



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

Issue #1



### Message from the Principal:

Dear Families

#### Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

As the new Principal of Thunderbird, it is my sincere pleasure to become a member of this great school community. From my visit to the school in June and speaking with staff members and parents, I have become aware of the rich academic and cultural experiences provided to the students that is a result of a wonderful partnership between the school staff, parents, and community partners. I am looking forward to learning much more about this school community, working with this dedicated staff, and contributing my skills to provide the best possible educational program for our students.

Before coming to Thunderbird, I worked as an administrator at Tillicum Community Annex and Moberly Elementary School in the Vancouver School District. Prior to that, I have experience as a Classroom Teacher, a Resource Teacher, a District Special Education Teacher, and an Inclusion Teacher.

Through all my experiences, I have learned the importance of collaboration and communication. I will take great efforts to ensure open communication with the staff and parents of Thunderbird Elementary School.

Respectfully,

Ms. Tassie Harris

#### Parent Coffee Group – Thursday mornings:



We will continue our Thursday morning coffee meetings (9-10am), organized by Mr. Gene and Ms. Kathy. 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 offer advice and support too.

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

**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

- Sept. 12 - Full Day  
Kindergarten starts
- Sept. 21 – Pro-D Day  
No School for students
- Sept. 25 – Meet the Teacher  
5:00-6:30pm
- Sept. 27 - Photo Day
- Sept. 28 - Terry Fox Run
- Oct. 8<sup>h</sup> - Thanksgiving Day  
School is Closed

#### *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 new staff to our school: Mr. Ian DeLong will be teaching division 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for the month of September. Ms. Carol Gomez is our new support staff, Casey Edgar-George is our temporary Indigenous Enhancement Worker, and Mr. John Lum is our new School Psychologist. We are welcoming back Mr. Quinn Harris who is temporarily teaching Division 5 while Ms. Jamie Allen is away.



## Student Verification Sheets:

A package that includes the student verification sheet and consent forms was sent home today. **Please ensure that these are completed and returned as soon as possible.** Reminders, important information and monthly newsletters 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.

Important Information

## School Supplies:

The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable supplies such as paper, writing tools, glue, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. As a reminder, the VSB will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the School Principal, Ms. Harris. All requests will be treated confidentially.

## School Cash Online:

**Please register, even if your preference is to pay in cash.** – visit <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> or 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!

## Safe Arrival:

Student safety is very important 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 their absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159 ext. 81** prior to 9 am on the first day of the absence. School offices are busy places: notifying the school in advance 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!