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ᓄᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

Welcome Back! I hope your spring break was a restful one, and that you had the chance to enjoy some time with family and friends.

This spring, primary students will be working and learning in our gardens with the help of [SPEC](#) (Society Providing Conservation Education). SPEC has been a valued partner with our school community for the past 10 years! The school garden program strives to connect children to their local food systems, their classmates, the natural world, and their community.

This Earth Week, support the planet, the PAC, and our grade 7 students with a bottle drive! All proceeds benefit graduation activities. Simply save your empties and send them to school Tuesday, April 22 to Friday, April 25. We accept all refundable beverage containers including cans, drink boxes or pouches, tetra packs, plastic or glass bottles and milk containers. **EVERY CONTAINER COUNTS!** For a full list of containers, see here: <https://www.return-it.ca/beverage/products/> Did you know you can support the PAC year-round by donating your refundable beverage containers at any Return-It Express? Use the school's phone number (604-713-4611) to log in at a kiosk, print a tag and tag your bag. That's it! We appreciate your

Sat Sri Akaal, and welcome to Sikh Heritage Month! In April, we recognize the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric. Celebrated every April, Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Sikh Canadians and the important role they have played and continue to play in communities across Canada. The first Sikh settlers in Canada arrived on the shores of British Columbia from Punjab, India at the turn of the 1900's, and settled across the lower mainland and island by working on the farms and in the forestry industry. Soon after, in 1908, local Sikhs started to build a Sikh Temple (Gurdwara) in a true community effort, under the auspices of the Khalsa Diwan Society. Today, the presence of Sikhs can be seen in every aspect of the civic life of Canada, from volunteers to professionals, from sports fans to Ministers, and even the Senate.

For families who access the Hot Lunch Program; please return your April Hot Lunch Envelopes to the school as soon as possible. These envelopes help us project the number of meals we need for the month, so returning them on time is very important.

Our Parent Teacher CSL Conferences (Communicating Student Learning) will be held on **April 23 and April 24**, starting at **2:00 pm**. These days will be early dismissal for students. For the conferences, there will be an option for **In-Person** or **Virtual TEAMS Meetings** through our online bookings page [here](#) for divisions 1, 2, and 8 only. Booking options for divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be sent directly to you by the teacher.

Next Thursday, **April 10th are our class photos**. They will be taken in the morning.

Another reminder, for the safety of our students and staff, we remind parents that the Thunderbird staff parking lot at the back of the school should not be used by families for drop off and pick up at any time. This area is for staff only. Parents dropping their children off at the Community Centre childcare facility in the portable should use the Community Centre parking lot off Cassiar Street or street parking, and walk their children in. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." - Jim Rohn

Important Dates

- **Thursday, April 10, 2025:** *Class Photos*
- **Friday, April 18, 2025:** *Good Friday Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Monday, April 21, 2025:** *Easter Monday Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 & 24, 2025:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Friday, April 25, 2025:** *Books For Breakfast*
- **Monday, April 28, 2025:** *Professional Development Day – No school*
- **Wednesday, May 7, 2025:** *PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library*
- **Monday, May 5-7, 2025:** *Grade 6/7 Camp*
- **Monday, May 19, 2025:** *Victoria Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Friday, May 23, 2025:** *Sports Day*
- **Friday, May 30, 2025:** *Books For Breakfast*
- **Wednesday, June 4, 2025:** *PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library*
- **Wednesday, June 18, 2025:** *PAC Spring Fair*
- **Thursday, June 19, 2025:** *Grade 7 Graduation*
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2025:** *Report Card #3 Goes Home*
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2025:** *Sunrise Park Fieldtrip*
- **Thursday, June 26, 2025:** *Last Day 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 2024-2025 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 PAC meeting is **Wednesday, May 7, 6-7 pm** in the library. Dinner and babysitting for school aged children are 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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