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ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

As we enter May, we will be acknowledging Asian Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian descent have made and continue to make to Canada's growth and prosperity. Also, Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn more about the many cultures and people of Asian descent who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada and Vancouver the amazing home we share today. There are many great events that happen throughout Vancouver for this month of celebration. I hope you have the chance to enrich yourselves in these opportunities.

As we approach the end of the school year, staff are now beginning to have conversations around school and class organization for 2024-2025. When determining class composition, grade combinations, and student placement, many factors are considered in the process. Staff examines academic progress, individual learning styles, student relationships and interactions, specific and collective student learning needs, class balance, and other pertinent insights provided by the educational professionals who work with your child. School organization and classroom composition is a complex, lengthy, and thoughtful process, that looks at the needs of all learners to determine the best possible educational environment for student learning. Parents or guardians who have specific and relevant information regarding their child's learning style and school relationships that are important for the school to be aware during this process, are welcome to email their teacher, or the administration at thunderbird@vsb.bc.ca before Friday, May 31st. The school will not take requests for student placement to specific teachers.

If you have the opportunity, the Vancouver School Board, ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Elementary, and the AIRS Artist in Residence Studio program invites you to the [Imprints of Belonging](#) opening night on **May 13 @ 4:30 – 7:00pm at the Vancouver School Board Student Gallery, 1580 West Broadway Avenue**. The AIRS Artist in Residence Studio program works in partnership with the Vancouver School Board, including ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird, to reclaim space for the arts in public elementary schools and provide equitable access to high quality and socially just art making experiences through long term artist studio residencies. This exhibition runs from May – 13 -27 and is open to the public, 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. Please see the attached flyer. We hope to see you there.

As mentioned last week, on May 2 we will be participating in a Provincial wide earthquake drill meant to help staff and students prepare in the event of an earthquake. The school and its staff have a comprehensive plan and delegation of roles for adverse events to help keep students as safe and comforted as possible. In the event of a real earthquake, students would evacuate to our gravel field on the northwest corner of the school property, or to Sunrise Park on Rupert Street, if the field was unusable, where a controlled student release would occur. Please let the office know if any changes are needed to be made to the student release forms that parents or guardians filled out at the beginning of the year.

First Tee Golf is offering FREE golf lessons in May & June at the Fraserview Golf Course. **Please see the attached PDF for information and registration.** Registration for this program is available thanks to RBC Community Junior Golf.

[Summer School registration](#) will opened on this week. The VSB Summer School offers a wide range of Ministry funded courses; from remedial, which provides extra help, to enrichment, which extends student learning. Please consider enrolling! Course catalogs can be found online here: <https://media.vsb.bc.ca/media/Default/medialib/2024-sl-program-brochure.ab18ec71539.pdf>

Thank you for joining us today for **Books for Breakfast**. Our next, and last event of the year will be held on **May 31 at 8:15 am** for **Books for Breakfast** in our lunchroom! This event will coincide with the PAC's coffee meet and greet of for parents and guardians, so there will coffee provided as well! Hope to see you next month!

Please remember, that on **Tuesday, April 30**, we have class photos. Please be on time to school.

Lastly, there is a PAC meeting **next Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:00pm** in the library. All parents and guardians are welcome.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

Brad Toews
Principal
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“Reading brings us unknown friends” - Honoré de Balzac

Important Dates

- Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Class Photographs
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Thursday, May 2, 2024: The Big One 2 2:00pm - Earthquake Drill
- 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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