



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 8th, 2017

Issue 7



Message from the Principal:

Dear Families

Thank you to everyone who came to the FRIENDS for life parent program on Monday 27th February. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, prepared and served by the Van Tech LRP students and then learned about strategies to support children who may be dealing with anxiety and how to reinforce the FRIENDS skills learned at school. Useful resources for families include www.friendsprogram.com and www.anxietybc.com. Handouts from the presentation are also available from the school office.

I encourage families to keep up to date with news about the Vancouver School District by checking out the website www.vsb.bc.ca. There is information about the school district strategic plan which sets out a clear and shared vision for the future of public education in the Vancouver School District until 2021.

Please also check the school website [:http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/thunderbird/Pages/default.aspx](http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/thunderbird/Pages/default.aspx) for information about events that are happening in school.

After the Spring break we will be welcoming Ms. Kristine Faunt to our Resource team. Kristine will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays, supporting some of our Intermediate students.

I wish everyone a restful Spring Break and look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready to learn on Monday 27th March, 2017.

Regards,

Cathy Thomas

If your child is sick, stay home:



A reminder that we are still in flu and cold season. Many children are still getting sick.

Symptoms of the flu begin suddenly and include fever, headache, chills, body/muscle aches, extreme tiredness, dry cough, and sore throat. Young children may also have nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Head colds include coughing, running nose, sneezing, itchy eyes and fever.

Please keep your child home during the first few days of illness when symptoms are most severe and the infection is most contagious.

Children should remain home until they have been fever free for at least 24 hours.

Code of Conduct:

You will see that your child has brought home an updated Code of Conduct with today's newsletter. Please read through the document with your child. Comments and suggestions for additional improvements will be considered-please contact Ms. Thomas to share your thoughts and ideas.

**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

- Mar.13-24 SPRING BREAK
- Mar.27th Back to School
- Apr. 5th PAC Meeting
- Apr. 12-13 Conferences
2pm dismissal
- Apr. 14th Good Friday
School is Closed
- Apr. 17th Easter Monday
School is Closed

Code of Conduct

Tbirds are
Respectful and Safe
with:

- ✓ Themselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment





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Winter Break 2017- 2018 update:

The Winter Break dates for 2017-18 have been confirmed as December 25th to January 5th – to align with all other neighbouring districts. The full VSB calendar for 2017- 2018 is available at: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/VSBSchoolCalendar2017-2018d.pdf>

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Parent/ Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, April 12th and Thursday, April 13th. It is very important to be an active participant in your child's learning and by attending the conferences, it shows to your child that you value their learning too. It is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher early in the final term to ensure that we are all giving the students the support and direction that they require. Conference forms will be sent home early April.



Aboriginal Cedar Carving Grant:

We are delighted to let you know that the school has successfully applied for a grant of \$2000 from the City of Vancouver for a Coast Salish cedar carving that relates to the City of Vancouver Canada 150+ theme of "Moving Forward Together." We will be working with Aboriginal artist Art Bolton who carved our Totem pole in the Primary playground. Art has created two designs of a Thunderbird and students will be given the chance to select the final design and contribute to the final product which will be unveiled in June.

School Name:

After Spring Break we are going to start the process to apply to the Vancouver School Board to add the word Thunderbird in Halkomelem, the language of the Coast Salish to the official school name. This is in recognition of Canada 150+ and is the school's acknowledgment that there is a pre-Confederation Indigenous culture and history in these lands that are key elements in the creation of Canada.

We will be talking about this change in school and will be forming a committee of stakeholders to represent community opinion during this process. If you are interested in participating on the committee, then please contact Cathy Thomas- Principal.

PAC News:

PAC Committee is having their 1st snack & treat sale to help raise funds for the school. Come join us!



Date: **Friday March 10th, 2017**

Time: 3:00-3:30pm in the library

Price: \$1 - \$2 - popcorn, rice crispy squares, juice, granola bars, and more

Next PAC Meeting is Wed. **April 5th** in the Library. Child care is provided and a light dinner is also available at 5:30pm. The meeting will start at 6pm.

Girls Soccer Leadership Program:

Each Monday at lunchtime during March and April, girls in grades 3-7 have the opportunity to have fun playing soccer with Coach Carrie Serwetnyk. Carrie played soccer for Canada and played on the Olympic and World Cup teams and is the first woman to be inducted into the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame. Carrie is the Director of Equal Play FC- an organization that aims to provide girls with leadership skills through soccer.



Basketball:

Our basketball teams had a great season- showing competitiveness and great sportsmanship on the court. The teams showed improvement from game to game and had some really exciting finishes. Thank you to all who supported them and to our coaches Mr. Costea and Ms. Lee for their time and commitment.



This Sunday turn Clocks forward one hour