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ᓃᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄ Thunderbird Families,

Welcome Back!

I hope your spring break was a restful and refreshing one. I also hope you had the chance to enjoy some quality time with family and friends, whether that meant travelling, exploring the outdoors, catching up on activities you love, or simply taking a well-deserved pause.

As we step into this new stretch of the school year, we're excited to welcome everyone back into the building. Spring is always a wonderful time at school—full of learning, growth, and special events—and we're looking forward to all the moments and milestones ahead.

Welcome back, and here's to a positive and productive spring term together!

Sat Sri Akaal, and Welcome to Sikh Heritage Month!

In April, we recognize and celebrate the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric. Celebrated every April, Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, honour, and educate future generations about Sikh Canadians and the meaningful role they have played—and continue to play—in communities across the country.

The first Sikh settlers in Canada arrived in the early 1900s from Punjab, India, landing on the shores of British Columbia. Many settled across the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, working in farming and the forestry industry. Shortly after, in 1908, local Sikh community members came together to build one of the earliest Gurdwaras (Sikh temples) under the Khalsa Diwan Society—a true community effort.

Today, Sikh Canadians contribute to every part of civic life in Canada: as volunteers, professionals, educators, athletes, community leaders, and in public service roles including Members of Parliament and Senators. Their presence and contributions continue to enrich our shared Canadian story.

Hot Lunch Program Reminder

For families who access the Hot Lunch Program, please return your April Hot Lunch Envelopes to the school as soon as possible. These envelopes help us project the number of meals needed for the month, so returning them on time is very important.

Class Photos — Coming Up!

Next Friday, April 10, we will be having our class photos. Photos will be taken in the morning, so please ensure students arrive on time and are ready for their class picture.

Easter Long Weekend Reminder

Easter is a Christian holiday celebrated every year in the spring. Many families mark the occasion in different ways, such as spending time together, enjoying special meals, or taking part in egg-themed activities. The date changes each year because it's based on the spring season and the phases of the moon.

This weekend is **Easter Long Weekend**, as tomorrow **Friday, April 3, 2026** is Good Friday and **Monday, April 6, 2026** is Easter Monday. Both are statutory holidays, and the school will be closed on these days.

Have a safe and restful long weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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📅 Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **Friday, April 3, 2026:** *Good Friday Stat Holiday – No School*
- **Monday, April 6, 2026:** *Easter Monday Stat Holiday – No School*
- **Wednesday, April 8, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Friday, April 10, 2026:** *Class Photo Day*
- **Monday, April 20, 2026:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Friday, April 24, 2026:** *Book for Breakfast @ 8:15am in the Lunchroom*
- **Wednesday & Thursday, April 29 & 30, 2026:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Thursday, May 7, 2026:** *The Big One at 2 PM – Earthquake Drill*
- **Wednesday, May 13, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Friday, May 18, 2026:** *Victoria Day Stat Holiday – No School*
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026:** *Sports Day*
- **Friday, May 29, 2026:** *Book for Breakfast @ 8:15am in the Lunchroom*
- **Wednesday, June 3, 2026:** *Bikefest*
- **Wednesday, June 3, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Wednesday, June 17, 2026:** *PAC Spring fair*
- **Thursday, June 18, 2026:** *Grade 7 Grad Ceremony*
- **Tuesday, June 23, 2026:** *Final Report Card Goes Home*
- **Wednesday, June 24, 2026:** *Sunrise Park School Picnic*
- **Thursday, June 25, 2026:** *Last Day of School for Students*

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 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 of 2025/2026 is **Wednesday, April 8, 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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