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♥ 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.

🎓 Grade 7 Moving Forward

This week, we proudly celebrated our Grade 7 students as they prepare to take the next step in their educational journey during our Grade 7 Moving Forward Ceremony. It was a heartwarming event that brought together Grade 7 families and our entire student body to honour the many contributions and accomplishments of these remarkable students.

A special thank you to our Kindergarten students, who presented each graduate with a flower after receiving their certificate—a beautiful symbol of growth, connection, and continuity within our school community.

Congratulations to all of our Grade 7 students! As you move on to new adventures in Grade 8 and beyond, we encourage you to continue striving for excellence with perseverance, commitment, and joy. May you pursue your hopes and dreams with confidence and heart.

🎉 Thank You for a Wonderful Spring Carnival

On behalf of the PAC and the school, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who joined us for our **Spring Carnival**. We truly value the importance of community and family connection, and events like this provide a wonderful opportunity to come together, build relationships, and create lasting memories.

We hope you enjoyed the evening—playing games, sharing a meal, and connecting with fellow members of the Thunderbird school community. A special thank you goes out to our **volunteers, organizers, and sponsors**. Your time, energy, and generosity were essential in bringing this event to life, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

We look forward to welcoming you to future events as we continue to grow and strengthen our community. If you're interested in volunteering, please don't hesitate to reach out to the PAC—we'd love to have you involved!

📖 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. 🏆

🚩 Wrapping Up an Amazing School Year

Next week is our last week of school; with the last day for students being Thursday. The week will be busy with end of the year clean up in our classrooms, as well as celebrations of our learning over the past year.

With that, have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal

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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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 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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