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Celebrating Mother's Day

This weekend is Mother's Day—a special moment to honour the women in our lives who have influenced, supported, and nurtured us. Whether it's your mom, grandmother, a favourite aunt, or a close friend, these women play an integral role in shaping who we are, in both big and small ways. Today, we thank you for all that you do and all that you are.

McHappy Day Fun!

We had a great time celebrating McHappy Day at school, and it was a fun day for our students. A heartfelt thank you to Gowling WLG for generously providing lunch for all students. Their support helped make the day special while supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities and local children's charities.

Sun Awareness Month – May

This May, as the weather becomes sunnier and warmer, Public Health is promoting the Canadian Dermatology Association's Sun Awareness Month, part of National Sun Awareness Month. This month-long campaign highlights the importance of self-skin examinations and simple steps families can take to protect themselves from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays.

Throughout the month, the CDA will share helpful sun safety messages and resources for Canadians, including how to conduct skin checks and take preventative action. As we head into summer, it's a great reminder to protect ourselves while enjoying the sunny weather. [We encourage families to explore the Sun Awareness Month resources through the Canadian Dermatology Association.](#)

PAC Yoga – Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Thunderbird PAC invites the Thunderbird Elementary School community to a Fitness and Yoga fundraiser on **Tuesday, May 12, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.** in the **undercover area near East 8th Avenue and Rupert Street at the school**. This adult-only event is open to parents, caregivers, teachers, and their invited guests; please note that child minding will not be provided. A minimum cash donation of \$5 will be collected at the door, with all proceeds supporting Thunderbird PAC initiatives. Participants are asked to bring their own mats and light weights. For more information, contact the PAC at sunriseparkyoga@gmail.com.

PAC Meeting – May 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for our May PAC meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. Childminding is available for school-aged Thunderbird students, and a light pizza dinner will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Earthquake Drill Update

Lastly, on May 7, our school participated in a province-wide earthquake drill to help staff and students prepare for a potential earthquake. The drill went well, and staff practised a limited student release to ensure we can reunite students with their families in an orderly, calm, and caring manner during an emergency.

Our school has a comprehensive emergency plan and clearly delegated roles to help keep students safe and comforted during adverse events. In the event of a real earthquake, students would evacuate to the gravel field at the northwest corner of the school property, or to Sunrise Park on Rupert Street if the field were unusable. A controlled student release would take place from one of these locations.

Families are asked to please notify the office if any updates are needed to the student release forms completed at the beginning of the year.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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
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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 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, May 13, 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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