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ᓄᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

On behalf of the PAC and the school, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who joined us for our Spring Carnival. We value the importance of community and family connection. Events like these offer a wonderful opportunity to come together, build relationships, and create lasting memories. We hope you enjoyed the evening—playing games, sharing a meal, and connecting with other members of the Thunderbird school community. A special thank you goes out to our volunteers, organizers, and sponsors. Their time, energy, and generosity were key in bringing this event to life, and we are grateful for your support. We look forward to welcoming you at future events as we continue to grow and strengthen our community. If you're interested in volunteering, please don't hesitate to reach out to the PAC—we'd love to have you involved!

This week, we proudly celebrated our Grade 7 students as they prepare to take the next step in their educational journey at our Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony. It was a heartwarming event where we welcomed Grade 7 families and our entire student body to honour the contributions and accomplishments of these remarkable students. Thank you to our kindergarten students who presented each graduate with a flower after they received their certificate—a beautiful symbol of growth and continuity within our school community. Congratulations to all our Grade 7 students! As you move on to new adventures in Grade 8 and beyond, we encourage you to continue striving for excellence with perseverance, commitment, and joy. May you always pursue your hopes and dreams with confidence and heart.

Also, a big thank you to our sister school, Lord Kitchener and the Lord Kitchener Grade 7 Grad Committee. They generously helped fund grade 7 grad activities. Their support is much appreciated.

This summer, you can join the [Summer Reading Club at the Vancouver Public Library](#). "Colour Your Summer" and claim a reading medal after completing your challenges. When you show Ms. Ting your reading medal in September, you will get a sweet treat.

Join Here: [https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club?utm\\_source=enews&utm\\_campaign=18Jun25&cmp=1&utm\\_medium=HTMLEmail](https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club?utm_source=enews&utm_campaign=18Jun25&cmp=1&utm_medium=HTMLEmail)

Also, there are books for summer reading available in the library. Thanks to a grant from CLICK, as well as book donations from Collingwood School, Westside Montessori School and Crofton House School, students will be offered both new and gently used books in the library for reading this summer.

Tomorrow is National Indigenous Peoples Day. With the help of our Indigenous Enhancement Worker, students have engaged throughout the year in the power of story to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of Indigenous culture. National Indigenous Peoples Day serves as an occasion to raise awareness about the challenges and issues faced by Indigenous peoples, and to promote reconciliation, healing, and the advancement of Indigenous rights and self-determination. We approach this day with respect, openness, and a willingness to learn about the diverse cultures and histories of Indigenous peoples, as well as to support ongoing efforts toward reconciliation and the creation of a more inclusive society for all Canadians.

Next week is our last week of school; with the last day for students being Thursday. The week will be busy with end of the year clean up in our classrooms, as well as celebrations of our learning over the past year.

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 25, 2025:** *Report Card #3 Goes Home*
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2025:** *Sunrise Park Fieldtrip – please dress for the weather and bring sunscreen*
- **Thursday, June 26, 2025:** *Last Day of School*

### Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **Tuesday, September 2, 2025:** *First Day for Students – (9:00-10:00am, One Hour Only)*
- **Wednesday, September 3, 2025:** *First Full Day for students (9:00am – 3:00pm)*
- **Thursday, September 4, 2025:** *Lunch and Breakfast Program Begins*
- **Wednesday, September 10, 2025:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Friday, September 12, 2025:** *Individual Photo Day*
- **Friday, September 19, 2025:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Monday, September 29, 2025:** *Orange Shirt Day for ᓄᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ T-Bird*
- **Tuesday, September 30, 2025:** *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No school*
- **Monday, October 1, 2025:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Monday, October 13, 2025:** *Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Monday, October 20, 2025:** *Diwali*
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, October 21 & 22, 2025:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Friday, October 24, 2025:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Wednesday, October 29, 2025:** *Individual Photo Re-Take Day*
- **Friday, October 31, 2025:** *Halloween Parade*
- **Monday, November 5, 2025:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Tuesday, November 11, 2025:** *Remembrance Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Friday, November 21, 2025:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Monday, December 3, 2025:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Wednesday, December 17, 2025:** *Thunderbird Community Centre’s Christmas dinner*
  - *Report Card #1 Go Home*
- **Friday, December 19, 2025:** *Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day - Last Before Winter Break*
- **Monday, January 5, 2026:** *First Day Back From Winter Break*

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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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