



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.

September 8, 2017

Issue #1



Message from the Principal:

Dear Families

Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year!

I am delighted to welcome both our new and returning students to the school. I hope that everyone had a great summer. This year we have registered more students so we have another class which means we have 10 Divisions in our school! Staff has worked hard to organise the classes to ensure the best learning environment for every child. We moved into our new classes yesterday and had an assembly today to celebrate the end of our first week back. Our first Spirit Day will be on Friday 15th September when everyone will be wearing their Thunderbird school T shirt.

At Thunderbird our goal is to work closely in partnership with you to support your child so that they are happy and successful in school. The single most important factor in your child's success at school is their attendance. If they are not in school they are missing out on valuable teaching and learning time. It is very difficult for children to catch up on work that they miss as the rest of the class continues to move forward in their learning and your child will fall behind. If you need support getting your child to school, then please speak to your child's teacher, myself or Mr. Gene Beaton our Youth and Family Worker, Ms. Kathy Froncisz our Neighbourhood Assistant or Mr. Godwin Barton our Aboriginal Education Enhancement Worker.

We will be having our:

Meet the Teacher night is on Wednesday 27th September at 5:00pm

You will have the chance to get information from your child's teacher about the coming year and expectations in their classroom. You are then invited to join us for pizza afterwards! I look forward to seeing you then.

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

- Sept. 22nd – Pro-D Day
No School for students
- Sept. 27th – Meet the Teacher
5:30-7:00pm
- Oct. 5th - Photo Day
- Oct. 9th - Thanksgiving Day
School is Closed
- Oct. 11-12 – Conferences
2pm Dismissal
- Oct. 20th - Pro-D Day
No School for students
- Oct. 30th - Photo Retakes

Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we
are Safe and
Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment



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New Staff:



We are excited to welcome both the returning staff and the new staff to our school. Please welcome Ms. Jaime Allen who is teaching Division 6, Mr. Ian Stotesbury who is teaching Division 4 on Tuesday and Thursday, Ms. Tami Ogura our Literacy Teacher and our School Counsellor Ms. Chloe Kelly.

Student Verification Sheets:



A package of student verification sheets and permission forms was sent home yesterday. **Please ensure that these are completed and returned as soon as possible.** Communications and newsletters from the school will be sent by email, so please ensure that your email address is correct. Newsletters will also be posted on the school website and students will bring a copy home too.

School Supplies:

Every school in Vancouver will charge \$25 this year for school supplies. As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Ms. Thomas. All requests will be treated confidentially.



Safe Arrival:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling 604 713 6000 press *2510. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Parent Coffee Group – Thursday mornings:



We will continue our Thursday morning coffee meetings organized by Mr. Gene and Ms. Kathy. This year the group will meet in the staffroom next to the main office. All parents are welcome to come and meet other parents in a supportive and positive informal setting. School staff are on hand to answer general questions about school and our school nurse Derek Roelofsen is often able to drop in and offer advice and support too.