



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, March 1, 2024

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Newsletter #20

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

On Wednesday, February 28th, L'École Bilingue celebrated **Pink Shirt Day**. Pink Shirt Day reminds students that they can:

- Play with any toy or play any sport or game
- Play with children of any gender
- Wear any colour and style of clothes or hair
- Be who they are and help others to do the same
- Stop name-calling and discrimination and make a difference

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who did an outstanding job contributing to the success of Pink Shirt Day at L'École Bilingue by organizing and running two assemblies, as well as activities at recess such as a photo booth and face painting. At the assembly, the Grade 7 students presented skits, a poem, and the story on the history of Pink Shirt Day. Through these presentations, students learned about how to stop bullying and discrimination by being upstanders and allies not only on Pink Shirt Day but every day. A big Merci and Bravo to our Grade 7 students!

Thank you to all students and staff who wore pink on this special day to create a Sea of Pink in support of anti-bullying and anti-homophobia.

Warm regards,

Mme Lavoie
& Mme Jungclaus





BASKETBALL AT L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

The basketball season has ended, and our six basketball teams all had a very successful season! We are very proud of all our players, who worked hard on improving their skills and who demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and teamwork when representing L'École Bilingue at games.

A special **congratulations** to our Senior Girls' team who advanced to the league playoffs and to the Senior Boys' team who made it all the way to the finals in the district league's playoffs. We are so proud of all of them and how they united their strengths and encouraged one another to create a harmonious team!! Way to go L'École Bilingue!

This enriching experience would not have been possible without the help and support of parents and staff, and we are truly appreciative for this! A big thank you to our parent coaches Derrick O'Keefe, Ayra Lotoski, Cheri-Leigh Sewell, Carrie Cu, Chris Cu, Mark Lavigne, Navdeep Chhina, Cheryl Nelms, Chris MacDonald, Martin Turenne, Brian Grant, James Prescott and Michael Smit, and to our parent/VSB sponsors, Joanne Sharples, Stephanie Leechik-Belonio, Jonah Eckert, Katie Grant and to our teacher sponsors Mme Laura and Mme Katie. Thank you also to parents for driving to and from games, for cheering our students on and for your ongoing support throughout the season.

SALEEMA NOON BODY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education. We are excited to inform you that Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with students in **K to G7**.

In their Body Science presentations, Saleema Noon and her team of experienced educators teach students about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they

find non-threatening and entertaining. In their own language, children learn about how their bodies change, and what those changes mean.

Student sessions will take place in person for your child's division either on Friday, March 1st or Monday, March 4th. The content of the presentations is supported by current research as being age appropriate and we believe that it contributes to healthy child development.

A big thank you to the PAC for funding this workshop!

PAC NEWS

Spring extra-curricular programs

It's time to register for the Spring term! Limited spots are available. Details and registration links at <https://lebpac.ca/programs>

See attached flyers for more details.

	Monday*	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gym	<u>Art of Tennis - Mini Tennis</u> Grades 1-3 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. \$200 (8 sessions) April 29 to June 24 *No class May 20	<u>DRIVE Basketball Academy</u> Grades 2-4 3:05 to 5:05 p.m. \$360+ tax (12 sessions) April 2 to June 18	<u>Art of Tennis - Jr. Tennis</u> Grades 4-7 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. \$250 (10 sessions) April 24 to June 26	<u>DRIVE Basketball Academy</u> Grades 5-7 3:05 to 5:05 p.m. \$360+ tax (12 sessions) April 4 to June 20	
Music Room #166	<u>Wize Computing - Mobile App Development</u> Grades 3+ 3:05 to 4:35 p.m. \$290 (8 sessions) Start date April 29	<u>Lights Up Musical Theatre</u> Grades 1-7 3:00-5:15 PM \$345+ GST (9 sessions) April 2 to May 28	<u>Petit Architect</u> Grades 2-7 3:05 to 4:35 p.m. \$315 (10 sessions) April 10 to June 12	<u>Young Rembrandts - Art</u> Grades 1-6 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. \$176 (8 sessions) April 25 to June 13	<u>Wize Computing - Robotics</u> Grades 1-3 3:05 to 4:35 p.m. \$290 (8 sessions) Start date April 26

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

Grade 5 parents are excited to announce that we have teamed up with BC Agriculture in the Classroom to offer the [Fresh To You fundraiser!](#)

\$25 for 15lbs of BC produce, with 40% going back to grade 5 families to help offset the cost of their day trip to Victoria in May to see our government in action at the Legislative Assembly.

Orders open later this week on [Munchalunch](#) and our pickup window is April 9-19, we will know the week before what the exact delivery date will be.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **FRIDAY, MARCH 1: SALEEMA NOON STUDENT WORKSHOPS**
- **MONDAY, MARCH 4: SALEEMA NOON STUDENT WORKSHOPS**
- **MONDAY, MARCH 4 to FRIDAY, MARCH 15: GYMNASTICS PROGRAM WITH KITSILANO GYMNASTICS DURING PE CLASSES**
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 8- FIRE DRILL #4- 9:45 AM**
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 12: STUDENT LEARNING UPDATE #2 TO GO HOME**
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 15: LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK- 3:03 PM DISMISSAL**





