



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families:

Today is International Women's Day. I hope that with in your homes you focus on the contributions of the strong women in our society and our own personal lives. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world you can reflect upon how we can make a difference and choose to challenge the status quo for a better, more equal world.

Thanks to all who joined us for our Family Literacy Evening. It was great to the families out enjoying a social, yet educational evening with our staff. A special thank you to the PAC, the teachers and Jody Sparrow, who all played a part in making the evening a success.

This month Ramadan is observed by many families in our community and throughout the world. Ramadan begins on Sunday, March 10, and will end at sundown on Tuesday, April 9. Ramadan is the holy month which begins with the first sighting of the crescent Moon. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is considered a holy month that honors the time when Allah, through the angel Gabriel, revealed the first verses of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, to a caravan trader named Muhammad. The final evening of Ramadan culminates with a celebration called **Eid al-Fitr**, on April 9, when the month-long fast is ended with a feast.

Over the past few weeks, teachers have been busy assessing and evaluating student learning and working to prepare the second-term report cards. Report Cards are going home **on Tuesday March 12**. If you have questions regarding your child's reports, please contact your child's teacher.

Students in Division 1 have been learning about Ancient Civilizations as part of the Social Studies curriculum. As part of their learning, they have engaged in the writing process, art, research skills, and collaborated on a group process. They have put in a lot of hard work, learning new skills, and acquiring knowledge of civilizations that have shaped our world. As part of this, students wrote poems. Please see the some of the poems below that reflect their learning.

Next Friday, we will hosting **Books for Breakfast**. This is an opportunity for families to read together over breakfast at the school. There will be food and coffee provided. Looking forward to seeing you for **Books for Breakfast** on **Friday, March 15 @ 8:15am**. 😊

Lastly, the clocks change for daylight savings this weekend. Remember to Spring Ahead an hour is Sunday!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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"Books are a uniquely portable magic." - Stephen King

Important Dates

- Sunday, March 10, 2024: Ramadan Begins
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Report Card #2 Goes Home
- Friday, March 15, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Saturday, March 16, 2024 – Monday, March April 1, 2024: Spring Break
- Monday, April 1, 2024: Easter Holiday – School Closed
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024: School Reopens after spring break
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Monday, April 22, 2024: Professional Development Day
- Friday, April 26, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Class Photographs

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call **604-713-5159 Ext. 81** or Email tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca by 9:00 AM.

Please do not call the school office.

PAC News

The Thunderbird Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is now up and running for the 2023-2024 school year. The PAC is a great way to become involved in your child's educational and school life and contribute to the school. The PAC's main roles are to promote the education and welfare of students, encourage parent involvement in the school, advise the school on matters relating to the school, and contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood. Our meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm and last approximately an hour, from September to June.

The next Friday Morning **PAC Coffee @ 8:45 am is March 15, 2024.**

The next PAC meeting of the school year is **Wednesday, April 3, 6-7 pm** in the library. Dinner and babysitting provided. RSVP by returning the paper form sent home or emailing pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca.

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: [HERE](#)

VSB: After the Bell, Podcast

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Preposition draft Ancient Egypt

Below the pyramids slaves were demanded to build a big chamber for the pharaoh's journey to the afterlife.

Over and over and over the slaves dig day and night sweating in the closed space.

Inside the chamber, the pharaoh was getting mummified, his organs were placed in canopic jars.

Within the chamber, the Egyptians put fruit and veggies to make sure the pharaoh goes to the afterlife.

With the mummified pharaoh they put him into a sarcophagus and closed it.

Beside the pharaoh were tons of priests and thousands of slaves.

Behind each other each dozen of slaves pulled the 1-ton block made from limestone, granite and mortar.

Through the sand the slaves drag it until they reach their destination.

After this job, they perform other labours of work amid the desert sand.

Throughout Egypt slaves are clearing land and killing livestock all for the purpose of the pharaoh.

Toward the next few days, the tired slaves get a break.

Including his royal family and the highest officials the pharaoh finally celebrates the final completion.

Alex Nauwen
Div. 2

Ancient Egypt Preposition Poem (Negar)

Mummification

Alongside of Egypt are pyramids that contain mummies who last to prepare the great pharaoh's journey into the afterlife.

Inside the brain, goes the tool to scoop out the brains of the dead pharaoh's body.

Downwards the knife cuts into the body; lungs, stomach, liver and intestines are removed from the inner walls of the abdomen.

On the table are Canopic jars that lie next to the body ready to have organs put inside.

Throughout the body natron is stuffed into the interior and sprinkled above and underneath to ensure the body does not rot.

After the body dries, Nile water and oil is at hand and ready to be used to wash the body.

Towards the body the tool goes to disinter all the natron out of the body.

Across the room the rulers demand the mummifiers to hurry and mummify the body as fast as possible as there is another, they need to start mummifying.

Against their will the mummifiers continue to work to please the great Pharaohs.

Around and around the linen wraps the dried-up corpse.

Between the linen gorgeous jewels and amulets are placed to shield the body when traveling to the afterlife.

By now the pharaoh's 'Ka' has entered the world of the afterlife.

(Negar)
Division 1

Preposition Poem

Alongside the Nile the farmland stands. They rake the land for it to loosen the soil. The farm sits beside the Nile for water to flow beside the crops for moisture. Farmers sprinkle the seeds on top of the soil, making sure it's planted. Up and down, up and down, they let animals stomp the seeds on the ground. As the seasons change the seeds sprout up into a variety of foods. The Nile floods for water to come in and around the farmland. Since the months get dryer (the months are called Shemu) and the water drops, they still have food as this is their harvest time. As seasons change into Shemu and the water falls within the riverbed. It is now the perfect time for harvest. Above the trees as the sun rose, farmers and peasants went up to start harvesting. When all was harvested, they took a basket full of foods in front of the Pharaoh's palace. After leaving the food for the pharaoh they put food into the mummy tombs. They also provide food for their families and communities. When Shemu ends they start planting again to have more food to eat and harvest again next Shemu.

Krystal Zhou

Ancient Egypt

In ancient Egypt, near the banks of the Nile, King Tut ruled with grace and style. He reigned for years, throughout the vast land, with treasures and riches.

Beneath the towering pyramids, he rests in peace, with treasures and artifacts, never to cease. Inside his tomb, secrets lie deep, of a pharaoh's story, for us to keep.

Through time and space, his legend lives on, as we marvel at the treasures he had drawn. Around his tomb, explorers gather nearby, to uncover the mysteries, year after year.

With fascination, we search into his reign, and the wonders that still remain. From his golden mask to his chariot of gold, King Tut's legacy continues to unfold.

Janice
Div. 2

KING TUTANKHAMUN PREPOSITION POEM

In the land of the pharaohs, King Tut ruled as a young king. Beneath the golden mask, his secrets were carefully hidden. Amidst the treasures of his tomb, history slept tranquilly. On the banks of the Nile, his legacy endured for centuries. Through the passage of time, his name echoed in the ancient halls. Within the chambers of his burial, mysteries lingered, waiting to be unraveled. Beside his mummified remains, artifacts gleamed with an otherworldly aura. Upon his throne, he ruled Ancient Egypt with wisdom beyond his years. In the hearts of scholars, his conundrum fascinated and sparked many questions. Amidst the sands of the desert, his tomb was discovered, changing history books forever. From his reign to the afterlife, his spirit journeyed, leaving a mark on the world. Across the world, his fame spread, captivating the imagination of people of all ages.

Ikan Mohamed
Div. 1

Travelling to Egypt

Far away in Egypt where you are travelling to a civilization that is old, ancient, and mysterious.

Around Egypt are fascinating things to see, do, and explore. Above your head before your eyes towers pyramids galore. Beyond them the Sphinx, with a haughty aura, silently guards the pyramid's interior treasures. Among the rivers of the world, the Nile is in Egypt, a well-known sight to see. Next to the Nile is Luxor Temple, the place used during the Opset festival. While travelling to Egypt there are more things to see... Including the Valley of the Kings, where beneath the desert sand pharaohs are buried. Following is another temple, Temple of Karnak, built in the past to worship gods. While you are in Egypt there are dangers around. Like a crocodile lurking in the Nile, or an aggressive hippo hidden underneath the surface. Plus, venomous snakes below the sand waiting to be left alone. Without a doubt, visiting Ancient Egypt's wonders is marvelous to see. Except when you're there please do prepare your handy bug repellent. 22 prepositions - Jenny

Jenny Shi Div. 1