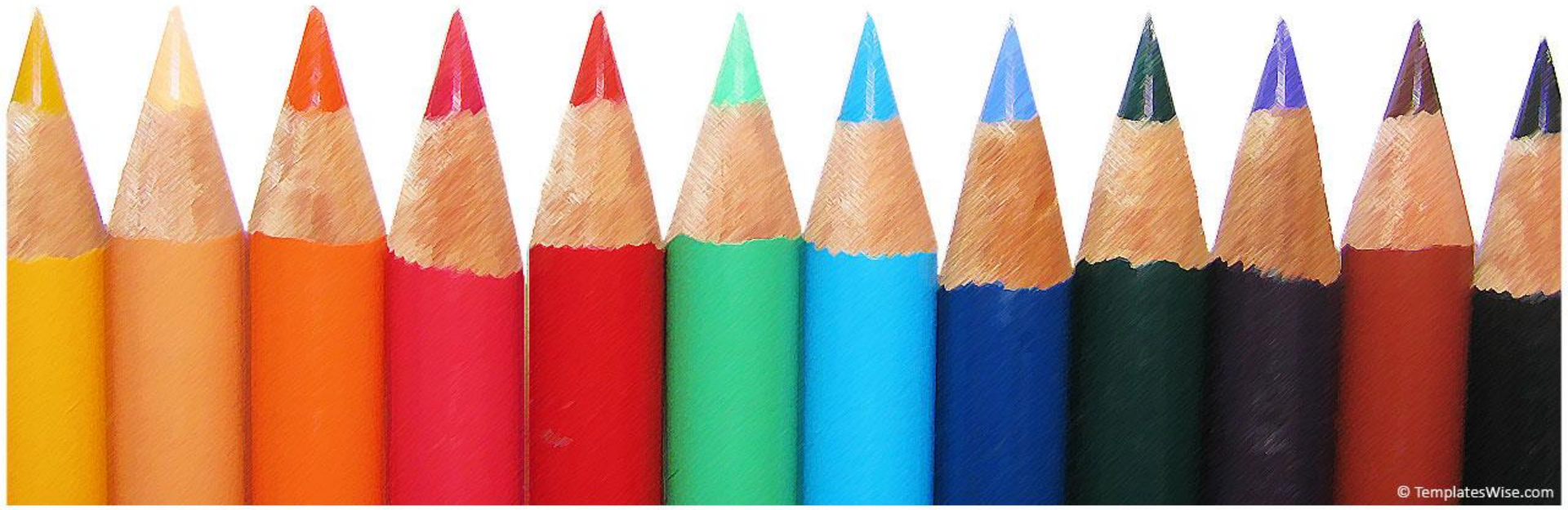


# Bienvenue

## École Laura Secord Elementary School

Early French Immersion  
Information Session



# Information Session Agenda:

- Introduction of our EFI K Team
- EFI Video from the District
- Specifics for our school
- Q&A



# Our Amazing EFI K Team



## Mme Danielle Durant:

- Our kind, generous and patient gardener and with more experience and wisdom than Yoda.



## Mme Laura Bailis:

- Our smiley, calm and caring adventurer, with more spark and drive than Dora.



# Early French Immersion Information video from the District :

- <https://youtu.be/XOv5FLR8U4Y>



# French Immersion is:

- a language acquisition program designed for non-francophone speakers
- a program that follows the same curriculum as the regular English program, with the addition of a dual language curriculum
- Grades K-3: 100% of instruction is in French
- Grades 4-7: 60-80% of instruction is in French



# French Immersion is not:

- a francophone program
- a gifted program (highly intelligent students often have other educational needs)



# Generally speaking,

- no experience in French is necessary to attend a French Immersion program
- a French-speaking caregiver is not necessary
- French Immersion is available to all students, but may not be for all students
- the primary goal is to maintain students in the French Immersion program until grade 12

# Early French Immersion

## What does it lead to?

- Typically a student will finish elementary school in FI and then go on to high school in FI resulting in the Dogwood Certificate in Grade 12.
- Feeder High School: Vancouver Technical





# Kindergarten:

- is based on the current prescribed learning outcomes (Ministry of Education)
- has well-defined periods in the school day with both indoor and outdoor time
- is a balance of active and quiet time
- is a mixture of whole class, small group, and individual activities
- has teacher-led activities that are developmentally appropriate in length
- has well-planned transitions and predictable routines
- has organized playtime that is teacher facilitated and supported
- is child initiated—selected from carefully created play materials, both open-ended and specific





# EFI - General Success Factors

- Is your child a risk-taker? Are they confident?
- Is your child receptive to learning French (positive & willing attitude)?
- Regular school attendance is crucial as the language learning happens IN the classroom
- Is your family comfortable and supportive with the choice of French Immersion?
- Does your child have a well-established first language (age-appropriate speaking and understanding)?
- Does your child participate readily in new learning situations; are they willing to repeat new vocabulary, sing songs, drama, etc.
- French Immersion is a highly oral program.



# EFI - Possible risk factors

- ✓ Your child does not appear to be a risk taker, lacks confidence
- ✓ Your child appears hesitant when presented with new learning situations
- ✓ There are reservations within the family about French Immersion
- ✓ Your child's first language is not well established, or they may have experienced significant developmental delays
- ✓ Your child may have a known limitation in language learning
- ✓ Your child is extremely intelligent; highly verbal students sometimes become frustrated because they may not be able to express their ideas or creativity in French at a level they would like.

# SEPTEMBER 2022 KINDERGARTEN

## Registration Procedures

- Register on-line for **English Kindergarten at your in-catchment English school**, now until January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Bring:
  - Child's birth certificate or passport
  - Child's Immunization Records
  - Proof of Residency (Property Tax Notice or Rental agreement, Hydro Bill, etc)
  - ID for both parents
  - Print out of on-line application
- **On-line application for French Immersion will be open from January 10<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Please see VSB website for up to date information. You will need to use your child's PEN number. (Retrievable on-line, calling the VSB or at the school office)



# **Priority Registration Zones (French Immersion catchments)**

Parents can **choose to apply to any of the 12 VSB elementary schools** offering French Immersion (**maximum 3 locations per student**).

# SEPTEMBER 2022 KINDERGARTEN

## IMPORATNT NOTICE

### LATE FEBRUARY

- Families receive notification **via email** of their status (an offer of a space in Kindergarten, Grade 1 or Grade 6 Late Immersion) or the child's position on the school waitlist.
- Families have until the specified time and date noted in the email to confirm their acceptance of the space in French Immersion Program
- Unclaimed spaces are offered to those on the French Immersion waitlist.
- French Immersion schools will inform English catchment schools of accepted French Immersion students in French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade 6 Late French Immersion and these students will forfeit their spot at any other school.



# SIBLING PRIORITY

Applicants with 'sibling priority' are prioritized for placement over applicants who do not have sibling priority in the following instances:

- - An older sibling must already be attending the same program at the same location where their younger sibling is applying to attend.
- - The address of the main residence for both siblings must be the same.
- - Grade 1 French Immersion applicants with concurrently attending siblings need to have applied prior to January 31 of the current school year.
- - if the sibling will be leaving the catchment school for Grade 8, sibling priority does NOT apply.
- - Sibling Priority does NOT apply to Out-of-District Applicants



# GRADE 1

## Some considerations

- Students entering FI at Gr 1 will have some “catch-up” to do with their peers who started in Kindergarten. You can expect a gap for a short time.
- Parents are encouraged to enroll their child in the summer school program for new students in FI.





# SEPTEMBER 2022 GRADE 1

## Registration Procedures

- A limited number of spaces MAY be available
- Apply directly to each school you are interested in, from **now until January 31<sup>st</sup>**
- If more applicants than spaces (after siblings), a draw will be held.
- All applicants will be contacted by email:
  - Offered a space in program, or
  - Waitlisted and place # on waitlist
- Grade 1 waitlists are dissolved on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, unless your child is registered in a French Immersion program at another location.



# If not Early French Immersion, then what?

- FSL grade 5-7
- Intensive French grade 6 and 7
  - Fleming and Brock Elementary
- Late French Immersion
  - Laura Secord and General Gordon



# Questions

Visit **Kindergarten Choice Programs** on the VSB website

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