



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Honouring Indigenous Grade 7 Students

This week, we proudly recognized our Indigenous Grade 7 graduates at the annual Indigenous Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony. We extend our appreciation and congratulations —we are so proud of you!

On the Way to Kindergarten

Next Friday, we look forward to welcoming our incoming Kindergarten students and their families at our annual On Our Way to K event. During this special time, students and their guardians will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and take a tour of the school.

The anticipation of starting school is always exciting, though it can also bring some natural anxieties. Providing our newest members of the school community with an opportunity to become familiar with our staff and school environment helps ease those nerves and build a sense of comfort and belonging.

We very much look forward to this event and to meeting the newest members of our Thunderbird community!

Thunderbird Sports Day

This week, students enjoyed our annual Thunderbird Sports Day, with beautiful weather and a morning full of games, teamwork, and fun. A sincere thank you to our staff, PAC, parent community, and our Grade 7 and high school volunteers for their support.

A special thank you to Ms. Zielke for organizing Sports Day for the first time—she did a fantastic job. We look forward to many more great Sports Days ahead!

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 **4th 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.

Books for Breakfast

Lastly, we invite families to join us **next week on May 29 at 8:15 a.m.** for our final **Books for Breakfast** event of the year, taking place in the lunchroom. Books for Breakfast is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together at school to enjoy reading and breakfast as a community. There will be a variety of breakfast options available, along with plenty of books to share and enjoy. Parents and guardians are warmly encouraged to attend with their children—we hope to see many of you there! A heartfelt thank you to Starbucks for their generous donation in support of this event. If possible, please remember to bring a reusable coffee mug

2026-2027 School Calendar is out. Please see attached

With that, have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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 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.

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

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