



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.

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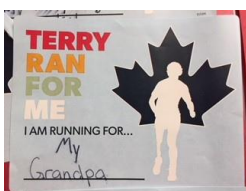


Message from the Principal:



Welcome to autumn! I can't believe how quickly September flew by and we are now into October. We had quite a busy month. We have started our weekly **parent coffee group**, organized by Gene (Youth and Family Worker) and Kathy (Neighbourhood Assistant) on Thursday mornings. I have enjoyed meeting and chatting with parents about what is happening in their lives, questions they have about the school, and just sharing good laughs together. Our **Strongstart** center is open and filled with families and children. Our kindergarten students have transitioned very well to full days at school.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the **Meet the Teacher** event on September 25. This is a valuable time to find out more about what is happening in your child's classroom and in the school. I look forward to seeing many of you at our first **PAC meeting** on **Wednesday, October 10 at 6:00pm**. There will be no dinner served, just a few treats. Childcare will be provided.



Our **Terry Fox Run** this year was awesome! Thank you to Mr. Costea for organizing this great fundraising event. This year, the students dedicated their run to someone in their lives and displayed their dedications in the hallway, outside of the gym. I am impressed by our students, for their commitment and hard work to support other people.

September 30 has been declared **Orange Shirt Day**, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and wellbeing, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. This day is also an opportunity for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. The students and staff at Thunderbird will be recognizing and remembering the residential school experience by wearing orange shirts on **October 1**. Let us all do our part to ensure we are taking collective action in support of reconciliation in education.

Please welcome Dee Hughes-Slade, our new Indigenous Enhancement Worker, Ms. Nina Merette, our new support staff, and Ms. Loraine Bernabe, our new Grade 3/4 teacher covering Ms. Allen's leave until the end of December. We wish Mr. Harris and Ms. Romana all the best - they have been great additions to our school community this past year and will be missed.

Tassie Harris



Roots of Empathy - Baby Needed!

Patti McVey, our CST-YFW, is facilitating the Roots of Empathy program for one grade 6/7 class this year. We are looking for a parent and a baby! Is your baby between 2-4 months old? This is the age we begin our first lesson. The Roots of Empathy program requires a 9 month commitment to bring the baby once a month to a pre-scheduled classroom lesson.

Think you are interested? Please contact the school and let Ms. Harris or Ms. McVey know that you would like to participate and learn more about this program. Thank-you!

**PLEASE CALL
SAFE ARRIVAL
604-713-5159
Ext. 81**



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

Important Dates

- Oct. 3 Cross Country Mini Meet - Clinton Park
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Day - *School is Closed*
- Oct. 10 PAC Meeting 6pm
- Oct. 10 Cross Country Mini Meet - Clinton Park
- Oct. 11 Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- Oct. 16 P/T Conferences - 2pm Dismissal
- Oct. 18 Cross Country Meet - Trout Lake
- Oct. 19 District Pro-D Day - *No School for Students*
- Oct. 25 Kindergarten Dental Screening
- Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 8 Photo Retakes 9-10am
- Nov. 9 Pro-D Day - *No School for Students*
- Nov. 12 Remembrance Day - *School is Closed*

Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we are Safe and Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment



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Please check your email and the website:

In addition to sending home a copy of the newsletter, you will also receive it by email. Please let Paula in the office know if you do not receive it so she can ensure that we have the correct address for you.



We will be sending home mid-month reminders and other information by email as well as updating the school website. Please check the school website regularly for ongoing information about events in the school and the Vancouver School District. <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/thunderbird>

PAC News:

Our first PAC meeting of the year is Wednesday, October 10th in the Library. **Meeting starts at 6:00pm.** They are usually an hour long. Childminding will be provided. *Dinner will not be served.*



PAC meetings give all parents a chance to:

- Meet other parents and share ideas and discuss any concerns related to our children
- Have a voice in the activities, programs, and events that are happening in the school
- Hear updates from the principal and PAC.

Fun and Busy Mornings Before School Starts!



Supervision of students starts at 8:00am. Unless students are participating in sports practice or leaving early on a field trip, they should not be in school before this time. Ms. Barinder has a delicious and nutritious breakfast in the lunchroom starting 8:00am. Also from 8:00am, students are welcome to read, do homework, play quiet games and lego in the library. Staff will be available for support. At 8:15am the computer lab is also open.

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Health and Safety

We have already had our first fire drill where the whole school left the building safely. We will be having our first Earthquake drill on Tuesday, October 18th. We will just be practicing Drop-Cover-Hold in our classrooms and will not be doing a full release to parents.

For your information, in the event that we have to evacuate the school for an incident such as a gas leak, we will relocate to Begbie Elementary School, 1430 Lillooet Street, Vancouver.

Visitors:



We welcome parent volunteers at school and respect the time that you give and the knowledge that you share. When you are invited to volunteer in a classroom, please sign in at the office and wear your visitor badge- that way staff knows that you are helping in school. If you are collecting your child during the school day for an appointment, you will need to sign them out at the office first.

School Cash Online:



Please take five minutes to register, even if your preference is to pay in cash. –go to our School website at <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/thunderbird/Pages/default.aspx> , and click the link “Pay a School Fee” on the home page. Then click “Register”. You will need your child’s usual first name, last name and birth date to register. An email will be sent to you from school cash online. ***Please open email and click the link provided to confirm and complete registration.***

**** If you don’t have an email address, please create one.** Going forward important information will be sent to parents by email only. Don’t miss out!

Reminder No School Monday, October 8th!

