



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families:

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely sunny Mother's Day weekend, taking the opportunity to express gratitude to the influential women in our lives. This week, I'm sending the weekly email a day early as I'll be tending to my own children and family obligations tomorrow. Being a parent myself, I understand the hurdles you all encounter, and I'm grateful for the unwavering support, love, and care our parents and guardians extend to our students consistently. Raising children, as I've experienced firsthand, is challenging, but deeply rewarding.

At the district's annual Indigenous Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony, the Vancouver School Board extended appreciation and congratulations to our Indigenous grade 7 students from across the city who are advancing to secondary school next year. The transition from grade 7 to grade 8 marks a significant milestone, brimming with a blend of emotions for many students as they move from elementary to high school. I extend my best wishes to our Indigenous grade 7 students as they embark on the next phase of their educational journeys.

Next week, our students will be taking part in Sports Day. As of now, the weather forecast predicts sunny conditions. We kindly ask that children come prepared for the weather, whatever it may be, with hats, sunscreen, and appropriate footwear for sport. Parents are also welcome to join us in observing the games. Sports Day festivities will commence shortly after the morning welcome bell and conclude around noon. Let's hope for a wonderful day ahead!

Save the date! June 19, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm! The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is excited to announce the Spring Carnival, taking place in our Lunchroom and under the covered area on the south side of the building. Families can look forward to outdoor games and various activities, along with food and snacks. Keep an eye out for an RSVP form in the upcoming weeks, and kindly return it to the school if you plan to attend. Please note that students should not attend without a parent or guardian.

Get ready for Bike to School week, happening from June 3rd to 7th! As part of this event, the Thunderbird PAC is excited to host the 2nd Annual Thunderbird School Bike Fest on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Check out the attached poster for more details.

And lastly, this upcoming weekend is a long one! Please note that the school will be closed on Monday, May 20, 2024, in observance of Victoria Day, a statutory holiday. Enjoy the extra day off!

Have a safe and restful long weekend!

Brad Toews
Principal
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"The person who deserves most pity is a lonesome one on a rainy day who doesn't know how to read." - Benjamin Franklin

Important Dates

- 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: BIKE FEST hosted by the PAC @ 3:00 pm – southside of school
- Wednesday, June 5, 2024: PAC AGM @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024: SPRING CARNIVAL hosted by the PAC @ 4:30 pm – 7:00pm
- 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 May 26, 2024.**

The next PAC meeting of the school year is **Wednesday, June 5, 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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