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♥ With Gratitude and a Fond Farewell to Thunderbird

After five wonderful years serving as part of the šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird School community, I will be moving on to a new school in the role of principal at the end of this school year.

Although this change comes with mixed emotions, I want to express how deeply grateful I am for my time at Thunderbird. It has been an honour to work alongside such dedicated staff, supportive families, and incredible students. The care, connection, and commitment to learning that define this community will remain with me always.

I am pleased to share that Sharon Vieira, currently the principal at David Livingstone Elementary, will be joining Thunderbird as your new principal. She is an experienced, kind, and caring educator and administrator, and I am confident she will be a wonderful fit for this community.

Thank you for the trust, collaboration, and warmth you have shown me over the past five years. Thunderbird is a very special place, and I feel fortunate to have been part of its journey.

📄 Year-End Student Reports

June is a busy month! As we approach the end of the school year, teachers are carefully assessing student learning and preparing final reports. Year-end reports provide a summative snapshot of your child's learning, highlighting successes as well as areas for continued growth.

Our strength-based reporting approach focuses on students' capabilities and aptitudes and includes student voice through self-assessments. These reports, along with ongoing communication throughout the year, are designed to give parents and caregivers a comprehensive picture of their child's learning journey.

Year-end Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, June 23.

🎪 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

This week we celebrated Bike to School Week and our annual Bike Fest! With beautiful weather, students had a great time riding and playing games with friends. A big thank you to the PAC and parent organizers for their support and hard work. Events like this are a wonderful way to promote active transportation and encourage healthy, environmentally friendly ways to get to and from school.

🍦 PAC Ice Cream Sandwich Fundraiser!

Cool off and treat yourself this Friday, June 12 at 3:00 PM at the primary undercover area! PAC will be selling delicious ice cream sandwiches for just a \$2 donation. Don't miss out on this sweet way to support PAC—bring your tnoonies and enjoy a refreshing treat together!

💰 School Fees – See attachment

We are pleased to share that school fees for the upcoming year have remained relatively unchanged. A general school supply fee of \$35 will be collected. This fee ensures that all students have access to the necessary consumable supplies needed to support learning throughout the year.

For classes that access IXL Math and Literacy, there will be an additional \$15 fee, and an Artist in Residence fee of \$10 will also be included to support enriched learning experiences in the arts. Looking ahead, our Grade 6 and 7 students will have the exciting opportunity to attend Evans Lake Camp next year as part of our biannual outdoor education program. The cost for camp this year will be \$300 per student. More detailed information will be shared next school year as planning continues.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us provide meaningful learning opportunities for all students.

Early Summer Travel Notice

Lastly, if families are planning to leave early for summer vacation this June, please inform both the school office and your child's teacher. This helps us better plan for year-end activities and learning experiences.

With that, have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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 will be in the coming 2026/2027 school year, **Wednesday, September 16, 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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