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L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #23

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break and some enjoyable family time.

The third term is upon us, and students have settled nicely back into their routines. It will be a busy term with many activities and enriching experiences for all our students. Stay tuned for details.

Please see important notice attached regarding Monday's solar eclipse.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to working with all of you this term.

Warm regards,

Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus

STAFF NEWS

A warm welcome to Area Counsellor Nicole Grant, who will be with us on Thursday afternoons beginning on Thursday, April 11th, until the end of the school year. Nicole is a very experienced counsellor, and we are fortunate to have her with us.

Please note that Mme Boudreau-Chartier will continue to work with students in the small SEL groups two days a week, and Nicole will see students in need one-on-one.

Should you have any questions for either Nicole Grant or Mme Boudreau-Chartier, please do not hesitate to reach out by contacting the office.

Welcome also to M. Emmett, who will be job sharing with Mme Sonia in Division 1 for the remainder of the school year. M. Emmett will be at L'École Bilingue on Fridays, and we are thrilled that he is officially joining our community!

RBC RACE FOR KIDS TEAM



We are very excited to announce that **L'École Bilingue** will have a team in the **RBC Race for the Kids** on **Sunday, June 9th at 9AM!**

This wonderful event is held annually as a part of the BC Children's Hospital Miracle Weekend Telethon and raises funds for childhood cancer research and treatment areas in addition to mental health programs at BC Children's Hospital. Chances are many of us have been touched by the **lifesaving** care of Children's Hospital.

This year's event will take place on **Sunday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m.** in Vancouver / Riley Park. It is a fantastic family event, where participants run or walk a 2 km or 5 km Fun Run, followed by a carnival for the kids including live music, face painting, crafts, games, and fresh fruits and veggies.

- Register your family at <https://fundraise.bcchf.ca/join/LecoleBilingue>
- Password is: LEC2024
- *****Sign up by April 17th and save on your registration fee*****
- Please note, all team members must be registered by May 21st to have their T-shirts included in our team's T-shirt box.
- Our goal is to recruit team members (**as many people who wish to participate**) including students/parents/siblings/others and to raise a minimum of **1000\$ (goal)**. Let's work together to make this happen!
- If you cannot participate in the race you can donate to the **L'École Bilingue** team by visiting the site <https://fundraise.bcchf.ca/join/LecoleBilingue>

Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause, and hopefully we will see you on Sunday, June 9th!

Janine Dobry,
L'École Bilingue Team captain

More information will follow regarding the training sessions before the race.

SCHOOL STREETS PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that the School Streets Program will be returning to L'École Bilingue this spring to help improve safety and encourage active travel to and from our school.

What is a School Street?

In partnership with the City of Vancouver, we implemented a School Street at L'École Bilingue in spring 2023. A School Street is a car-free block adjacent to a school open to walking, biking and rolling during school pick-up and drop-off times. Findings from L'École Bilingue's 2023 program include:

- 14% of families reported walking more.
- 92% of students reported feeling safer on the street.
- 29% of families reported driving less.

For more information about the program, please visit vancouver.ca/School-Streets.

L'École Bilingue School Street Program Details:

- **Date:** May 6, 2024, to May 31, 2024, on school days (4 weeks)
- **Location:** W 14th Avenue between Alder and Spruce streets (see Figure 1 in attachment)
- **Time:** 8:40 - 9:10 am and 2:45 - 3:30 pm
- **Extended Hours:** Fridays, 2:45 - 4:00 pm, for Play Street Activities.
- **Please note:** Access to the parking lot on W 14th Avenue is for staff only, please do not use this area for pick-up or drop-off.

Attached is a letter with more details and area map that has also been mailed to residents.

Play Street Fridays

Join the Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) every Friday afternoon from 2:45 to 4:00 pm for Play Street fun! Enjoy activities like badminton, crafts, and a scooter course with ramps.

Need to drive?

While we promote active travel, we recognize that some parents may need to drive. Please consider drop-off locations a short walk away for older children, freeing up space nearer to the school for parents with younger students or those with accessibility needs. Kindly adhere to parking signage and utilize designated areas.

Accessibility

All other streets surrounding the school will remain accessible by motor vehicle as needed. Additional parking spaces may be provided for families with accessibility needs. Please contact me directly if you have accessibility needs and require more information.

Volunteers Needed!

L'École Bilingue needs your help to make our School Street program a success! We are looking for volunteers to sign up for 45–to 60-minute shifts to help set up, monitor, and take down barriers. Training will be provided. Visit volunteersignup.org/RW7WT for details or email Sarah, Kate and Lorie at lebschoolstreet@gmail.com.

Questions and feedback

For inquiries about the School Street program, email SchoolStreets@vancouver.ca or visit vancouver.ca/School-Streets.

Parents will receive a survey at the end of the program for feedback. Residents will also be informed via the attached letter and encouraged to reach out to the City of Vancouver with questions or feedback.

Thank you for supporting this initiative at L'École Bilingue!

PAC NEWS

YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED

The yearbook committee is looking for pictures from this school year of school field trips, sports, or other pictures from around the school. Please send to:
yearbook@lebpac.ca

SUSHI LUNCH TUESDAYS

Grade 6 parents, we still need your help! We have one coordinator but need at least one more to make sure sushi lunch runs effectively. If you want Sushi lunch to continue and you want to know how to help, please contact sushi@lebpac.ca ASAP!

Please sign up to volunteer. This is a great volunteering opportunity! This program raises money for Grade 7 special events, therefore is being run by grade 7 students and led by grade 7 parents. Parents volunteers are needed for 35 minutes to help deliver sushi lunch to classrooms on Tuesdays from 12:40-13:15.

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

Thank you to all the volunteers! Without you, sushi lunch won't happen.

Important notification - Sushi lunch will not be able to operate without volunteers. We need a minimum of 3 volunteers each Tuesday.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **MONDAY, APRIL 8 - CLASS PHOTOS AND SCHOOL PANORAMA PHOTO TO BE TAKEN AT 2:00 PM**
 - **MONDAY, APRIL 22 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO SCHOOL**
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