



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.

March 2, 2018



Issue #7



Message from the Principal:

Dear Families:

This week we celebrated Pink Shirt Day. During morning announcements we have learned about the power that students have to inspire change. On Wednesday, students from some of our classes did presentations in our pink day assembly- sharing the message about recognizing bullying behaviour and how to stand up to a bully or get help if they see bullying behaviour happening. For me, the highlight was the beautiful singing of True Colours by Cyndi Lauper by some of our Division six students accompanied by Mr. Harris playing the guitar.

It is now March and the days are getting longer, so it is time to think about being outside! Several classes will continue to work in the outside garden with Nikoo from the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC). Nikoo has also secured funding from the Ministry of Health and the City of Vancouver for us to participate in a two- year Indigenous Foodscapes project with Farm to School BC based at UBC. This involves working with Lori Snyder, a Métis herbalist, informal educator and Indigenous Foodscapes Coordinator, to bring native plants and traditional food knowledge into the hearts, minds and bellies of children and youth. The plan is to develop a foodscape on the school grounds as well as Indigenous ways of knowing, teaching and learning into the curriculum and school community. This is a very exciting project in which we hope to involve the whole Thunderbird community and neighbours.

Finally, I am pleased to let you know that work to repair the main office area will be starting soon. Work on the exterior wall and windows will start the week before Spring Break with minimal disruption to the school and student routines. The rest of the work is expected to be completed over Spring Break.

Regards,

Cathy Thomas

Thunderbird T-Shirts & Hoodies:



The grade 6/7 WE Group is selling Thunderbird T-Shirts to raise money for Ethiopia! All profits go to support Food, Water, Health, Education and Sustainable Job Opportunities.

The Thunderbird Logo is on the front of the t-shirt. This year we are featuring our school colours, Red and Black, and other colour options as well. We are selling the regular crew-neck style for Adults & Youth, as well as Adult Women & Men's V-necks. Hoodies are available in Youth & adults sizes.

Samples of both t-shirts and hoodies are available to view at the office before and after school (8:30-9:00am and until 3:15pm).

Return both form and payment before Friday, March 9th. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Thank you Thunderbird Community for Your Support!

**PLEASE CALL
SAFE ARRIVAL
before 9:00am
604-713-5159
Press 81**



**IF YOUR CHILD WILL
BE LATE
OR
ABSENT FROM
SCHOOL**

***Please do not call
the office***

Important Dates

- Mar. 11th Daylight Savings begins
Turn clock ahead 1hr.
- Mar. 13 Gr 6/7 VanTech Play-pm
- Mar. 15 Report Cards home
Div 2-6, 10 only
- Mar. 19 1st Day of Spring Break
- Apr. 3rd 1st day back after Spring
Break
- Apr. 9 Hip Hop all week
- Apr. 11 PAC Meeting 6pm
- Apr. 13 Hip Hop Performance
- Apr. 20 Ready, Set, Learn Event
for Pre-K – 11:15
- Apr. 25 Class/Panorama Photos
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Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we are Safe and Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment



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Sunday, March 11th - turn Clocks forward one hour



PAC News:

Due to a vacancy arising, there will be a vote for the position of co-chair at the next meeting on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018. Nominations can be handed in at the school office and will also be accepted at the PAC meeting.

The meeting will take place in the Library. Child care is provided and a light meal is also available at 5:30pm. The meeting will start at 6pm.

Active Travel Plan

We have been working with the City of Vancouver and VSB staff to become an Active Travel school. City staff have shared survey findings from earlier this year about how we get to school with school staff and parents. Did you know that many of us are choosing to be active? 67% of our students say that they walk, bike, scooter or use transit to get to school- which is a very healthy way to commute.



City staff and engineers have also been looking at ways to make the neighbourhood safer for our students to walk to school and will be recommending a safe drop-off route for families who need to drive, improving signage and implementing some changes to parking signs. Thank you for your help in ensuring that getting to and from school is safe and healthy for our students.



Grade 6/7 Camp

Our school community is continuing to fund raise for the grade 6 and 7 camp. As well as hot dog sales and donations, the students in division 7 and 8 had a cupcake sale that raised about \$67 which they asked to be put towards the cost of camp. To date, we have reduced the cost by \$60 per student to \$107.

We are also thankful to PAC for their contribution to reducing the cost of camp for our students. Please remember that it is VSB policy that no student will be excluded from a school sponsored activity due to financial reasons. Please speak to your child's teacher or to the Principal if you require support towards the cost of a school activity.

Student Lates and Absences

We have noticed that a lot of our students are regularly absent for a day or two every couple of weeks. Although this may not seem like a lot, especially in Elementary School, evidence shows that absences such as these have a direct impact on a child's learning. Graduation may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra-curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.
- affect their motivation
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their confidence in school

If you are having trouble getting your child to school and would like advice or help with how to reduce your child's absences, please speak to one of our staff. A lot of us are able to help - your child's teacher, Gene Beaton, our Youth and Family Worker, Godwin Barton, our Aboriginal Education Enhancement Worker, Patti McVey, our Community School Teams worker, the Area Counsellor, Kathy Froncisz, our Neighbourhood Assistant and Cathy Thomas, the Principal.

Artist in Residence

Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 have had an amazing time working with Rebecca Graham, our Artist in Residence. Rebecca shared a very informative and interesting presentation at our PAC meeting this week. It has been wonderful to see the progression in their skills and participation in the work that she has been doing with them. We are very thankful that Rebecca has been able to be here at Thunderbird this term to share her creativity and knowledge as part of the Artist in Residence program.

