



šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Families:

As the 2023 – 2024 school year draws to a close, the Thunderbird Staff would like to wish the students and their families a wonderful and safe summer. The year provided many amazing learning experiences and memories for all. As a community, we embarked on some great social justice initiatives, cultural learning, and grew together as a community. Next year, we will continue this work.

At this time, we would like to send a special goodbye to our grade 7 students moving on to their new schools in September. You will be dearly missed; nevertheless, we are confident you will take forth all you have learned and continue your successes in your future endeavours. Congratulations, good luck, and farewell grade 7's!

Further, we would like to say goodbye to some staff members who will be moving on to new and exciting roles or stages in their lives. Goodbye to Ms. Spence, Mr. Sulit, and Ms. Torrance, who will be taking on new roles at new schools this coming year. Good Luck! Also, we wish Mr. Costea all the best in his retirement. He has been at Thunderbird for over 19 years and will be dearly missed. We wish them all well.

Next school year, we welcome Ms. Zielke, who will be work with us teaching Physical and Health Education three times a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We look forward to working with her in September.

The first day of school for students is on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024, from 9:00 – 10:00am**, and the regular schedule (full day) begins **on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 9:00am – 2:58pm**. New 2024-2025 Kindergarten students are on an alternate schedule that has been sent out by their teacher. Students will line up at their classrooms from last year, until they transition to their new teacher, which will most likely be at the beginning of week two. If you anticipate extending summer break, and starting school after September 6th, please let the school know.

See the attached flyer offering community yoga during the summer. It's local, at Sunrise Park, and looks like a lot of fun.

As we wrap up, I want to express my appreciation to the entire Thunderbird school community — students, parents, staff, and community partners. It was great working with all of you this year. This community is very supportive, and I am excited to continue our collaboration and good work in the coming academic year.

I wish you a safe, restful, and fun filled summer.

Brad Toews
Principal
Thunderbird šx^wəx^waʔəs Elementary School

"A room without books is like a body without a soul." - Cicero

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, September 3, 2024:** *First Day for Students – (9:00-10:00am, One Hour Only)*
- **Wednesday, September 4, 2024:** *First Full Day for students (9:00am – 3:00pm)*
- **Thursday, September 5, 2024:** *Lunch and Breakfast Program Begins*
- **Wednesday, September 11, 2024:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Friday, September 13, 2024:** *Individual Photo Day*
- **Friday, September 20, 2024:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Monday, September 30, 2024:** *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No school*
- **Monday, October 14, 2024:** *Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Wednesday & Thursday, October 23 & 24, 2024:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Friday, October 25, 2024:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Thursday, October 31, 2024:** *Halloween*
- **Friday, November 1, 2024:** *Diwali*
- **Tuesday, November 5, 2024:** *Individual Photo Re-Take Day*
- **Monday, November 11, 2024:** *Remembrance Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Friday, November 22, 2024:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Monday, December 16, 2024:** *Report Card #1 Go Home*
- **Friday, December 20, 2024:** *Last Before Winter Break*
- **Monday, January 6, 2025:** *First Day Back From Winter Break*

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call [604-713-5159 Ext. 81](tel:604-713-5159) 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 for Thunderbird students is 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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