

June 2026

Les nouvelles d'école Beairsto



Principal's message

By Mme Stevenson

Bonjour Beairsto community,

It has been a remarkable year at École Beairsto—a year of growth, connection, and curiosity for our learners. As we move into the final stretch of the school year, classroom routines begin to shift toward field trips and outdoor learning experiences. This is always a special time for both students and staff, as learning comes to life in new and meaningful ways. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our Beairsto staff who have been planning and working hard—both behind the scenes and during these special events—to bring these opportunities to fruition. Our learners are truly enjoying these experiences and creating lasting memories.

These special learning opportunities, along with the day-to-day learning in classrooms, would not be possible without the ongoing support of our families and volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and care you contribute to our school community.

Once students are dismissed on Thursday, staff will come together to reflect on this past year and begin planning for the year ahead. Classrooms will be organized and tidied as we prepare for our custodial team to complete their important summer deep cleaning and larger projects.

We hope you take some time to read through the remainder of this newsletter, where you will find ideas and resources to support your child's learning over the summer months.

We will be sending more communication about our first day back to school (September 8) later in August. In the meantime, we sincerely wish you and your family a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer

Warmly,
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It is not good-bye, it's see you soon!

School staff often become like family, and for Beirsto, this could not be more true. Like all families, we welcome new members and sometimes have to say goodbye to others.

This year, we are saying farewell to some long-standing teachers who have made an incredible difference in our school community through their unique contributions.

M. Helm has accepted a teaching position at Seaton Secondary School starting in September. Not only has he taught at Beirsto for the past 21 years, he was also once a student here! M. Helm will be deeply missed and fondly remembered for his creative December gym extravaganza (air gymnastics) and his countless hours of time and energy devoted to all things sport.

Mme Lavigne has been teaching at Beirsto for 31 years and has decided to retire so she can spend more time travelling and enjoying her favourite activities. That said, we are hopeful we can convince her to return from time to time as an on-call teacher.

Good luck in your next chapter, M. Helm and Mme Lavigne!

Au revoir, pas adieu.

Merci, M. Richard

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Paul Richard for his leadership and dedication over the past five months as Acting Vice-Principal. Stepping into this role (especially mid-year) is no small task! As M. Richard returns to the classroom, we are grateful to know that our students will continue to benefit from his passion for education and deep understanding of our school community. Please join us in thanking him for his commitment and leadership.

Merci

Ways to support your learners this summer:

Learning does not stop when school is closed for the summer. Here are some ideas for you to include in your daily/weekly schedules.

Daily Reading: Encourage 20 to 30 minutes of daily reading at your child's reading level. Consider alternating days of reading in French and English. Be sure to chat about what they read to bring their learning to life. Check out the Okanagan Regional Library for a fun summer reading club.

Writing: Keep writing muscles active through a summer journal, writing letters to friends, creating stories or even writing lists (think groceries, top 10 lists, etc.). Encourage your child to write in French too or to mix it in.

Oral Language: Find opportunities to listen and speak French such as CBC kids (in French) ([CBC jeunesse](#)). Sing along to Manie Musicale songs – current and past playlists can be found here: [manie musicale playlist](#).

Numeracy: Turn real-life scenarios into numeracy practice. Baking (measuring ingredients, doubling recipes) and money management (estimating the total at the grocery store, budgeting for summer treats, paying with cash and counting out coins) are great practical applications. Reading clocks (especially analog) is good practice even for our big kids in the digital age.

Fun Brain Games: Utilize board games, card games, and puzzles to encourage problem-solving and critical thinking.

Everyday Exploration: Take advantage of your surroundings in Vernon. Use local museums, nature sites, and outdoor hikes to explore science, geography, and history.

Physical Literacy: Work on the other ABC's – Agility, Balance, Coordination and Speed. Create an obstacle course using a variety of movements

From Mme Argan in the library

Thank you to all the families who generously made donations to the book drive and book sale. The library not only was able to find healthy replacements for some of our sadder books, but also added about 100 books to our collection and earned over \$300 as many kids excitedly bought themselves a book for \$1. We look forward to hopefully making this an annual event 😊 Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!



From Canadian Parents for French - Vernon cpfvernon@gmail.com

Join CPF!

Whether you're a parent, educator,
student, or simply someone who
believes in the power of
bilingualism, joining CPF is one of
the best ways to support French as
a second-and-additional language
learning in your community.



Looking to support your local CPF chapter?

We collect Natures Fare receipts on the CPF board right next to
the PAC board near the office
We also have a Co-op number #81907

Dive into French Summer reading club at the Okanagan Regional Library

June 15-September 14th

Winners announced October 6th

Check out the link for more information: [ORL Summer
Reading Club](#)



The B.C. Family French Camp

July 4-11, 2026

Peach Orchard Campground in Summerland

Registration: [CPF Summer Camp](#)

School District 22 Calendar 2026-2027

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

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Instructional Non-Instructional Vacation Period Statutory Holiday



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

La Rentrée (First Day of School):

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 8:45 - 11:45 am

To welcome students back on the **first day of school**, students will join their classmates and 2025-2026 teacher. Reminders will be sent in August.