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On the Way to Kindergarten

Today, we welcomed our incoming Kindergarten students and their families to our annual **On the Way to K** event. Students and guardians met their teachers and toured the school, helping ease any first-day jitters and build excitement for the year ahead. It was a pleasure to meet the newest members of our school community.

2026–27 School Calendar

Our school calendar for the 2026–27 school year is now set. Please see the attached document for important dates and key information for the upcoming school year.

Spring Carnival – 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

Next week is Bike to School Week, taking place from June 1–5.

As part of the week's events, the Thunderbird PAC is excited to host the 3rd Annual Thunderbird School Bike Fest on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Please see the attached poster for more details.

Pride Month

June is Pride Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and to uplift the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. At school, we continue to teach that everyone deserves dignity, respect, and equal rights in our society.

The word *Pride* reflects more than celebration—it also represents self-respect, confidence, and an awareness of one's own dignity. Throughout this month, we encourage our community to reflect on how we show respect, care, and kindness toward one another, and how we can continue to create spaces where everyone feels safe and valued.

Books for Breakfast

Thank you to the families who joined us for our final Books for Breakfast event of the school year. We encourage you to continue reading with your children outside of school to help normalize reading as a fun activity that can happen anywhere. Over the summer, consider visiting your local public library and participating in the Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Program. As always, a sincere thank you to Starbucks – Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation of coffee.

We hope to continue Books for Breakfast in the 2026–27 school year, so please watch for more information in early September newsletters.

With that, have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews

Principal

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📅 Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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 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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