



# šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families,

## Honouring Indigenous Grade 7 Students

Next week, the district will recognize our Indigenous Grade 7 graduates at the annual Indigenous Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony. The Vancouver School Board extends its appreciation and congratulations to Indigenous Grade 7 students from across the city as they prepare to transition to secondary school next year.

The move from Grade 7 to Grade 8 marks a significant milestone and is often accompanied by a blend of excitement, anticipation, and reflection as students progress from elementary school to high school. I extend my heartfelt best wishes to our Indigenous Grade 7 students as they embark on the next phase of their educational journeys.

## Sports Day – Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Next week, our students will take part in Sports Day, a much-anticipated event focused on participation, teamwork, and fun. At this time, the weather forecast predicts mixed conditions, so we kindly ask that students come prepared for whatever the day may bring. Please ensure children have hats, sunscreen, appropriate footwear for sports, and rain-appropriate clothing if needed. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to join us in observing the games and cheering on our students. Sports Day festivities will begin shortly after the morning welcome bell and will conclude around noon.

Here's hoping for a wonderful day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit!

## Spring Carnival – Save the Date!

Save the date! The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is excited to announce our Spring Carnival, taking place on **June 17 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm** in the lunchroom and under the covered area on the south side of the building. Families can look forward to outdoor games, fun activities, and a variety of food and snacks. An RSVP form will be sent home in the coming weeks—please be sure to return it to the school if you plan to attend.

Please note that students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. We look forward to a fun-filled evening celebrating together as a school community!

## Bike to School Week

Get ready for Bike to School Week, taking place from **June 1–5!** This fun and active week encourages students and families to choose active transportation while promoting healthy habits and environmental awareness.

As part of the week's celebrations, the Thunderbird PAC is excited to host the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunderbird School Bike Fest on Wednesday, June 3, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.** This popular event is a great opportunity for students and families to come together and celebrate biking in our school community.

## Special Musical Performance

We are excited to share that the [Viano Quartet](#) will be performing for our students on **Thursday, May 21.** The Viano Quartet is an internationally acclaimed string quartet recognized for its expressive performances and commitment to sharing classical music with diverse audiences. This special visit offers students a wonderful opportunity to experience live chamber music performed by professional musicians. We look forward to this enriching musical experience for our school community! Thank you to '[Music in the Morning](#)' for making this happen.

## Victoria Day Long Weekend

A reminder that this upcoming weekend is a long one! Please note that the school will be closed on **Monday, May 18, 2025**, in observance of **Victoria Day**, a statutory holiday. We hope everyone enjoys the extra day off and has a restful long weekend with family and friends.

Have a safe and restful long weekend.

Brad Toews  
Principal  
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### **📅 Important Dates 2025 -2026**

- **Monday, 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](mailto:tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca) by 9:00 AM.

**Please do not call the school office.**

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### **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 last PAC meeting of 2025/2026 is **Wednesday, June 3, 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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### **VSB: After the Bell, Podcast**

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