



L'École Bilingue/Bilingual School

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Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Now as we approach the end of our second term, the school continues to **recycle, reduce and reuse**. We are proud of our new “**green and sustainability**” initiatives. Thank you to all who are continuing to compost and think Green!

Garden news

The school garden beds will soon be ready and we look forward to lots of crunchy veggies later this spring. Look for the garden on the south side of the school where it will soon be joined by our new composters and check out our new awesome harvest table!
If you want to help with any of the above or with contact bakervicky@shaw.ca.

L'École continues to use **online ordering**. As most of you are aware, we now have completed our fifth year of ordering sushi and pizzas online. From all reports, this has proven to be efficient, effective, saves paper and a huge amount of time for the parent volunteers. **You will have received information about our student led parent/teacher conferences, in March, which will be booked online again this year.** Our yearbooks will also be ordered on line.

Our sincere thanks must go to **Steve Tannock and Scott Graham**, for all their work regarding our online booking

systems. We would also like to thank our wonderful Vice Principal, **Valerie Carriere**, for bringing us the parent/teacher conferences and online booking system again this year.

Student Led Conferences Online Booking Information

Student-led conferences will be held on **March 8th and 9th**. This year, we are again using "School Appointments", a scheduling server, so you will be required to sign up for a conference slot online. **Registration opened on Monday, Feb. 27th at 9:00 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, Mar. 07 at noon.** A rocket mail message was already sent out informing you of these dates. You will need to logon to **lec.schoolappointments.com** and hit the register tab to create an account. Once that is done you can register your child(ren) by name and schedule a conference time with each of their teachers. There are two schedules, one for primary and one for intermediate.

Some of our highlights of the past weeks include:

Pink Day: Anti -Bullying

On Wednesday, February 22nd, L'École students, staff and their families celebrated Anti-Bullying Day with our usual flair. Pink was everywhere! Thank you to our student council for their posters and visible presence throughout

the school and classrooms. Let us remember the message of
“Acceptance: just the way you are!”

Our **Non-Instructional Day on Friday, February 24th**, was a day where teachers took advantage of many District Technology workshops including; IPAD, Numeracy, Science, the new curriculum and information technology. We were very fortunate to host or attend workshops for district staff with a focus on an inquiry approach in Science and other disciplines with regard to the new curriculum. In the afternoon teachers held grade group meetings on new curricular topics or participated in self-directed projects.

Sushi Greetings to all Grade Six parents!

Here is a gentle reminder that the Sushi Program, which is running now until the end of April, is organized by Grade 7 parents. Traditionally, in May and June of your child's Grade 6 year, Grade 6 parents take over the Sushi program and the funds collected go into your child's Grade 7 Quebec trip the following year!

Although it is early to start thinking about Grade 7 fundraising, in past years the May/June Sushi lunch, June Spellathon and Sports Day lunch have all been done by Grade 6 parents.

Any eager parents who are interested in visiting us on a Tuesday are very welcome to come and see how smoothly it all runs!!

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VBE Budget Projections 2017/2018

Although only in a very preliminary phase, the VBE has begun to make projections for next year's operating budget for the district. Our Board is facing a possible 19 million dollar funding shortfall for next year.

All members of the school community are strongly encouraged to follow the budget process and to ensure that your voices are heard through your representative stakeholder groups and councils. Meeting dates and times will be announced shortly. Please stay tuned for these important meeting dates.

Enrolment Projections: 2017/2018

For the purpose of planning staffing allocations, the Vancouver Board of Education's Human Resources Division has asked all schools to estimate their enrolment projections for this coming September. Our figures are due to them on Tuesday, March 28th.

We are, therefore, reminding you of the importance of emailing mchambers@vsb.bc.ca with your intentions for next year: **not returning only**. Please note our **March 28th deadline**. Our numbers are extremely tight for next year as we anticipate we will be at maximum capacity, thus this information is extremely crucial as it impacts upon our staffing. Please note, once again that our current address is **1166 W. 14th Ave.** Vancouver, B.C. V6H 1P6. Phone: 604 713 4585

The Sports Report

Basketball season has now come to an end and we would like to congratulate all team members for their outstanding commitment, keen team spirit and sportsmanship. We are extremely proud of our students' athletic abilities and we would also like to thank our **parent coaches, staff chaperones** and the **students** who assisted with score keeping. (Senior Boys coaches were; **(Bojan Subotic and Betty Chuck)**. **(Senior girls were coached by; Liisa House, and Roxanne Humbke)**. **Junior Boys were sponsored by; (Mike Morgan, and Matt Carter)**. **The other junior boys were coached by; (Leanne Tycho, Janet Teasdale**

and Paul Sewell) while our junior girls were coached and supported by, Abheeru. Thank you to Tania Danilovic and Julia Fleming, our teacher chaperones as well! We would like to remind all players to return their jerseys after they have been washed. Thank you, also, to all staff and parent drivers. We appreciate your support. Well done teams and many thanks for representing our school so well! Our 2 senior teams were undefeated for the season! Our senior boys continue to move forward! Stay tuned!

Grade 4: Camp Sasamat

During the past few weeks, staff at the school began to firm up plans for this year's Grade 4 Camp that will take place April 26th -28th.

Parents with their first child in primary may not be aware of the school's long-standing tradition of Camp Sasamat. A few details might help prepare you for the day your child's turn comes:

- The camp is traditionally in April, and runs three days and two nights: For 2016 it runs from Tuesday morning to Thursday afternoon.
- Camp Sasamat is located in Belcarra (near Port Moody) less than an hour's drive away.
- The camp provides heated cabins, a comfortable main lodge, all meals and snacks.
- During the day, students are engaged in a variety of outdoor activities including ropes, archery, kayaking, climbing, canoeing, drawing, painting, photography, orienteering, etc.
- In the evenings, students present skits, or sing songs around the outdoor fire pit.
- Students are supervised by their teachers and other staff members at a ratio of ten to one.

- Ten Secondary students (all are graduates from our school, former Grade 4's who attended Sasamat themselves) accompany our group each year; they help with many of the daytime activities and supervise the cabins at night.

Spring Forward: Mark Your Calendars

Saturday night, March 12th, before you go to bed, remember to set your clocks **ahead by one hour at midnight.**



Intentions for Next Year

We are now in the process of planning and organizing our numbers for **September, 2017**. It is imperative that you inform us if there is a possibility that your family may be moving. Please **send an email to mchambers@vsb.bc.ca only if you know you will be leaving L'École Bilingue.**

We would appreciate receiving your emails no later than **March 29th, 2017**. We are presently organizing our student projections for next year and accurate information will assist us in receiving the staffing and classroom space we require. Many thanks in advance for emailing these to us as quickly as possible.

[YOUTH SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE](#)

SUNDAYS April – June

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6 – 12+

SMALL SIDED GAMES

Jericho Turf

LIMITED SPACE

Maximum Number of Players per Age Group: 40

Cost per Player – Includes T-Shirt and Surprises

Registration Fee: \$90

Late Fee (After April 1): \$100

available: \$120

SPRING LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Division Play Time	Game Time
6yrs Girls/Boys	9:30 - 10:20am 2 x 25 min
7yrs Girls/Boys	9:30 - 10:20am 2 x 25 min
8-9 yrs Boys/Girls	10:30-11:30pm 2 x 30 min
10-12 yrs Boys/Girls	11:45-12:45pm 2 x 30 min

Contact:

Free Kick
604-551-7006
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PAC News

Our next PAC meeting is on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

Many thanks to PAC for supporting our learners with Marnie's talks.

The reality is that sexualized music, movies and advertisements are reaching our children every day. Using developmentally appropriate and healthy methods Marnie Goldenberg gives parents strategies and skills for broaching this difficult subject.

Through her speaking, writing and training programs, Marnie Goldenberg, the Sexplainer, *explains* everything you ever wanted to know about raising sexually intelligent kids. She is passionate about reframing the conversations we have with our kids to promote healthy, positive and shame-free perspectives on sexuality. Marnie's goal is to teach parents how to share life-critical information and values with their kids so they are confident decision-makers throughout their lives.

As always if you have any queries or suggestions, please contact the PAC exec: lapebpac@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 8 & 9	Book Fair (location: Gym)
Mar 08	Early Dismissal – 2:00 p.m. Student-Led Conferences
Mar 09	Early Dismissal – 2:00 p.m. Student-Led Conferences
Mar 10	Reports sent home
Mar 12	Daylight savings: Turn clocks ahead one hour @ midnight
Mar 13	Spring Break begins
Mar 27	School reopens
Mar 30-Apr 10	Quebec Exchange students here
Mar 30	Jump Rope for Heart: Skipping Day
Apr 10	PAC meeting 7:00 pm: Multi -purpose room
Apr. 13	Class Photos
Apr. 14	Good Friday Holiday
Apr. 17	Easter Monday Holiday
Apr. 20	Choir concerts 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Apr. 22	Earth Day: Lights out Canada
Apr 26-28	Grade 4 Students to Sasamat Outdoor Camp

