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šx<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup>aʔəs Thunderbird Families:

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely sunny Mother's Day weekend, taking the opportunity to express gratitude to the influential women in our lives. This week, I'm sending the weekly email a day early as I will be tending to my own children and family obligations tomorrow.

On Monday, members from the Templeton Robotics Club came to deliver a First Lego League workshop for Grade 7's. In the morning, students built a robot and then learned how to code it to move. After lunch, they added modifications to their robots and programmed them to push cups out of a ring. Congratulations to Darya and Luji for their winning robot which successfully got 12 of out 12 cups out of the ring! There was great innovation and Ben, Justino and Aiden's group had a robot with a sweeping arm!

Thank you to the families in division 8 who were able to pick up their children as part of our emergency reunification drill last Thursday. Our drill went smoothly and helped us plan for the event of a real emergency.

Next week, the district will recognize our indigenous grade 7 grad at the annual Indigenous Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony. The Vancouver School Board extends its appreciation and congratulations to our Indigenous grade 7 students from across the city who are advancing to secondary school next year. The transition from grade 7 to grade 8 marks a significant milestone, brimming with a blend of emotions for many students as they move from elementary to high school. I also extend my best wishes to our Indigenous grade 7 students as they embark on the next phase of their educational journeys.

Next week, our students will be taking part in Sports Day. As of now, the weather forecast predicts mixed conditions. We kindly ask that children come prepared for the weather, whatever it may be, with hats, sunscreen, and appropriate footwear for sport, as well as clothing in the event of rain. Parents are also welcome to join us in observing the games. Sports Day festivities will commence shortly after the morning welcome bell and conclude around noon. Let's hope for a wonderful day ahead!

Save the date! **June 18, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm**! The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is excited to announce the Spring Carnival, taking place in our Lunchroom and under the covered area on the south side of the building. Families can look forward to outdoor games and various activities, along with food and snacks. Keep an eye out for an RSVP form in the upcoming weeks and kindly return it to the school if you plan to attend. Please note that students should not attend without a parent or guardian.

Get ready for Bike to School week, happening from **June 2nd to 6th**! As part of this event, the Thunderbird PAC is excited to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thunderbird School Bike Fest on Wednesday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, from **3:00pm to 4:30pm**. Check out the attached poster for more details.

And lastly, this upcoming weekend is a long one! Please note that the school will be closed on Monday, **May 19, 2025**, in observance of Victoria Day, a statutory holiday. Enjoy the extra day off!

Have a safe and restful long weekend!

Brad Toews  
Principal

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"People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned." - Saul Bellow

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### Important Dates

- **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*
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### Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call **604-713-5159 Ext. 81** or Email [tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca) by 9:00 AM.

***Please do not call the school office.***

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### 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, June 4, 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](mailto:pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca).

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: [HERE](#)

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