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ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

A big congratulations are in order for our Track and Field team as they competed in the Vancouver School Board's track meet this Wednesday at Van Tech. Their dedication and hard work over the past two months have truly paid off. A special acknowledgment goes to Mr. Costea and Mr. Lai for their guidance and commitment to our athletes' success in track and field and beyond.

Coming up, June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year. I hope you all have an opportunity to participate in some of the events recognizing Indigenous Canadians!

Father's Day is just around the corner, and it's the perfect time to honor and celebrate the incredible dads in our lives. Father's Day is a special occasion dedicated to expressing our gratitude, love, and appreciation for the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and all father figures who play a significant role in our lives. Fatherhood is a journey filled with love, sacrifice, and unwavering support. Our dads are our superheroes, always ready to lend a helping hand, offer words of wisdom, and provide a shoulder to lean on. They teach us valuable life lessons, encourage us to dream big, and inspire us to become the best version of ourselves. We invite our students to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful role their fathers play in their lives. We encourage them to express their appreciation and love through heartfelt gestures and acts of kindness. Whether it's a handmade card, a thoughtful gift, or a simple gesture of gratitude, the smallest gestures can convey the deepest emotions. Happy Father's Day!

Next week, we will recognize our grade 7 students who will be moving forward to secondary school this fall. We have some wonderful events planned to acknowledge their contributions and accomplishments during their time in elementary school, culminating in our Farewell Moving Forward Ceremony on Thursday for their parents and guardians.

A big thank you to all in our Bike Fest on June 5th. Also, thank you to Nootka Bikes for their support. Please see the attached thank you card, pictures from the event, offer and a special offer for Thunderbird Families from Nootka Bikes.

A reminder, next week on **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. Please RSVP using the form sent home with students. Also, volunteers are needed. If you were able to volunteer, please email the PAC directly at pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca

Have a safe and restful weekend!

Brad Toews
Principal
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“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.” - Walt Disney

Important Dates

- 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 June 21, 2024.**

The next PAC meeting of the school year is **Wednesday, September 11, 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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