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L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

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Newsletter #32

LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR!

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

As the school year comes to a close, we wish to take this opportunity to thank the L'École Bilingue community for their ongoing support and dedication in making our school an amazing place for our students to be and learn. We have very much appreciated the efforts of all our teachers, support staff, families and community members who work tirelessly for the benefit of our students.

We are very proud of all our students, as they worked very hard throughout the year to achieve academic and personal success. Some were confronted with more challenges than others, but all proved to make huge gains and for this we are so proud of them.

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who officially graduated on Friday, June 21st. We are so proud of you and thank you for your leadership. We know they will all be successful and look forward to hearing about their adventures in the future. And as Winnie the Pooh said, "Promise me you'll always remember you're braver than you believe, you are stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



As this will be my last newsletter before retirement, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the L'École Bilingue community for a wonderful three and a half years with you! Thank you for the heartfelt memories and cherished experiences. À la prochaine!

To students and families who will not be returning in September, all the best and please come visit.

We wish you all a very safe, fun-filled and enjoyable summer with family and friends.

Warm regards,

Mme Lavoie, Principal &
Mme Jungclaus, Vice-Principal

SUMMARY OF LEARNING REPORTS

The year end Summary of Learning reports were issued on Monday, June 24th. If your child was not at school on June 24th, their report will be kept in the office and may be picked up on June 28th, July 2nd & 3rd, or in September when we return.

Please take the time to review this important document with your child and congratulate them on a job well done! Thank you to the staff who worked very hard to write this comprehensive report which highlights your child's successes.

DEPARTING AND NEW STAFF

At this time of year, we must sadly say "au revoir" to staff members who will not be returning in September.

- Au revoir to **Mme Sonia**, who will not be returning to L'École Bilingue in September. Mme Sonia has been an integral part of the L'École Bilingue community for twenty years, and has given so much to our school, including organizing and running many memorable and enriching extracurricular events such as The Amazing Race and the Grade 6 Camp. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mme Sonia for her time, hard work, care, commitment and dedication to the many, many students that she has taught over the years at L'École Bilingue, always going above and beyond to support all our students. Thank you Mme Sonia for everything you have done for our community! Mme Sonia will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in her new school community.
- Au revoir to **Mme Isabella**, one of our fabulous SSAs (Student Support Assistant), who will not be returning to L'École Bilingue in September. Mme Isabella has been with our school for four years now, and we appreciate all she has done for all our students. Her care and nurturing way will be missed. Mme Isabella was also instrumental in implementing the RBLM and Sensory Room for our students in need, and for this, we are so grateful. Mme Isabella's next school will be lucky to have her, and she will certainly be missed.
- Au revoir and a huge Merci to **M. Emmett**, who has been with Division 1 since January of this year. We so appreciate M. Emmett's help and support, and we know that the students of Division 1 very much enjoyed their time with M. Emmett on Thursdays and Fridays. Thank you for joining our team M. Emmett and also for attending the Grade 6 camp and then the Grade 7 camp back-to-back! M. Emmett is moving on to Churchill Secondary in the Mini School program, where we are certain he will be very successful.
- Au revoir and thank you to our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) teacher, **Mme Marie-Pier**, who has been with us since January of this year. We very much appreciate Mme Marie-Pier's care, time and support with our students in the area of SEL. We hope to see Mme Marie-Pier back as a TOC (teacher-on-call) next year.

- Au revoir and thank you to **Nicole Grant**, our counsellor, who has been filling in for Mme Chloe since April. Thank you, Nicole, for coming to L'École Bilingue and for helping us out.
- A temporary au revoir to **Mme Carole**, also one of our fabulous SSAs, who will be away from September to February. We do not yet know who will be replacing Mme Carole.

We will be honouring and celebrating these amazing staff members at our Year End Assembly on Thursday, June 27th.

Welcome to the following new staff members, who will be joining the team in September:

- Welcome to Mme **Emma Dosen**, who will be joining the primary team, as a result of an increase in a primary division in September. Mme Dosen is currently teaching at the primary level at L'École Jules Quesnel, and we look forward to welcoming her to L'École Bilingue.
- Welcome to our new counsellor, **Nancy Chong**, who will be with us two and a half days next year. Mme Chong's schedule has not yet been confirmed, but this will be shared in September.

Congratulations to Mme Fenrich and her husband on the arrival of their daughter Emeline. Wishing them much joy on this new adventure.

SEPTEMBER START-UP AND NEW BELL SCHEDULE

The first day of school will be on **Tuesday, September 3rd from 9:00-10:00 am**. All students will return to their previous classroom including the current Kindergarten students.

Wednesday, September 4th to Friday, September 6th, students will continue to be in their previous classroom with their current teacher, except for the two Kindergarten classes and M. Pierre-Luc's students, as the three Kindergarten teachers will be welcoming their new Kindergarten students. Details on classroom location and who will be with these students will be shared in early September.

Please note the bell schedule for 2024-2025:

2024-2025 L'École Bilingue Bell Schedule:

9:00 am – Start
10:30-10:50 am – Recess
12:10-12:55 pm – Lunch
2:58 pm – Dismissal

SCHOOL FEES

See attached notice regarding upcoming school fees for the 2024-2025 school year.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

If you have any outstanding payments in your cash-on-line account, please rectify this as soon as possible.

If you notice any discrepancies, please contact Mme Christine at cfyfe@vsb.bc.ca.

For financial support, please contact Mme Lavoie at jlavoie@vsb.bc.ca, where all requests will be kept confidential.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Last chance this week to come look through the Lost and Found items located in the main hall. All unclaimed items will be donated on June 28th.

SPORTS DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to all parents who joined us for Sports Day and who helped in many ways. A sincere thank you to the Grade 6 parents for leading the hot lunch that day, and to all those who helped, to ensure it ran smoothly. The students enjoyed this special lunch.

A big Merci and Bravo to our Grade 7 leaders, who along with Mme Laura, organized the entire day! We appreciate their excellent leadership and organizational skills, their time and commitment to ensuring a very well-run Sports Day and overall, a fantastic day for the entire school community. We are so proud of you and could not have done it without you! Thank you also to our Grade 7 leaders for running the stations. You all did an excellent job.



BUDDY BENCH

We are thrilled to share that L'École Bilingue now has two Buddy Benches on our school grounds, thanks to a generous donation from the Mount Pleasant War Memorial Community Cooperative Association. Thanks to their generosity, we purchased two benches, installed by the VSB Grounds Department, one at the front of the school and one at the back of the school.

A Buddy Bench is a way for students to signal to others that they need a friend to play with or someone to talk to, or it can be a place for anyone to sit and take a rest.

A very big thank you to Mme Teghan's Grade 5 class for painting and decorating the two benches, which we hope you will enjoy using when you visit our school.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH: YEAR END ASSEMBLY 9:30 AM**
 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 3PM DISMISSAL**
 - **NO PIZZA LUNCH THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH.**
- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD: FIRST DAY BACK - 9:00 TO 10:00 AM ONLY**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH: FULL DAY - 9:00 AM TO 2:58 PM EXCEPT FOR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**



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BONNES VACANCES!!!