

Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

As we wind up a busy term at Beaconsfield, I hope that your child/children have enjoyed many meaningful learning experiences at our school. We appreciate that you choose to be part of our school and thank you, your child and your family for all of your positive contributions to our community since September.

Beaconsfield staff are a tremendous, committed group of educators and professionals. I am so impressed with how hard the Beaconsfield staff team work together to provide curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for students. At this time, I would like to extend a warm and heart-felt thank you to all the teachers, support staff, Supervision Aides, and to Ms. Bell and Ms. Almeda in our school office for the excellent work that they do each day with Beaconsfield students. Thanks also to Marte and Richard, our school engineers, for keeping our school clean and safe.

Special thanks as well to the members of the PAC who have volunteered countless hours since September to support the Beaconsfield School community. Beaconsfield PAC has held many events and fundraisers such as the Adopt a Book Campaign, the PAC lunches, the Social Media 4 Parents event, the Clothing Swap, and they have organized the BC Fruit/Vegetable and Milk program for our school. Our next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, December 13th. Please join us! All Beaconsfield parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We very much look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Winter Concert. May you and your family enjoy time together over the next several weeks and find much peace and joy over Winter Break. School re-opens after Winter Break on January 8th, 2018.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. L. Morden ~ Principal

Volleyball Season

Volleyball seasons is coming to a close. Many of our intermediate students have been actively practicing and attending volleyball games over the past several weeks. Well done this season, volleyball players! A HUGE thank you to our coaches, Ms. Wallace, Mr. C. Thomas and Paul Myers for the all of the time and the effort they put into the three Beaconsfield volleyball teams this season. Thanks also to the parents/caregivers who have stepped up and helped out with the driving.



New VSB Superintendent

The Vancouver School Board has chosen Ms. Suzanne Hoffman as the new Superintendent of Schools effective January 8th, 2018. Ms. Hoffman has been an educator for more than three decades, starting as a teacher in Mission and Langley before becoming a Vice Principal then Principal in the Langley School District. Ms. Hoffman moved into district administration roles with Langley in 2005, first as District Principal, then as Assistant superintendent, before being appointed acting superintendent. In 2012, Ms. Hoffman was named Superintendent of Schools for Langley School District. In 2016, she was seconded to the Ministry of Education as Superintendent, Learning Transformation, bringing district wisdom and perspective to inform the work at the ministry level. Please join us in welcoming Superintendent Hoffman to Vancouver School District.

Winter Concert

There will be two opportunities for parents/caregivers to see our annual Beaconsfield Winter Concert. One show will take place at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 20th. The other show will take place at 1:15 pm on Thursday, December 21st. Please help us by returning the bottom of the pink 'Winter Concert' form to your child's teacher or our school office by Wednesday, December 13th.

Similar to last year, we are organizing a limited ticket system for the Wednesday evening performance due to fire regulations. There are no seating limits for the Thursday performance. So, if you have many family members who want to see the show, please plan on attending the Thursday matinee.

The Beaconsfield PAC will be organizing Cafe Noel on the evening of Wednesday, December 20th. They will be selling coffee, tea and goodies, gift baskets and other Christmas crafts. Please support them in the ways that you can. Thank you to the PAC for coordinating these fundraisers and to all the families who have been donating to the class gift baskets. We appreciate your efforts.



Expectations for Photos/Video at Beaconsfield

We appreciate that parents and other family members want to take photos and videos during Beaconsfield's Winter Concert, school performances and athletic events. We ask that if parents, family members or friends take photos and videos to please be respectful. We ask that you do not block the view of other people attending events while you take photos. As well, all parents, students and family members must refrain from taking pictures of other peoples' children and posting these photos on social media sites. ALL parents need to be asked directly for permission if photos or videos of their children are to be posted to social media sites or the Internet. Thank you to everyone for following these important Beaconsfield and Vancouver School Board expectations.

Sock it to Me 2017

As part of a school wide Kindness Project at Beaconsfield, Division 3 (Ms. Billingsley's class) is collecting donations of NEW socks, gloves, hats and scarves. Donations will go to the Lookout Society, who provide services for the homeless. If your family would like to contribute to this cause, please bring donations to your child's classroom by Friday December 15th. Thank you!



Changes to Report Cards for Divisions 1-8 and our Home Learner Program

Classroom teachers of Divisions 1-8 and our Home Learner Program are communicating with parents in a different way this school year. This is because these classroom teachers are part of a VSB Communicating Student Learning Pilot Project.

Instead of receiving three report cards, parents with students in these classes will receive two written reports - a Mid-Year Written Report on January 31, 2018 and a Final Written Report on June 26, 2018. In addition to written reports, at least three other opportunities will be available to parents to communicate and provide feedback about with about their child's learning with their child's teacher.

Even though changes are taking place this year, some aspects of working with parents have not changed. **Beaconsfield parents may contact their child's teacher at any point during the school year and organize an appointment to discuss their child's learning.** Arrangements will also continue to be made by classroom teachers for our Multi-Cultural Liaison Workers to support communication between parents and teachers.

On **Wednesday, January 24, 2018**, all Beaconsfield parents/caregivers are welcome to attend a presentation on the VSB Communicating Student Learning Pilot Project by Mrs. Morden, Principal of Beaconsfield. The presentation will be in our school library from 6-8 pm and child minding will be provided. This presentation will provide more detailed information on the new format of the written report and it will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and provide feedback. Save the date!

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Divisions 9 and 10

Classroom teachers of Divisions 9 and 10 will be hosting parent-teacher conferences next week on December 12 and 13th. If you haven't signed up, please sign up on the sheets posted outside of your child's classroom. Teachers can also be reached by phone to book appointments if you are not able to sign up at our school. Kindergarten parents will be receiving three written reports this year. This year a written report will be sent home for parents of students in Divisions 9 and 10 in December, March and June.

Walking in our School Hallways and Stairwells

Please encourage your children to walk quietly on the right hand side of hallways and stairwells in our school. It is a school-wide expectation that everyone who attends and visits our school walks in the halls and in our stairwells. Younger children should use railings as they go up and down the stairs. Thank you for reminding your child/children and their siblings to follow our school-wide expectations.

Watch for Ice and Snow

It's winter time so it can be very icy and slippery in and around our school. Take care and watch your step on Beaconsfield stairs and sidewalks this winter as you are enter and exit the building. Please report any concerns or the need for ice or snow removal to our school office immediately. Thank you!

Winter Weather Procedures

Vancouver School District has procedures that are followed in situations where severe weather, like heavy snowfall or very high winds, might be affecting schools. All schools in the Vancouver School District will remain **open** if at all possible during severe weather events. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest. Details of district-wide or individual school closures will be announced through the media and the district website front page (www.vsb.bc.ca).

Kindergarten Registration

As we settle in our new Kindergarten students, we are already preparing to start registration for our 2018 - 2019 classes:

Do you have a child born in 2013?
Kindergarten registration HAS BEGUN!

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opened on **Monday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on January 31st 2018**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated prior to late applicants.

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. In this event, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (Nov 1 to Jan 31) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.

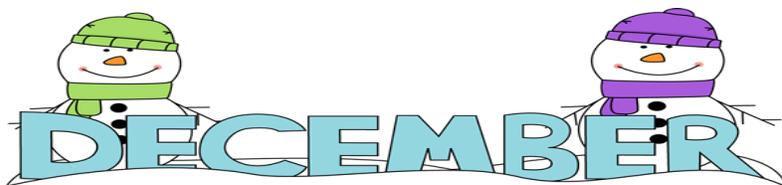
When registering your child please bring:

- Proof of residence in Vancouver
- Child's birth certificate
- Immigration documentation (if applicable)
- Immunization records



For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>



Monday, December 11 -

Vision Screening for Kindergartens

Tuesday, December 12 - PAC Lunch Orders Due (for PAC Lunch on Dec 18), Divisions 9 and 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences; Snowshoeing for Grades 3-5

Wednesday, December 13 - Divisions 9 and 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Intermediate Camp Read, PAC Meeting at 6 pm in Staffroom; Forms due back to teachers to obtain Wednesday evening Dec 20 Winter Concert Tickets

Friday, December 15 - Grade 7 Junior Achievement Sale at Lunch

Monday, December 18 - PAC Lunch

Wednesday, December 20 - Winter Concert at 6:30 pm - pre-ordered TICKET required

Thursday, December 21 - Winter Concert at 1:15 pm - no

Friday, December 22 - Last day of school before Winter Break

Monday, January 8 - School re-opens after Winter Break; 9:00 am Green Thumb Theater Performance

Notes From the Desk of PAC, December 2017

Happy Holidays Beaconsfield Families!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Shop Funds and Purdy's Chocolates Fundraisers this past month; all funds raised will go directly to funding extracurricular programs and activities at Beaconsfield.

****This month, Ms. Billingsley, Ms. Bredin, Ms. Pashalidis, Ms. Ikeda and Ms. Hobson's class (Divisions 3,4,5,6,H2) will all be going snowshoeing and tobogganing at Grouse Mountain; part of the funding for this trip is compliments of PAC who provide \$15 per student at Beaconsfield towards special field trips. Thank you to all parents who help PAC throughout the year with support for these extra opportunities!**

This November, PAC hosted our first Free Parent Workshop in partnership with the British Columbia Teacher's Federation called Social Media 4 Parents. We thank Trish Mugford for volunteering her time to present a great amount of information and discussion on this very current topic.

With the annual Beaconsfield Christmas Concert quickly approaching, we once again are asking all parents to support the Cafe Noel portion of the evening. You can help us in several ways:

- **Craft Table** - we welcome any handmade items that we can sell at our craft table (Examples: jelly/jam, ornaments, candles, tea towels, knitted items, etc). Please include a suggested sell price, your name and phone number. Items can be dropped off to the school office by **Friday December 15**. Email Alison at cryslarwagon@gmail.com
- **Wine Raffle** - Our always popular wine raffle needs your donations too! Please drop off your bottles of vino to the school office to be included in our Silent Auction by **Friday December 15**. Email Delphine at tcmdelphine@gmail.com
- **Gift Baskets** - Again this year, PAC will have several beautiful gift baskets for auction; please consider contributing a small, new item that matches your child's class theme. A box for donations is located in each classroom. We will be collecting donations until **Friday December 15**. Email Elina at elinasingh28@gmail.com

Division 1 - Ms. Wallace & M. Meyers/Saplamaeff: **Movie Night**

Division 2/4 - Ms. Joe & Ms. Bredin: **Craft Supplies**

Division 3 - Ms. Billingsley: **Date Night at Home**

Division 5 - Ms. Amenta: **Winter Wonderland**

Division 6 - Ms. Ikeda: **Spa / Pampering**

Division 7 - Ms. Carney & Ms. Chaplin: **Quiet Time**

Division 8 - Ms. Lee: **Toys**

Division 9/10 - Ms. Epp & Ms. Anchant: **Sweet Treats**



- **Cafe Noel Snack Table** - We need your donations of sweet or savoury snacks (not needing to be refrigerated, kept warm or reheated); please kindly pre-cut and plate treats if you can. Drop off any treats to the school office/staffroom on **December 20 8:30-4:30** (day of concert) labelled "for Cafe Noel". Email Carlene at carlenej@telus.net

Other Important Dates:

1. **Tuesday December 12 - Orders due for December Hot Lunch (Monday Dec 18)**
2. **Wednesday December 13 - Pick Up Purdy's Chocolates**
3. **Spud.ca Boxes** - Our year-round Spud.ca fundraiser is ongoing. Spud.ca is an online grocery delivery company that emphasizes fresh, local, organic and sustainable food choices. They have partnered with Beaconsfield PAC and will donate 25% of funds raised from a wide array of Produce Boxes that you may order. Please consider this option for your family's shopping and/or share this with your networks, friends/family/coworkers; anyone can support our school by entering LORD BEACONSFIELD in the fundraising promo menu at checkout!
4. **PAC Earthquake Kits** - EarthquakeKit.ca has generously offered to continue the success of our November Earthquake Kit fundraiser by partnering with us year-round. Parents may order any of their home earthquake kits for sale through their website and Earthquakekit.ca will continue to donate 20% of all sales at our school to our PAC. Please indicate clearly on your order form that you are a Beaconsfield Family if you wish to order anytime during the 2017/2018 school year.

We hope that everyone enjoys this beautiful season of generosity, merriment and compassion.
Bree Cropper and April Davies, PAC Co-Chairs

The Lord Beaconsfield Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is your opportunity as a Beaconsfield parent to have a voice in your child's education. We meet in the Staff Room on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 and childcare is provided by Ms. Wallace's Grade 7 Leadership Team in the Library. At meetings, we discuss new initiatives at the school and in the curriculum, parent concerns and ideas, fundraising plans to support extracurricular activities and the many ways all of us can enrich the lives of families in our school community. Please join us!

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday December 13 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm

