bilingue.

- Welcome back to **Mme Karli Dionne**, who will be working with Mme Suzanne Carry three days a week, until Mme Suzanne's job share partner is hired for Monday-Wednesday. Welcome Back!
- Welcome to **Mme Gabrielle Horrocks-Denis**, who will be teaching at the Grade 2 level. Mme Gabrielle joins us from L'École Jules Quesnel and is experienced in French Immersion. We are thrilled that she is joining the team!
- Welcome to **Mme Cathy Ionta**, our new Primary Resource Teacher, who is also joining us from L'École Jules Quesnel. Mme Cathy is a very experienced French Immersion classroom and resource teacher, and we are very fortunate to have her join L'École Bilingue.
- Welcome to **Ms. Parveena Bains**, our Extra Clerical, who is with us on Wednesdays, helping Mme Christine in the office.
- We are very pleased to share that **Mme Danyon Knapper** will now be with us full time. Mme Danyon has been a part of the L'École Bilingue community on a part-time basis for two years now and we are so happy that she is now with us full time.

Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent home every Friday via email. We hope you find them informative and welcome any feedback and requests for content.

Cross-country at L'École Bilingue!

We are now preparing for our upcoming cross-country season. Here is some important registration information for Grade 1 to Grade 7 students interested in being part of our team. A meeting to be held at the VSB next Tuesday during which teachers from different schools will determine which weekday our mini-meets will be held. Once we know this, we can select a different weekday to hold our morning practices.

Registration dates: Wednesday September 13 at noon until Monday September 18

Practices: once a week between 8:00 am and 8:50 am. Day and dates TBA

Mini-meets: will be at Douglas Park (dates TBA) from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

We will walk together to Douglas Park

All students will be dismissed from the park

District Final: at Trout Lake in the afternoon of Thursday October 19

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with our practices and mini-meets. Running experience is not necessary to support our large cross-country team. If you wish to help, please email me at mricard@vsb.bc.ca or let me know on the upcoming permission form.

More information will be available on the permission form that will be distributed at the student organizational meeting.

Looking forward to another great cross-country season with the LEC students!

Abheeru Ricard
LEC PE teacher

Safe, late arrival and leaving early

If your child is going to be away or is sick, please leave a message at 604-713-4585 at anytime.

If arriving late, please have your child come to the office in order to sign in. If you need to pick up your child early during the day, please let your classroom teacher know in advance and please come to the office upon arrival to sign your child out.

Communication with Teachers

Email is one form of communicating with teachers but please remember that email is appropriate for general communication and that teachers are not able to discuss student behavior or progress via email. Issues requiring discussion are to be addressed through an appointment.

Also, it is always best to schedule an appointment in advance with your classroom teacher, by either contacting the office or sending your classroom teacher an email. Concerns must be discussed with the teacher before contacting administration.

Playground Supervision

There are two staff members on supervision duty before school from **8:45 am until 9:00 am** and two staff members on duty after school from **3:03 pm to 3:15 pm**.

Recess

Welcome back to our hard working Supervision Aides Jennifer and Ivy. Congratulations to our third Supervision Aide, Anjli, who retired over the summer. Anjli's position will be posted and filled as soon as possible. Our three Supervision Aides are on duty outside at recess and lunch and therefore are at L'Ecole Bilingue from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm every day. Our Supervision Aides are very visible, as they wear the bright VSB orange and yellow vests when on the playground. Administration also helps with recess and lunch hour supervision.

The Primary students' designated play area is at the back of the school, while the Intermediate students play at the front of the school and on the gravel field.

As students are expected to play outdoors every recess and lunch recess, please have them come dressed for the weather.

Medication

If ever your child is prescribed a medication that needs to be administered during the school day, this includes a puffer or Epi Pen, Mme Christine, our first aid attendant, would be the person responsible for administering the medication. We are only able to do so if we receive the signed VSB form from your physician. Please call the office if you need a form and we will send it home with your child. This protocol is put in place by the VSB for your child's protection.

Parking

Parking is extremely limited around the school. Please respect the parking signs accordingly and drive safely.

Please note that the staff parking lot is **not** to be used during school hours. Drop off or pick up your child in the staff parking lot is also not permitted.

Voluntary Student Accident Plans

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below;

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - WELCOME BACK BBQ - 5:00-7:30 PM**
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO SCHOOL**