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ᓄᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

This week, we recognized 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. Congratulations grade 7 grads!

Today, students participated in our annual Thunderbird Sports Day. Thanks to the beautiful weather, and of course, the hard work of staff, we had great morning enjoying games with our friends. Thanks to the PAC and parents for their presence and support with the day. A big thank you to our grade 7 and high school volunteers. And lastly, a colossal thank you to Ms. Zielke for her organization of the day. Ms. Zielke organized her first Sports Day and did a standup job. We look forward to many amazing sports days ahead with Ms. Zielke!

Next Friday, **May 30 @ 1:15pm in the library**, we welcome our next year's kindergarten students at our annual On the Way to K event. Students and their guardians will meet their teachers and tour the school. The anticipation of starting school is always an exciting time but can come with some anxieties. Having our newest members of our school community familiarize themselves with the staff and school site always helps to calm some nerves. We very much look forward to this time and meeting our newest community members.

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 3rd Annual Thunderbird School Bike Fest on Wednesday, **June 4th, 2024**, from **3:00pm to 4:30pm**. Check out the attached poster for more details.

Lastly next week, join us on **May 30 at 8:15 am** for our last **Books for Breakfast** of the year, in our lunchroom! **Books for Breakfast** is an opportunity for families to read together over breakfast at the school. There will be a variety of breakfast options and books! We encourage parents and guardians to attend with their children! Hope to see you there. Thank you to Starbucks for their generous donation. Please try to bring a reusable coffee mug!

Have a safe and restful weekend!

Brad Toews

Principal

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

Important Dates

- **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, 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.

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

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