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ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

Today we recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day here at Thunderbird. With the help of our Indigenous Enhancement Worker, students engaged in the power of story to increase their knowledge and appreciation of indigenous culture. National Indigenous Peoples Day serves as an occasion to raise awareness about the challenges and issues faced by Indigenous peoples and to promote reconciliation, healing, and the advancement of Indigenous rights and self-determination. We approach this day with respect, openness, and a willingness to learn about the diverse cultures and histories of Indigenous peoples, as well as to support ongoing efforts towards reconciliation and creating a more inclusive society for all Canadians.

On behalf of the PAC, I want to express our sincere gratitude to all the families who attended our Spring Carnival, games night, and dinner. Your presence made the event truly enjoyable and special. We understand the importance of community and family bonding, and events like these provide a great opportunity for us to come together. We hope you had a wonderful time connecting with other families, playing games, and sharing a meal. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers, organizers, and sponsors who dedicated their time and resources to make this event possible. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at future events and continuing to strengthen our community together. As always, please connect with the PAC if you wish to volunteer in future events.

Also, this week we recognised our grade 7 students moving forward to grade 8 at our Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony. It was a wonderful event where we welcomed the grade 7 families and our student body to join us in honouring our grade 7's contributions and accomplishments to our school community. Our kindergarten students who presented each graduate with a flower after they received their certificate. Congratulations to all our grade 7 students moving on to the next adventure in their lives. We wish that you continue to try your very best in working with perseverance, commitment, and enjoyment to achieve your hopes and dreams.

Another big thank you to our sister school, Lord Kitchener, and the Lord Kitchener Grade 7 Grad Committee, who generously helped fund our grade 7 grad activities by helping fund the grade 7 movie night and the grade 7 graduation ceremony. Their support is much appreciated.

Attached is our yearly calendar for 2024-25 with some minor amendments.

Next week is our last week of school; with the last day for students being Thursday. The week will be busy with end of the year clean up in our classrooms, as well as celebrations of our learning over the past year.

Have a safe and restful weekend!

Brad Toews
Principal
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"We are of opinion that instead of letting books grow moldy behind an iron grating far from gaze, it is better to let them wear out by being read." - Jules Verne

Important Dates

- 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 @ TBA September 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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