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ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

Welcome Back! I hope your spring break was a restful one, and that you had the chance to enjoy some time with family and friends.

This spring, primary students will be working and learning in our gardens with the help of [SPEC](#) (Society Providing Conservation Education). SPEC has been a valued partner with our school community for the past 9 years! The school garden program strives to connect children to their local food systems, their classmates, the natural world, and their community.

This Earth Week, support the planet, the PAC, and our grade 7 students with a bottle drive! All proceeds benefit graduation activities. **Help our students reach their \$250 collection goal!**

Simply save your empties and send them to school Tuesday, April 23 to Friday, April 26. We accept all refundable beverage containers including cans, drink boxes or pouches, tetra packs, plastic or glass bottles and milk containers. **EVERY CONTAINER COUNTS!** For a full list of containers, see here: <https://www.return-it.ca/beverage/products/>

Did you know you can support the PAC year-round by donating your refundable beverage containers at any Return-It Express? Use the school's phone number (604-713-4611) to log in at a kiosk, print a tag and tag your bag. That's it! We appreciate your

Sat Sri Akaal, and welcome to Sikh Heritage Month! In April, we recognize the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric. Celebrated every April, Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Sikh Canadians and the important role they have played and continue to play in communities across Canada. The first Sikh settlers in Canada arrived on the shores of British Columbia from Punjab, India at the turn of the 1900's, and settled across the lower mainland and island by working on the farms and in the forestry industry. Soon after, in 1908, local Sikhs started to build a Sikh Temple (Gurdwara) in a true community effort, under the auspices of the Khalsa Diwan Society. Today, the presence of Sikhs can be seen in every aspect of the civic life of Canada, from volunteers to professionals, from sports fans to Ministers, and even the Senate.

Just a reminder to **Save the Date** for the Family Photo Session on **April 20th**! This a fantastic opportunity to get professional family photos at a great price. **Booking times will be available next Wednesday, April 10th online.** Please feel share with other community members.

For families who access the Hot Lunch Program; please return your April Hot Lunch Envelopes to the school as soon as possible. These envelopes help us project the number of meals we need for the month, so returning them on time is very important.

The PAC's monthly after school Lemonade and Treat Sale this month will be held on Friday, April 19 @ 3:00pm.

Another reminder, for the safety of our students and staff, we remind parents that the Thunderbird staff parking lot at the back of the school should not be used by families for drop off and pick up at any time. This area is for staff only. Parents dropping their children off at the Community Centre childcare facility in the portable should use the Community Centre parking lot off Cassiar Street or street parking, and walk their children in. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

Brad Toews
Principal
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"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." - Margaret Fuller

Important Dates

- Wednesday, April 10, 2024: Eid – End of Ramadan
- Saturday, April 13, 2024: Vaisakhi
- Monday, April 22, 2024: Professional Development Day
- Monday, April 22, 2024: Earth Day
- Friday, April 19, 2024: After School Lemonade and Treat Sale
- Friday, April 26, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Class Photographs
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Monday, May 20, 2024: Victoria Day Statutory Holiday – No School
- Friday, May 24, 2024: Sport's Day in the morning
- Friday, May 31, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Wednesday, June 5, 2024: PAC AGM @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Sunday, June 16, 2024: Father's Day
- Thursday, June 20, 2024: Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony - AM
- Friday, June 21, 2024: National Indigenous People's Day
- Monday, June 24, 2024: Report Card #3 Goes Home
- Wednesday, June 26, 2024: School Picnic – Sunrise Park
- Thursday, June 27, 2024: Last of School

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 April 26, 2024.**

The next PAC meeting of the school year is **Wednesday, May 1, 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](#)

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