



# L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE

Friday, November 17, 2023

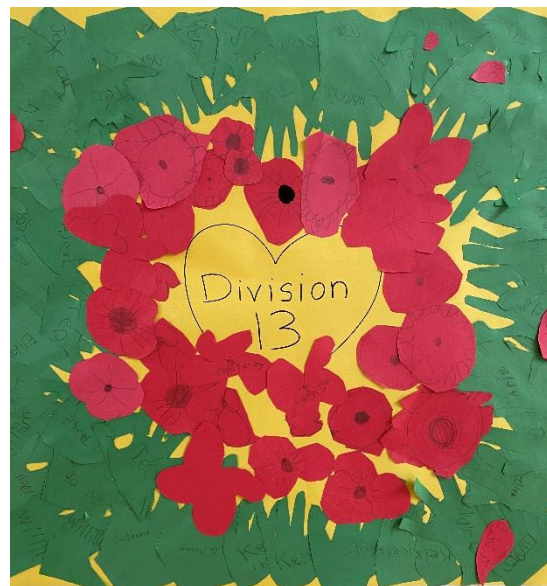
Jacque Lavoie, Principal  
Alice Jungclaus, Vice-Principal  
Christopher Wong, Director of Instruction

## Newsletter #9

Dear L'École Bilingue families,

On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, L'École Bilingue students and staff attended our Remembrance Day assembly. A big thank you to our Grade 7 leadership team for organizing and leading this assembly. Students had the opportunity to learn a bit about Remembrance Day, sing "O Canada", hear the poem "In Flanders Field" recited by Emma and Katherine, listen to poetry and song, and observe a minute of silence.

A special thank you to Divisions 7, 8 and 9 who sang so beautifully "Une Colombe" by Céline Dion and to Division 4 who shared the powerful poem "What is Peace?". We are very proud of all our students who presented and to the leadership team, Carter, Clementine, Avery who were the MCs and Ella, Lyla, Nia, Braydon and Abram for creating the PowerPoint. Your leadership and contributions to this special assembly are very much appreciated. Thank you also to Divisions 9 and 13 for their art contributions to this assembly.



Warm regards,  
Mme Lavoie & Mme Jungclaus

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## BASKETBALL SEASON PREPARATION

It is already time to prepare for the basketball season!

There will be an information meeting on **Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 12:10 in the gym. Registration for students from grade 5 to 7 will open at the meeting and close on **Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This closing date is necessary as the VSB expects our FINAL team count for scheduling. If your child wishes to join a team, please check your child's availability based on the game schedule below and remind them to register and to return their permission form to the office before the above deadline.

It is also important for your child to understand that the LEC team count, planning, organization, and VSB registration are based on the number of registered players. Therefore, we ask students not to withdraw their names after the closing deadline.

Games will begin mid-January and be between 3:00 and 4:45 pm. Teams will play four to six weeks, depending on how they fare.

- Junior Boys (gr. 5 & 6) games will be on Mondays
- Junior Girls (gr. 5 & 6) games will be on Tuesdays
- Senior Boys (gr. 7) games will be on Wednesdays
- Senior Girls (gr. 7) games will be on Thursdays

Practices will begin in January (or in some cases in December) and will be held before school (8:00 am) and/or at lunch with times to be announced and posted at the gym entrance.

The number of teams we can sponsor also depends on how many adults are available. As many coaches and trainers will be needed, we are inviting parents to share their basketball expertise. Further, if you are a VSB employee, you can offer to be a chaperone (necessary for a team to be registered). This does not entail any coaching duties or knowledge of the game but only to be at the games and to sit on the bench with the team.

If you would like to get involved, please let me know before Thursday November 23 by emailing me at [mricard@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mricard@vsb.bc.ca) with your availability, experience if any and how you would like to help.

Thank you for your support and looking forward to another great basketball season!

Abheeru Ricard,  
PE teacher  
[mricard@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mricard@vsb.bc.ca)

## Important Reminders & Notices

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### ONLINE FORMS

Reminder to please complete the **online forms for your child(ren)**.  
[www.myforms.vsb.bc.ca](http://www.myforms.vsb.bc.ca)

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### STUDENT ABSENCES

Reminder to please call or email the school before 9am to let us know of your child's absence.

Safe Arrival Line: **604-713-4585 Press #1**

Email: [lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lecolebilingue@vsb.bc.ca)

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### FOUND ITEMS

Some precious belongings have been separated from their owners. Please have a look at the photo below to see if you recognize your child's item (and yes, that is an Invisalign!)



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## PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting is Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm in the school library.

The PAC executive is still looking for a Vice-Chair and DPAC representative for 2023/2024, as well as volunteer leads for committees, including Communications coordinator and Meeting SignUp coordinator. Email [chair@lebpac.ca](mailto:chair@lebpac.ca) for more information.

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## DIRECT DONATIONS

Direct Donations are open! The school is in need of new technology upgrades for classrooms. Your donations this year will contribute to the purchase of a new classroom set of tablets/laptops for student learning. Every dollar makes a difference, so please contribute what you can! You will receive a tax receipt for your donations! Please visit [the PAC website](#) to donate and to learn more.

Join the PAC [WhatsApp group](#) for news and information from PAC members/committees, and join the PAC [mailing list](#) for weekly newsletters.

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## WINTER PLANT FUNDRAISER

This year at L'École Bilingue, we are proud to support a local nursery to bring families and friends beautiful winter plants. Our goal is to raise \$2000 to put towards classroom enrichment materials. Share with neighbors, family and friends! **The last day to order is November 20<sup>th</sup>** with pickup from the Music Room on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**Click on the image to order!**



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## SUSHI LUNCH TUESDAYS

We would like to thank all the volunteers from this last week. You make sushi lunch possible. 🙏

This is a great volunteering opportunity! Parents volunteers are needed for 35 minutes to help deliver sushi lunch on Tuesdays from 12:40-13:15.

[Sign up to volunteer for SUSHI TUESDAYS](#)

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

This program raises money for Grade 7 special events therefore is being run by grade 7 students and led by grade 7 parents.



**Tis the Season for Giving**



For the sixth year, our school community will provide Holiday Gift Bags to the Downtown Community Health Centre on Powell Street. The clinic provides medical services to vulnerable individuals on the downtown eastside. They are open on Christmas day and patients who come in receive a holiday bag, and for many this may be their only gift. The staff cannot thank our school enough for our generosity. Labelled boxes for each division will be placed in the pods the week of November 20th. Collection will take place until December 18th. The goal is to fill 100 bags as we did last year. Please note the item for your child's division number. In addition to the division items, we are collecting gently used toques and gloves from the whole school community and if you can, \$5-\$10 Tim Hortons gift cards to complete the bags.

Thank you for your generous support with this project!  
Cheri-Leigh Sewell, [Clsewell74@gmail.com](mailto:Clsewell74@gmail.com) & Allison Mitchell, [alliemitch@gmail.com](mailto:alliemitch@gmail.com)

### **Items requested from each division:**

- Divisions 1 & 2 – Menstrual products and men's/women's deodorant
- Divisions 3 & 4 – Adult toques (new or gently used okay)
- Divisions 5 & 6 – Adult finger gloves (new or gently used okay)
- Divisions 7, 8 & 9 – Socks: men's/women's- wool, synthetic preferred (new)
- Division 10 – Small-sized shampoo & conditioner, lip balm/ChapStick
- Division 11 – Soap: bars, small sized body wash, lip balm/ChapStick
- Division 12 & 13 – New Hand Towels (small)
- Division 14 – Individually packed soft snacks, cookies, cereal bars
- Division 15 – Individually packaged holiday treat of chocolates or candy or gum
- Division 16 & 17 – Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24: NO SCHOOL - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30:**
  - **THEME DAY - THE 80s**
  - **PAC MEETING, 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY**
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1: LEARNING UPDATES ARE SENT HOME**

