



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.

December 6, 2017



Issue #4



Message from the Principal:

Dear Families:

As we come to the end of our first term of the year, I would like to thank all of you for your support in working with staff as partners in your child's learning. On our Professional Day last week, teachers looked at using different technologies to communicate student learning. We will be working with your child to develop their understanding of their progress and goals in school so that they are able to share their work regularly and discuss it so that it has meaning for them and for you. We expect that this will give students the opportunity to become more engaged and active in their learning.

After being part of the Thunderbird community for 17 years, Ms. Rudden, our school librarian and one of our Resource teachers, has left our school to work closer to home in the Coquitlam School District. We wish Ms. Rudden all the very best in her new position. We have interviewed several candidates for the vacancy and expect to appoint someone to start after the Winter Break.

We would also like to say well done to our volleyball teams who have been very positive representatives of our school. Each team has showed a good work ethic- showing up to early morning practices and constantly improving their standard of play from one week to the next. Thank you to our coaches Mr. Costea and Ms. Lee for giving their time, and also to the staff and parents who drove the teams to games and cheered them on.

I expect to see many of you at the Thunderbird Community Centre Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 20th, and I am looking forward to serving pancakes to students at the pancake and pajama day singalong breakfast on Friday, December 22nd. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families, students and staff a very happy Christmas, a relaxing break and best wishes for 2018!

Regards,

Cathy Thomas

New to You Clothing Event:

On Wednesday, December 13th from 2:00- 5:30pm, there will be a gently used clothing event for children, teens and adults in the library. Everyone is welcome. Please see Ms. Kathy, our neighborhood assistant, for further details.



Now Accepting Kindergarten Registrations for Sept. 2018:

Do you have a child born in 2013 or know someone who does? If you live in the school catchment, don't forget to register for kindergarten **before January 31st**! Registration info can be found on our website.

Lost and Found:

Don't forget to check the Lost and Found if you are looking for something your child has left at school. The Lost and Found baskets are in the hallway outside Ms. Mehnert's and Ms. Ting's rooms.



**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

- Dec 14 Xmas Store for Students
- Dec 15 Gr. 5-7 Winter Dance
- Dec 18 Superstar Assembly
- Dec 20 Christmas Dinner
- Dec 22 Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day for Students only
Last Day before Winter Break
- Dec 25-Jan 5 - School is Closed**
- Jan 8 Back to school for students
- Jan 10 PAC Meeting
- Jan 16 K Vision Screening
- Jan 24 K Hearing Screening
- Jan 29 Pro-D Day
- Jan 31 Conferences
2pm dismissal
- Feb 1 Conferences
2pm dismissal

Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we are Safe and Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment



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Thunderbird Christmas Dinner – December 20th:

Our annual Family Christmas Dinner is coming soon! Families who RSVP'd have now received their confirmation notice showing their dinner time and number of guests invited. **You MUST bring this form to the dinner where you will hand in at the door.**

All guests in your reservation must arrive together. Please follow the below instructions, as shown on your confirmation letter.

1. You are to attend at the time reserved for you. As we are at full capacity for both seating's we are unable to change your dinner time.
2. **DO NOT show up with more guests than what is reserved for you** (shown on your confirmation form). We will not be able to accommodate them.
3. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult over 19 years old.

For the 1st seating doors will open at 5:15pm and dinner served by 5:30pm.

For the 2nd seating, doors will open at 6:30pm and dinner served by 6:45pm. **Please do not arrive early.**

Families will enter from the outside Gym doors in the undercover area (south side of Gym). Thank you to the Thunderbird Community Centre for organizing and cooking the food! We look forward to a great evening with all our Thunderbird Families!

Battery Drop-off:

Hey Thunderbird families, this year the WE Day group is having a battery drop off. Each AA battery contains enough zinc to save the lives of six children from zinc deficiency. Bring any used batteries you have at home and drop them off in the brown battery bins located in the school lobby. Thank you for your support! From the students in the WE Day group.



Support the Grade 6/7 Camp and Win a Christmas Tree!

Help support our students for Camp this year by making a donation. For every \$1 you donate you will receive one entry to win a Christmas tree for your home. The winner will be drawn on December 15th.

Donations will be collected daily from their class or students can bring their donation to the office and receive an entry ticket for the draw. Thanks for supporting our students. Good luck!

Winter Dance - organized by Thunderbird WE Group

There will be a Winter Dance for Grades 5, 6 and 7 students on December 15th. We ask that students bring a toonie for the entrance fee, which will be donated to the Autism Society of BC. Thank you for supporting our first WE Day fundraiser!



PAC News:

The next PAC Meeting is **Wednesday, January 10th** in the Library. Child care is provided and a light meal is also available at 5:30pm. The meeting will start at 6pm.

Holiday Reading:

Reading regularly is very important for your child's learning. If you are unable to get to a Public library over the holiday, then come and get some books from the trolley in the hallway by the office. These books can be taken home and read for as long as they are needed. Alternatively you can go to the community book box at 3167 East 8th Avenue, between Windermere and Lillooet Streets.



Snow Closure:

In the event that schools are closed due to weather conditions, the Vancouver School Board will contact the following radio and television stations to make an announcement by 6 a.m.

CKNW (980 AM)

CKWX (NEWS 1130 AM)

FAIRCHILD RADIO

CJVB AM 1470

CBC RAIDO (690 AM, 105.7 FM)

BCTV/ GLOBAL (CABLE CHANNEL 11)

CITY TV (CABLE CHANNEL 13)

In addition, information on snow closures will be available online at www.vsb.bc.ca