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🌟 Wrapping Up the Year at Thunderbird

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to a close, the Thunderbird staff would like to wish all students and their families a wonderful, safe, and restful summer.

This year has been filled with meaningful learning experiences and lasting memories. As a community, we have engaged in important social justice initiatives, deepened our cultural understanding, and continued to grow stronger together.

We are grateful for the ongoing partnership and support of our families and look forward to continuing this important work in the coming school year.

Enjoy the summer months—we look forward to welcoming everyone back on September 8!

🎓 Grade 7 Grads

At this time, we extend a heartfelt farewell to our Grade 7 students as they move on to new schools this September. You will be deeply missed, and we are confident that you will carry forward all that you have learned and continue to thrive in the next chapter of your educational journeys.

Congratulations, good luck, and best wishes as you take this exciting next step—farewell, Grade 7s!

👋 Staff Farewells

We also say goodbye to several valued staff members who are moving on to new and exciting opportunities. Ms. Zielke, our Physical Education teacher, Ms. Prince, our Resource Teacher, Ms. Goodwin, our Area Counsellor, and Ms. Grey, our Indigenous Enhancement Worker have all contributed greatly to our school community. We are grateful for their dedication and the positive impact they have had on students and staff alike. We thank each of them for their meaningful contributions and wish them all the very best in their new roles.

📖 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. 🏆

🏆 Thunderbird Summer Reading Challenge

Bring your **VPL summer reading medal** to school in September to receive a special treat!

📖 Intermediate Students

- Read 8 books over the summer
- Write down the titles
- Be ready to share your favourite book with Ms. Ting in the fall

📖 Primary Students

- Record 40 picture books read independently or with a family member
- Keep track of book titles

🇨🇦 Important Back to School Information – 2026–2027

The first day back is a shorten day, 1-hour. Students should lineup at their previous year's classroom location.

- **Tuesday, September 8, 2026:** First day of school for students (9:00–10:00 a.m.)
- **Wednesday, September 9, 2026:** Regular full-day schedule begins (9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- **Thursday, September 10, 2026:** Hot lunch program begins

Kindergarten students will follow an alternate startup schedule, which has been sent directly to parents by the school office.

🌸 Appreciation for Our Community

As we wrap up the year, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire Thunderbird community—students, families, staff, and community partners. It has truly been a pleasure working alongside all of you. Thunderbird is a caring and supportive community, and I am grateful for the strong connections we share.

As this is my final year at Thunderbird after five wonderful years, I want to thank you for the trust, support, and collaboration that have made this experience so meaningful. I look forward to seeing the continued growth of this incredible community in the years ahead.

With that, have a safe and restful summer break.

📅 Important Dates 2026 -2027

- **Tuesday, September 8, 2026:** *First Day for Students – (9:00-10:00am, One Hour Only)*
- **Wednesday, September 3, 2026:** *First Full Day for students (9:00am – 3:00pm)*
- **Thursday, September 4, 2026:** *Lunch and Breakfast Program Begins*
- **Wednesday, September 16, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Monday, September 14, 2026:** *Individual Photo Day*
- **Monday, September 21, 2026:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Tuesday, September 29, 2026:** *Orange Shirt Day for ᓃᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄ T-Bird*
- **Wednesday, September 30, 2026:** *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No school*
- **Monday, October 7, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Monday, October 12, 2026:** *Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Monday, October 20, 2026:** *Diwali*
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, October 21 & 22, 2025:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Friday, October 23, 2026:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Wednesday, October 28, 2026:** *Individual Photo Re-Take Day*
- **Friday, October 30, 2026:** *Halloween Parade*
- **Wednesday, November 4, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Wednesday, November 11, 2026:** *Remembrance Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Friday, November 20, 2026:** *Professional Develop Day – No School*
- **Wednesday, December 2, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library*
- **Tuesday, December 15, 2026:** *Report Card #1 Go Home*
- **Wednesday, December 16, 2026:** *Thunderbird Community Centre’s Christmas dinner*
- **Friday, December 18, 2026:** *Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day - Last Before Winter Break*
- **Monday, January 4, 2027:** *First Day Back from Winter Break*

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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