



L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, September 29, 2023

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Newsletter #4

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 21st! It was a huge success thanks to the very hard work of so many parents. A big Merci to all of the parents and students who helped in so many ways before, during and at the end of the evening. A special thank you to Ashley House, Joanne Turpin, Siri Jordan, Stina Morissette and Stephanie Mortimer-Lamb, the lead parents of this event, who worked very hard to ensure everything went smoothly and what a party it was!

It was a wonderful way to start off the school year and we are so grateful that we were able to gather as a community for this important community building event. It is clear by the number of people that were in attendance and the fun parents and students had dancing to the dynamic and engaging DJ, that this event was a huge success!





Save the date for our next community event, the Halloween Haunt, on Friday, October 27th.

Warm regards,
Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30 will be a day of reflection with an opportunity to honour and remember all impacted by the residential school system. It's a time to learn from our province's history and, hopefully, take steps to improve our current society. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and it also provides educators an opportunity to foster dialogue and deepen their understanding of Indigenous Peoples' histories for the coming school year.



Why Orange Shirts?

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. It grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. It has become an opportunity to keep the discussion, on all aspects of residential schools, occurring annually.



SUSHI LUNCH IS BACK

First lunch date is October 10th.

Munch a Lunch orders will be open midnight Friday, September 29th and will close midnight Thursday October 5th.

Make sure to put your orders in.

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FORMS

Thank you to parents for completing the many forms that came your way this week. Please complete the Student Verification form and Emergency Reunification form and return them to your classroom teacher as soon as possible, as we require this important information.

Thank you also for completing the on-line forms.

Should you have any questions regarding these forms, do not hesitate to contact Mme Christine in the office.

FEES

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2023-2024 is **\$35.00** per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

Some divisions will be using agendas this year. Your classroom teacher will inform you if your class will be using agendas.

The school fee has been added to your cash-on-line account. The fee for agendas will be added shortly. For technical support paying the fees on-line, please contact Mme Christine in the office. If you require financial support, please contact the Principal at jlavoie@vsb.bc.ca.

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will be absent from school, please inform the office by calling the Safe Arrival line 604-713-4585 OR sending an email to: lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca Please note that telling the classroom teacher is not sufficient, as a teacher may be away, and the office will not receive the information. Thank you.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please do not walk through our staff parking lot when arriving or leaving school grounds. This is requested for everyone's safety! Please note that the staff parking lot is NOT open for drop off or pick up. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

It looks like the rainy weather upon us! Students are expected to be outside during our two recesses, therefore, please ensure that your child is coming to school dressed to play outside in the rain. Sending a change of clothes is a good idea.

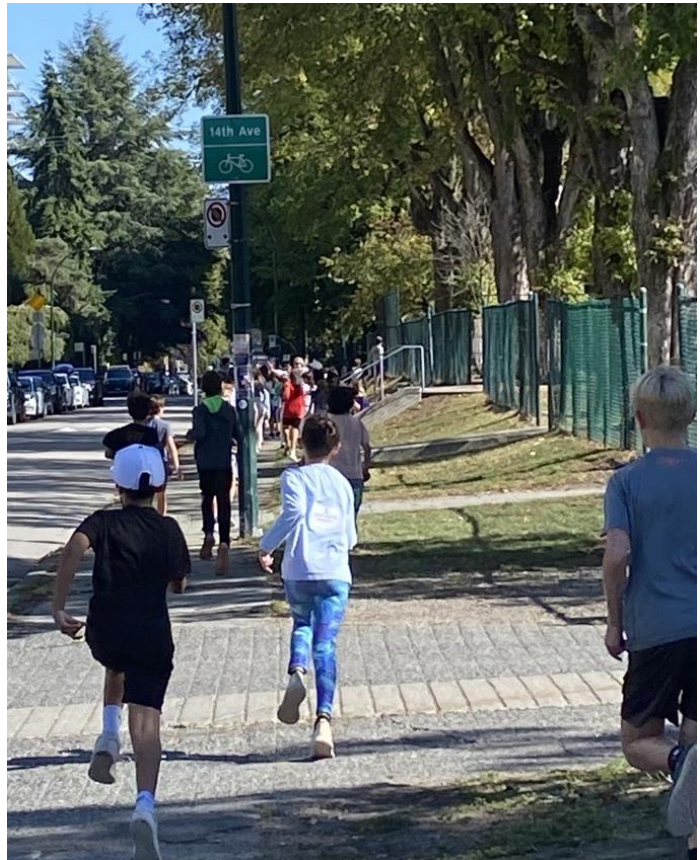
TERRY FOX RUN

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 21st. It was a beautiful day and we are very proud of our students who all made an effort to run many laps.

There is still time to donate. Please join us and continue the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes. Donate at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/EcoleBilingueElementary>.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer! #terryfoxschoolrun
@theterryfoxfoundation





PAC NEWS

PAC is urgently looking for a **vice-chair, secretary, and members at large** to join the executive for this year, as well as the following positions: **Halloween Haunt lead and volunteers (Halloween Haunt is scheduled for Friday, October 27th)**, DPAC representative, Scholastic Book Fair lead, Bike to School Week/School Streets Lead. If you are interested in any of these positions, please email chair@lebpac.ca

Direct Donations is open! Please visit [the PAC website](#) to donate. Direct donation is an annual, voluntary, confidential contribution with a suggested amount per child (\$100) that allows us to significantly reduce the number of small fundraisers undertaken and retain only those that are efficient and significant in return for the hours invested as well as those that contribute to our community. The more funds we receive through direct donation the less we will have to fundraise to support programs and the fewer donation solicitations parents will receive throughout the year. Direct donation is also a great way for parents to contribute to school activities who are unable to make time for volunteering during the school day.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This fall we're excited that tennis, art, and musical theatre programs are being offered after-school. Our Junior Tennis class has availability and we confirmed that it will be taught by Coach Carlos himself! Visit <https://lebpac.ca/programs> to see all programs and sign up!

PLEASE note that these programs are not school sanctioned nor supervised by L'Ecole Bilingue staff. The instructors rent our school space from the VSB Rentals Department and are fully responsible for the supervision of the students.

Please contact Rose Lo or Allison Suter at programs@lebpac.ca with any questions.

YEARBOOK 2023/2024

We need you - parents, guardians, family, and students photographers - to make our 2023/2024 yearbook special. Like last year, we want this year's yearbook full of pictures of our LEB kids at their sports, activities, field trips, and special events. Please send your pictures to us at yearbook@lebpac.ca Thanks from the yearbook team (Elizabeth, Jasmine, Jenn, and Meg)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 – DAY IN LIEU OF NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – NO SCHOOL**
 - **MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 – THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL**
 - **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL**
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