



šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Families:

Today, students participated in our annual Thunderbird Sports Day. Despite the rainy weather, we had great morning enjoying games with our friends. Thanks to the PAC and parents for their presence and support with the day. A big thank you to our grade 7 and Van Tech volunteers. Lastly, a colossal thank you to Mr. Costea for his organization of the day. For 19 years in a row, Mr. Costea has been instrumental in the organization of our Sport's Days. This year Mr. Costea will be retiring, and we will miss his excitement and passion for all he does for our sports programs. Thank you, Mr. Costea!

Next Friday, as we come to the end of May, we welcome our next year's kindergarten students at our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event. Students and their guardians will meet their teachers and tour the school. The anticipation of starting school is always an exciting time but can come with some anxieties. Having our newest members of our school community familiarize themselves with the staff and school site always helps to calm some nerves. We very much look forward to this time and meeting our newest community members.

Mark your calendars for **June 19, 4:30pm – 7:00pm**. The PAC will be hosting the Spring Carnival in our Lunchroom/Activity Room and under cover area at the south side of the building. There will be games and other fun activities outside for families, as well as food and snacks. Keep an eye out for an RSVP form in the coming few weeks and return it to the school if you plan on attending. Students should not attend without a parent or guardian.

A reminder, Bike to School week is just around the corner, **June 3 - 7**. As part of this week, the Thunderbird PAC will be hosting the 2nd Annual Thunderbird School Bike Fest on **Wednesday, Jun 5th, 2024, 3:00pm-4:30pm**. Please see the poster attached.

Next week, join us on **May 31 at 8:15 am** for our last **Books for Breakfast** of the year, in our lunchroom! **Books for Breakfast** is an opportunity for families to read together over breakfast at the school. There will be a variety of breakfast options and books! We encourage parents and guardians to attend with their children! Hope to see you there. This event will coincide with the PAC's coffee meet and greet of for parents and guardians, so there will coffee provided as well! Thank you to Starbucks for their generous donation. Please try to bring a reusable coffee mug!

Have a safe and restful weekend!

Brad Toews
Principal
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"Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you." - Louis L'Amour

Important Dates

- 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 31, 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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