



THUNDERBIRD



School Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE TRANSLATE!

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AVISO IMPORTANTE! POR FAVOR PIDA QUE SE LO TRADUZCAN

這是重要的通告，希請人譯讀。

June 2nd, 2017

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Message from the Principal:

Dear Families

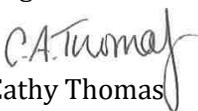
Since starting here in September, I have seen so many of you giving your time to help at the school and I want to thank you. When your child sees you at school, the message that you give them is that education is important and that service to the community is valuable. Research shows that students who volunteer and who have leadership opportunities are more likely to lead a healthy lifestyle as an adult. As the school year comes to an end, I would like to invite all of you to our **Community and Volunteer Celebration on Tuesday 13th June at 9:15am**. We will be blessing the Thunderbird cedar carving designed and carved by Art Bolton and painted by our students. We ask all of you to join us to say thank you- to our volunteers and community organizations who have supported and worked with our students this year.

On Tuesday we welcomed Shane Pointe, the Vancouver School Board Knowledge Keeper and Elder in Residence. Shane taught us how to pronounce šx^wəx^waʔəs, (swok-kvos) the Coast Salish word for Thunderbird, which the school is proposing to add to the school name. A video of Shane teaching the pronunciation is on our school website. Thank you to everyone who attended the open house and provided feedback about the proposal. If you would like to share your thoughts, forms are still available from the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a new school Counsellor to Thunderbird. Ms. Enzula Tavormina will be starting at Thunderbird next week. I want to thank Ms. Ronnie Ross for the work that she has done and the difference that she has made to our community. Although Ms. Ross was at Thunderbird for a short time, she worked with many of our students and we will miss her.

Our Track and field team competed successfully at the District track meet this week. As always, our students represented our school with pride and Mr. Costea reports what a pleasure it was to coach the team and praises them on their hard work and improvement this season. Many of our students won ribbons at the meet- a great end to a successful year of Thunderbird sport. Thank you to staff and parents who have coached, supported and driven students to sports events.

Regards,


Cathy Thomas



**PLEASE CALL
SAFE ARRIVAL
604-713-6000
Press *2510**



**BY 9:00 AM,
IF YOUR CHILD
WILL BE LATE
OR
ABSENT FROM
SCHOOL**

Important Dates

- June 7th - Superstar Assembly
- PAC Meeting 6pm
- June 13th - 9:15am Volunteer
and Community
Celebration
- June 16th - Talent Show
1-3pm Gym
- June 20th - Div 5-9 to
- Queens Park
- June 27th - Gr. 7 Ceremonies
9:30 Gym
- June 28th - School Picnic
Sunrise Park 10-2
- June 29th - Year-End Assembly
Last Day for Students



Supervision

Supervision of students starts at 8:00am in the library and lunchroom. Please do not drop your child at school before this time as they will not be supervised.

We have noticed that a number of students are arriving as early as 7:30am. We will be contacting families directly if students continue to be dropped off at school early. Daycare is available onsite and opens at 7:30am – telephone 604 713 1830 for further details.

Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we are Safe and Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment



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Warm Weather

As the weather gets warmer and the sun becomes stronger, please remind your child to drink water regularly during the school day. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school, to wear hats and sunscreen and to seek shade for part of their lunch break.



Active Travel Plan

The City of Vancouver has identified Thunderbird Elementary as one of four schools in Vancouver that it wants to support in developing an active travel plan. Active travel plans are intended to improve infrastructure and street design around schools to make walking and biking to and from school safer for the community. Over the next couple weeks and at the start of September, City staff will be at the school to observe drop off and pick up at Thunderbird. Parents and community members will be consulted for input when plans are designed.

Book Fair



On Wednesday, your child brought home up to five brand new books, given to our school by First Book Canada. Improving reading standards at Thunderbird is one of our school goals. Children learn to love reading by having exposure to a wide selection of books at home and at school. Please feel free to take books from the book cart beside the front door of our school. Gently used books are placed there throughout the year.

Vancouver Public Library - Summer Reading Club 2017: Walk on the Wild Side!

Get ready to have fun all season long with free summer programs for kids and families. Gear up for adventures at your library with stories, imagination and fun activities.

Kids can sign up for free at their nearest VPL branch starting Friday, June 16 until the end of the summer. Once registered, club members can attend free events and earn a 2017 Summer Reading Club medal by reading for at least 15 minutes a day for 50 days.

Visit www.vpl.ca/SummerReading for more details.



Late Return to Thunderbird in September:

If your child is going to be returning to school LATER THAN noon on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017** but prior to **September 30, 2017**, you must notify the office before **June 30th**. If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by Wednesday, September 6, 2017, we cannot guarantee a space for your child when they return. Parents can pick up a Notice of Late Return form from the Parent Bulletin Board outside the office, or print a copy from our school website.

PAC News:



The last PAC Meeting of the year and AGM is **Wednesday, June 7th** in the Library. There will be an election to fill all PAC positions for the upcoming school year – we welcome and strongly encourage you to attend the AGM and consider running for one of the executive positions as a volunteer.

Child care is provided and a light dinner is also available at 5:30pm. The meeting will start at 6pm.

Photos available to order:

The Panorama Photo is available for purchase. Order forms can be picked up at the office. Grade 7 students received an order form this week if they would like to purchase the Grade 7 group photo. Both photos are \$13 each. Due date to hand in orders is June 15th.

