



# šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families,

## **Grade 7 Moving Forward**

Next week, we will recognize our Grade 7 students as they prepare to move on to secondary school this fall. A number of special activities are planned to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions during their elementary years.

These events will culminate in our Farewell Moving Forward Ceremony on **Thursday, June 18 at 9:15 a.m.** Parents and guardians are warmly invited to join us in celebrating this important milestone.

## **Spring Carnival – Reminder!**

A reminder that **next week on June 17, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**, the PAC will be hosting the Spring Carnival in the lunchroom/activity room and under the covered area on the south side of the building.

Families can look forward to games, fun outdoor activities, as well as food and snacks. Please remember to RSVP using the form sent home with students.

Volunteers are also needed to help make this event a success. If you are able to volunteer, please email the PAC directly at [thunderbirdpac@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbirdpac@gmail.com). We hope to see many families there!

## **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.

## **Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Club is Back!**

The free [Summer Reading Club](#) launches **June 15**, with this year's theme: *Under the Sea!*

Children can participate by setting a daily reading or writing goal—whether it's reading, journaling, listening to audiobooks, or sharing stories with family. Every activity counts!

At the end of the summer, visit your [local VPL branch](#) to pick up your medal. 🏆

## **National Indigenous Peoples Day**

**Sunday, June 21** marks National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time for people across Canada to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and meaningful contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. While these groups share some similarities, each has distinct histories, languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs.

June 21 was chosen in collaboration with Indigenous organizations, as it coincides with the summer solstice—the longest day of the year—which has long held cultural and spiritual significance for many Indigenous peoples and communities.

We encourage families to take time to learn, reflect, and, if possible, participate in events that honour and celebrate Indigenous peoples and cultures on this important day.

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*

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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 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](mailto:thunderbirdpac@gmail.com).

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

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