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Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Organization for September

Since our last newsletter, we have been working together to finalize staffing plans for the upcoming school year.

As we have already explained, the VBE has informed us that there will be **no layoff notices** for Vancouver teachers next year.

However, due to a few remaining uncertainties, we are not yet able to provide a draft plan as we have in past May newsletters. We do anticipate, however, that there will most likely be a few combined classes, both at the Primary and at the Intermediate levels. If our enrolment declines over the summer we may be able to reorganize again in September with the hopes of eliminating some combined classes. We hope to provide you with a **draft organization in June's newsletter.**

Biker's Breakfast

Thank you to all who participated in yesterday's annual event! Although the weather did not cooperate the breakfast was

another huge success. Thank you to Kathryn Slack, Renee Noble, and Lisa Corriveau. Thanks to the VPD, the Bicycle valet and Remi Lacroix as well. A special thank you to parent Stuart Carmichael for his outstanding waffles! Merci!

Mark Your Calendars



Plans are coming together for the **June 10th at 7:00 pm family event**, "Celebrate the Child in All of Us", an evening of magic by former school parents Jeff and Emma Christensen and their friends. Please note that this is the 8th annual event that will take place at the Work Safe B.C. Auditorium in Richmond.

Tickets for the evening show can be ordered at www.CelebrateTheChild.me. A minimum donation of \$15.00 per ticket is requested. All funds raised will go directly to the Vancouver Foundation.

On June 19th, in Jonah's honour, we will be extending the morning recess by fifteen minutes so that everyone, adults included, can go out and play. The tradition of bringing our favourite stuffies to school that day will help all of us remember the child within. There will be no freezies this year.

French Immersion Summer School

Many courses are FREE!

The VBE is again offering French Immersion Summer School at Laura Secord Elementary!

Have you considered enrolling your child in summer school this year? It is a great opportunity to choose from a wide range of FREE summer courses, enrichment courses offered for the standard fee, or a combination of both to suit your child's needs and to meet the needs of all kinds of students—gifted, athletic, artistic or those who simply enjoy hands-on projects. Courses are offered throughout the city at every grade level, and all are designed and taught by certified, dedicated and enthusiastic teachers who care about your child's learning. Summer school is a wonderful way for students to continue learning during the summer, spending their time in a relaxed learning environment under the care of educational professionals. So please consider VBE Summer School this summer!

For course details and registration, go to the webpage at summer.vsb.bc.ca or call 604-713-4550. To register online you will need your child's PEN number, which you can get from your child's teacher or the school's office. Registration is now open and closes on July 07th.

School Nurse Update: Important Vaccination Information

Dear Parents,

We do immunizations to protect your child, prevent transmission of diseases and to protect those people with compromised immune systems. In keeping with Public Health requirements, it is very important that we have updated and complete immunization records for all children.

If the school has incomplete information, a letter requesting your child's immunization history has been sent home through the school.

If your child received vaccinations from your family doctor or outside Vancouver Coastal Health, please provide the updated vaccination dates on the form and return to school as soon as possible. If you are not vaccinating your child or plan to do it at a later date, it is also important that you indicate that on the form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me at 604-714-3442.

Sandra Mclean, Public Health Nurse
3 Bridges Community Health Center

Change of Plans for Next Year

The organization we formulated a few weeks ago was based on the assumption that a certain number of students would be leaving.

It would help us greatly, therefore, if uncertain parents would confirm with us if they are **NOT planning to return in September. Thank you.**

Late Return in September

Any families planning to return to school after Opening Day on September 06th are required to complete a "**Notice of Late Return Form**". If we do not have this form in advance, we may be required to offer your space to someone on our waitlist. Please see Mimi in the office.

Volunteer Tea: May 25th



In recognition of all our outstanding parent volunteers we once again thank all of you for your unconditional support of our programs, events, activities and above all our learners! It Takes a Village to Raise a Child and so much of our school's success is due to all of our parent volunteers' assistance and support. Many thanks also to

Louise Lavoie, Remi, and Valerie for their assistance and support.

Sport's Day: May 19th, 2017

Our Sport's Day was held on Friday, May 15th.

All students participated in our annual Sports Day activities. The schedule for Kindergarten children went home to families. This year we changed some stations and also continued our family groupings among our grade 4 to 7 learners. From all reports, this year's Sports Day was one of the best ever due to the weather, turf field and Park. Congratulations to team **Green** who received the most points overall among our Intermediate classes! Many thanks to our Sports day team: Abheeru, Ms. Wells and our student teachers for all their work in planning and organizing such an excellent event! Many thanks also to our former students now in Grade 8 for their assistance and support.

- 9:00 Grade 7 students set up stations
- 10:00 Four teams met in colour groups and presented their cheer
- 10:20 Rotations began
- 12:00 Lunch (pre-ordered)
- 1:00 Sprints on gravel field
- 1:30 Gr. 7 vs. teachers - Tug of War
- 1:45 Clean-up 
- 2:00 End of activities

NB: Parents were welcome to take children home at 2:00 pm immediately after the activities or children remained until 3:15pm.

June 05th: PAC and Annual General Meeting: 7:00 pm

Parents will no doubt be looking for new ways to spend their evening... perhaps even new ways to rediscover the joys of social conversation! If you're not booked for Monday, June 05th, consider coming to the final PAC meeting of the year which includes the election of the 2017/2018 executive. **Refreshments will be served commencing at 6:30 p.m.**

Camp Evans Lake

The **Evans Lake Camp** on the **Labour Day Long Weekend** is happening again this summer! **Sept. 02 to Sept 04!**

Evans Lake has been a tradition for the kids and parents at L'École Bilingue for close to 30 years now.

Come join us for a really fun weekend of outdoor activities, hikes, campfires, crafts and skits.

Registration is open now and prices are the same as last year! Please visit our website for details

(www.lebevanslake.com), or stop by the office and grab a brochure.

Unfortunately, Camp is full for this year already!

Feel free to add your name to the waitlist, however.

DUE DATE

FOR LIBRARY BOOKS: June 09th

Yes....Now is the time to look for those misplaced books if you haven't already and return them to the library. Please contact me for particular concerns about missing books, notices or invoices that will assist with to a smooth year-end procedure and inventory. Merci! M. Lavoie.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 31* *Petit Prince 1:15 & 7:00 pm*
Multipurpose room
- June 05- 09* *Bollywood Dance sessions*
- June 05* *PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*
Annual General Meeting
- June 06* *Track and Field Meet:*
Eric Hamber 9:00 to 3:00pm
- June 07* *Immunization Day K & Gr. 6*
- June 13* *Spell-A-Thon Test – A.M.*
- June 16* *PRO D Day: No school for*
students
- June 19* *Extended Recess – To*
Celebrate the Child Within
- June 21* *Grade 7: Leaving Ceremony:*
7:00 p.m.
- June 28* *Year End Recognition*
Assembly
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- June 29* *Year End Slide Show*
9:30 a.m.: Last day of school: Reports
sent home
- June 30* *Administrative Day*

