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ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

As the 2024–2025 school year draws to a close, the Thunderbird staff would like to wish all students and their families a wonderful and safe summer. This year has been filled with incredible learning experiences and lasting memories. As a community, we engaged in meaningful social justice initiatives, deepened our cultural understanding, and grew stronger together. We look forward to continuing this important work next year.

At this time, we would like to extend a heartfelt farewell to our Grade 7 students as they move on to new schools in September. You will be dearly missed, but we are confident that you will carry forward all you have learned and continue to thrive in your future endeavors. Congratulations, good luck, and farewell, Grade 7s!

We also say goodbye to some valued staff members who are moving on to new and exciting opportunities. Farewell to Ms. Whaley, who will be taking on a new role at another school next year—best of luck! Also goodbye to Ms. Lehmann, who will also be working as a Curriculum Enhancement Teacher at another site. And lastly, goodbye to Sophia, who will be working as a student and school support worker at a different site. We wish you all the best in your new roles.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome Mr. Da Silva to our team. He will be teaching Resource and some Physical and Health Education classes, working here four days a week—Tuesday through Friday. We look forward to working with him in September.

Please note the following important dates for the start of the 2025–2026 school year:

- **Tuesday, September 2, 2025:** First day of school for students (9:00–10:00 a.m.)
- **Wednesday, September 3, 2025:** Regular full-day schedule begins (9:00 a.m.–2:58 p.m.)
- **Thursday, September 4, 2025:** Hot lunch program begins

Kindergarten students will follow an alternate schedule, which has been sent directly to parents by the office. On the first day, students should line up at their previous year's classrooms. They will transition to their new teachers during the first week, or the beginning of week two. If your child will be starting school after **September 5**, please inform the school in advance.

As we wrap up the year, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the entire Thunderbird community—students, parents, staff, and community partners. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. This is a truly supportive community, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration in the upcoming academic year.

I wish you a safe, restful, and fun filled summer.

Brad Toews
Principal
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"A room without books is like a body without a soul." - Cicero

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 ᓄᐃᑦᐅᐃᑦ 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

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 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.

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

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