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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families:

Today, we welcomed next year's kindergarten students at our annual On Our Way to K event. Students and their guardians met their teachers and toured 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. It was great to meet our newest community members.

Our school calendar is now set for the 2025/26 school year. Please see the attached document that outlines the important dates to know for next school year.

Next week is 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.

Are you looking for a rewarding job working in a school setting supporting children and youth with special needs? There is an ongoing need for qualified Educational Assistants in B.C. schools, and currently the Vancouver School Board is hiring Educational Assistants. For more information, please see the attached poster.

June is Pride Month. Throughout the month of June, we commemorate the LGBTQ+ community, uplifting the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. We teach that everyone deserves the same rights and respect in our society. The word "Pride" was originally an acronym that stood for Personal Rights in Defense and Education, an organization started in 1966 to fight for equal rights for LGBTQ+ people in California. But of course, there's also the double meaning of Pride, which describes the feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction people get from their achievements or best qualities. Pride is also seen as the "consciousness of one's own dignity." During this month, I hope we all take the time to reflect and thinking about the way we respect and treat others.

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.

Thank you to the families who joined us for our last **Books For Breakfast** event of the school year. We encourage you to read with your children as much as possible outside of the school setting to normalize reading as a fun activity to do anywhere. Consider visiting the public library over the summer break and joining the VPL summer reading program. We hope to continue **Books For Breakfast** in the 2025/26 school year, so keep an eye out in early September for information in the newsletter. As always, we thank Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation of coffee.

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

- **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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