



# L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, October 27, 2023

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## Newsletter #7

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

Congratulations to the Cross-Country team for an excellent season and a job well done at the mini meets, as well as at the district wide Trout Lake final on October 19th! We are proud of all our students for participating in the mini meets and the district final, amongst the 3000 elementary students from across the VSB. Way to go L'École Bilingue!

A big **thank you** to parents for helping with practices, for cheering our students on at the meets and for driving to the finals. Merci to M. Abheeru for all his work with the team and for coordinating the many details involved. Merci also to Mme Janine, Mme Catherine and Mme Laura for helping out at the practices, the meets and with the paperwork. A fabulous team effort!

Thank you to those who were able to attend the first PAC meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, the PAC budget for the school year was approved. Thanks to parents' generous donations through the on-going Direct Appeal campaign, many programs, opportunities, and materials will be purchased and in place this year, which will greatly enhance our students' learning experiences and opportunities. We are so grateful to the PAC for your ongoing work and support!

Warm regards,  
Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus

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### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for September 2024 begins on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see important information **attached**.

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## HALLOWEEN AT L'ECOLE BILINGUE

Classes will be celebrating Halloween on October 31. Students are invited to wear their costumes to school that day, but a reminder that weapon props of any type are not permitted. Masks are also not recommended due to safety concerns. Your classroom teacher may provide details about the day, if other activities are planned.

PLEASE do not send candy to school following Halloween.

The VSB Indigenous Department shared a document with staff that we feel could be beneficial for families, to clarify why “**Culture is Not a Costume - How to Not Culturally Appropriate Halloween**” (see attached).

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## PHOTO RETAKES

An ordering form for individual student photos was sent home this week; follow the steps to access your child's photo.

Photo retakes will be held on **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00 am**. If you would like for your child to have a photo retake, **please complete the attached slip, and have your child give it to their classroom teacher prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

If your child was away on photo day, the re-take form is not needed, as the photographer will have the list of students who were absent.

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## SAFETY DRILLS AND REQUESTS

On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we took advantage of the sunny weather, and held our first earthquake drill of the year. Schools are required to hold six fire drills, two earthquake drills and two lock down drills a year. During fire and earthquake drills, classes exit the building and line up on the gravel field by division.

I'm happy to report that our students did a fantastic job, following their teacher's directions, as they safely and calmly exited the building during this earthquake drill, as well as at our first fire drill which took place on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers always prepare students in advance of drills, to ensure that they understand the safety procedures.

As we work together to ensure student safety, if at any time you feel that improvements or additions could be made to the surrounding streets, such as by adding a traffic calming circle at an intersection, please submit a request to the city through this link [Vancouver Traffic Calming Request](#) for the particular area of concern, where you feel that student safety has been compromised. Change is only possible with many voices.

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## ART CARDS



**ATTENTION PARENTS!**

**ArtCards**  
by Kids



**Our school is participating in the Art Cards by Kids fundraiser this fall!**

Watch for a sample card with instructions on how to order your child's art made into beautiful keepsake art products in the coming weeks.

Get excited because your child is hard at work creating their masterpiece in the classroom!

[www.artcardsbykids.com](http://www.artcardsbykids.com)

We are pleased to share that once again, L'École Bilingue will be participating in the Art Cards program, with proceeds going to our sister school, Grandview Elementary.

We look forward to seeing our students' amazing artwork!

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## PAC NEWS

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### SUSHI LUNCH TUESDAYS

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 on Tuesdays from 12:40-13:15.

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

Important notification - please make sure your child knows of their sushi order. We have had kids who thought they were getting sushi but had not ordered.

**Also, a reminder to please send utensils if needed, as the school is not able to provide utensils.**

THANK YOU!

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## **PIZZA LUNCH THURSDAYS**

**MunchALunch will reopen for pizza orders** Friday, October 27th until Sunday evening, October 29th.

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Dear Parents,

This year at L'École Bilingue we are excited to announce a Winter Fundraiser! We will be selling a variety of plants which are linked below. Our goal is to raise \$2500.

Fundraising is always a vital part of ensuring the students have the best year possible. The money raised is used to help cover costs for programs, equipment, resources, and extra-curricular activities. It also takes some of the financial burden off the parents – allowing more kids to participate in these activities. With this fundraiser we are raising money to increase funds for student enrichment materials in the classrooms.

Orders are open until noon Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, with pickup from the Music Room Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great initiative to garner support from neighbors, family, and friends to support our school and a local greenhouse. Here is the link to our team site:  
<https://ecolebilingue.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>

Thank you in advance for your support.  
Shannon (Mom to Declan & Callum) & Karla (Mom to Mae)

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**
  - **PHOTO RETAKES - 9:00 AM**
  - **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS**
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - NO SCHOOL- DAY IN LIEU OF REMEMBRANCE DAY**
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - NO SCHOOL - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

