



# šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families:

Father's Day is just around the corner, and it's the perfect time to honor and celebrate the incredible dads in our lives. Father's Day is a special occasion dedicated to expressing our gratitude, love, and appreciation for the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and all father figures who play a significant role in our lives. Fatherhood is a journey filled with love, sacrifice, and unwavering support. Our dads are our superheroes, always ready to lend a helping hand, offer words of wisdom, and provide a shoulder to lean on. They teach us valuable life lessons, encourage us to dream big, and inspire us to become the best version of ourselves. We invite our students to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful role their fathers play in their lives. We encourage them to express their appreciation and love through heartfelt gestures and acts of kindness. Whether it's a handmade card, a thoughtful gift, or a simple gesture of gratitude, the smallest gestures can convey the deepest emotions. Happy Father's Day!

Next week, we will recognize our grade 7 students who will be moving forward to secondary school this fall. We have some wonderful events planned to acknowledge their contributions and accomplishments during their time in elementary school, culminating in our Farewell Moving Forward Ceremony on **Thursday, June 19 at 9:15am** for their parents and guardians.

A reminder, next week on **June 18, 4:30pm – 7:00pm**, the PAC will be hosting the Spring Carnival in our Lunchroom/Activity Room and under cover area at the south side of the building. There will be games and other fun activities outside for families, as well as food and snacks. Please RSVP using the form sent home with students. Also, volunteers are needed. If you were able to volunteer, please email the PAC directly at [thunderbirdpac@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbirdpac@gmail.com)

Coming up, **June 21** is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year. I hope you all have an opportunity to participate in some of the events recognizing Indigenous Canadians!

For interested grade 5 to 7 students, please see the attached flyer for the Templeton Robotics' *Robotics Summer Camp* in August, hosted at Templeton Secondary School.

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

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### Important Dates

- **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, September 10, 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 [thunderbirdpac@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbirdpac@gmail.com).

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

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