



OUR VSB

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #27

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

It is with mixed emotions that I am sharing that after three and a half years at L'École Bilingue, my time at L'École Bilingue is coming to an end, as I have decided to retire after 35 wonderful years of working in education.

I feel so very fortunate and blessed to have been able to be a part of this amazing community, once in 2002-2003 as Vice-Principal, and therefore to end my long career at this special school makes it an even more meaningful occasion. I leave L'École Bilingue with the most memorable and cherished experiences and feel truly lucky to have had this enriching learning opportunity. I leave knowing that together, we created an inclusive, caring and welcoming school where students will surely continue to take care of themselves, others and their school.

I am grateful to have had the wonderful opportunity to work with an extremely professional and dedicated staff, who always put our students' needs first.

Thank you, parents, for all your support. It has been a true pleasure working with all of you to ensure that we are providing our students with the best possible learning experiences in an inclusive and respectful learning environment. I will miss you all and take with me many great memories including the fun community events. The students at L'École Bilingue are all very special and I will miss each and every one of them.

At this time, we do not know who the incoming Principal will be, but it will be announced soon, and I will have the time and opportunity to help with transition prior to the end of the school year. Mme Jungclaus, our Vice-Principal, will continue to be a part of L'École Bilingue's team, and therefore will be able to assist with the transition of the new Principal and September start up.

Thank you L'École Bilingue for an amazing three and a half years and for the opportunity to be your Principal. L'École Bilingue will always be near and dear to me!

Warm regards,

Mme Lavoie
Principal



JERSEY DAY

Our next theme day hosted by Student Council will take place on **Friday, May 17th**. The theme is **Jersey Day** (Changed from previously announced Crazy Hair Day). Students are invited to wear their favorite jersey or a sports t-shirt on this day. Theme days are a fun way to create school spirit! A big thank you to Student Council for organizing our theme days this year. Their leadership is greatly appreciated.

LEB TALENT SHOW

Please see the **attached schedule** for the auditions starting **Monday, May 13th**.

Children auditioning need to bring their lunch to the music room, gym or multipurpose room the day of their audition. Please make sure your child brings their music (CD, IPOD, IPAD, IPHONE, etc.) or what they need for their presentation. We will check the music and its duration for their performance.



If you don't see the name of your child on the list email Mme Catherine at cpilotte@vsb.bc.ca, and we will add them to the list.

ÉCO-LOGIQUE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

On Monday, May 6th, our students attended a musical performance entitled Éco-logique, where the French speaking performers played musical instruments hand-made with recycled items. This fun and engaging presentation had the students and staff singing and dancing, while learning about how to make musical instruments.



PAC NEWS

2nd ANNUAL WALK A THON

On May 31st, students will participate in the 2nd annual Walk-a-thon at L'École Bilingue! This fun event is intended to nurture a sense of community at our school as well as raise funds. The classes will compete for a total number of laps as a class for 4 pizza lunch prizes. Funds will go towards PAC, Grad 2025 activities, and the Backpack Buddies Charity:

<https://www.backpackbuddies.ca>

Students will have brought home pledge forms this week. A copy of the pledge form is attached to this newsletter. Please volunteer if you can! Sign up Here to Volunteer

9:15-10:05 Grades 2 & 3

11:00-11:50 Grades K (Ends at 11:30) & 1

1:00-1:50 Divisions 1, 2, 3, & 4

2:00-2:50 Divisions 5, 6 & 7

Questions? Contact Keiko: kko.matsushita@gmail.com

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

There is still space and time to sign up!

Edge Imaging is pleased to announce we will be hosting a **family photo fundraiser** and **grade 7 milestone photo day on Saturday, May 11th** at our Vancouver studio (15 Victoria Drive). All photo sessions must be booked online. The Family photos will be a \$25 sitting fee to be paid online when booking and 100% of these proceeds will go to your school. For the formal grade 7 junior milestone portrait sittings Edge Imaging will provide the gowns, sash, and cap. Gentlemen, please wear a dress shirt and tie. Ladies, please wear a mandarin collar or a V-neck. Please take note that the gown color is blue, and the sash color is white and blue. If help is needed while booking, please call our customer care line at 778-656-1762. We are looking forward to seeing you all then!

Family Photo Booking Link:

[Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

Grade 7 Junior Milestone Booking Link:

[Edge Imaging | Booking Your Appointment](#)

YEARBOOK ORDERS

It's time to order your 2023-2024 yearbook! The Yearbook Committee has been working very hard to put together another memorable L'École Bilingue Yearbook. Don't miss your chance to purchase one. See the attached flyer for more information on how to order.

Order HERE: <https://products.edgeimaging.ca/yearbooks/order/YVX>

SCHOOL STREET PROGRAM

The first week of School Street was a success! Thank you to all the volunteers! There are still some volunteer slots open.

** To sign up, please use this link! ** <https://volunteersignup.org/RW7WT>

L'École Bilingue, in partnership with the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver School Board, is participating in a School Street program from Monday, May 6, 2024, to Friday, May 31, 2024. During School Street times, no motor vehicles will be permitted to enter the block. Kids will be able to play and ride their bikes/scooters on the street safely during these times. For more information, please see the details in the sign-up link above!

Volunteers: please join the School Street volunteer WhatsApp group for communication.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYMIInB5foNCLUIxJqKzta3>

Thank you for volunteering and supporting this initiative to improve safety and encourage active travel at our school!

Volunteer opportunities are also posted on the PAC website! <https://lebpac.ca/volunteer>

LEB BIKE BUS & BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK INFORMATION:

THE INAUGURAL LEB BIKE BUS 🚲 🚲 🚲

The Inaugural LEB Bike Bus is launching in the next few weeks, and we wanted to ask you some questions! If you could take just 5 minutes to take a survey that will help us plan logistics and routes. **Click here to take the survey:** <https://forms.gle/562q2ojCoHh2Wo4Y9>

Here's a bit more info on the LEB Bike Bus:

WHAT: The LEB Bike Bus will be sort of like a regular bus, only with bikes! With a group of parents in the front, middle, and back, and all the kids cycling in the middle. And we'll have a couple of meeting points/stops to collect riders along the way. Here's a great example of one in Portland:



WHY: We think it's a fun and safer way to get kids to school in the morning, helps build the LEB community, and coincides with Bike to School week at the start of June.

WHO: For all LEB students and parents! We're asking for parents with younger kids to make sure they are accompanied by an adult.

WHEN: We are aiming to do it twice a week until the end of the school year. Probably meeting at around 8/8:15 (TBD). Definitely Fridays, and tentatively another day. And we'll be doing a test LEB Bike Bus (beta edition) next Friday, May 17.

WHERE: We're coming up with a couple of routes and meeting points, (hence the survey). So stay tuned for more info!

HOW: Just bring your bike and show up at a meeting point with your bike, a smile, and lots positive energy!

You'll be hearing more information in the days to come, and we'll be trying out our BETA BIKE BUS 1.0 next Friday, May 17.

How to find out more: give Enoch a shout at enochlam@me.com or ping him on WhatsApp at 778 881 1712. We're looking for "Ride Marshalls" who can help us along the route, and anyone who has any contacts if we wanted to print out some signs/banners, (or who can help make some). Or anyone who can help in any way possible. The more, the merrier!

But that's not all!

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK 🚲🚲👉

Bike to school week is coming from June 3rd to June 7!!! We'll be having our LEB Bike Bus, along with a couple of "Biker's Breakfast" with treats and coffee and tea. We're looking for a couple of volunteers who can help set up and take down. We'd need you to come to the school around 8:30, and stay until probably 9:15. Again, email Enoch Lam at enochlam@me.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- **SUNDAY, MAY 12 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING THIS SPECIAL DAY**
- **MONDAY, MAY 13 - GRADE 6 PARENT HANDOVER MEETING - 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY**
 - **FRIDAY, MAY 17 - JERSEY DAY**
 - **MONDAY, MAY 20 - VICTORIA DAY - NO SCHOOL**
 - **TUESDAY, MAY 21 - TALENT SHOW DRESS REHEARSALS**
 - **THURSDAY, MAY 23 - TALENT SHOW**
 - **FRIDAY, MAY 31 - WALK-A-THON**

