



THUNDERBIRD



School Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE TRANSLATE!

ĐÂY LÀ ĐIỀU QUAN TRỌNG, XIN NHỚ NGƯỜI THÔNG DỊCH DỪM

AVISO IMPORTANTE! POR FAVOR PIDA QUE SE LO TRADUZCAN

這是重要的通告, 希請人譯讀.

February 3rd, 2020



Issue #5



Message from the Principal:

Dear Families:



Happy 2020!

We have jumped right into the New Year with many events and activities at Thunderbird! First, I would like to welcome Sandy McMillan, an Education Assistant in-training, completing her practicum at Thunderbird until the end of February in various classrooms. Our Senior Girls and Senior Boys Basketball teams have been training hard for upcoming games. Family members are always welcome to watch a game to support our TBird students! A big thank you to Mr. Costea and Mr. Lai for volunteering their time to coach.

On January 14, drummer and musician, **Zac Gauthier**, performed for our students. It was a fun and powerful performance which left us thinking about how we can create music by using items found around our home. That same week, we welcomed Sara and Ian from **DreamRiders** who did an interactive performance on emergency preparedness. Students have also been learning more about the human impacts on our environment, specifically our oceans, by guest speakers from **SeaSmart**. It is important that we continue to empower our youth to make the world a better place.

Many classes have taken part in field studies this past term. **Field trips** are important to help bridge the gap between education and hands-on experience. These experiences enhance a student's ability to acquire knowledge and culture, and ultimately help shape a child's future. I encourage parents to take any opportunity to walk in the park, explore the city, and play outdoors with their child.

It was great to see families take part in the **dinner and parent workshop** on January 30. Thank you to the volunteers from Van Tech Secondary and FreshRoots for preparing the delicious meal. Following dinner, Jess and Jessi from the Boundaries Program equipped us with knowledge and skills on how best to support our children through their sexual development, building healthy relationships, and navigating the information viewed over social media.

Tassie Harris

PAC News:



We encourage parents to attend the next PAC Meeting on **Wednesday, March 11th** in the Library. The meeting will start at 6pm. Childcare will be available.

Our next **PAC Bake Sale** is **Monday, February 10th** at 3pm at the Primary Undercover Area. We would love to invite all of you to participate. Cost per treat is \$1.00. If you would like to donate some yummy treats you can drop them off at the school office anytime on Monday, February 10th before 1 pm.

Our PAC fundraisers benefit a number of different programs, activities and projects such as contributions to field trips, sports teams, gym equipment, Learning Lab and much more.

**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

- Feb. 3rd Cross Boundary Sept 2020 registration opens
Superstar Assembly
Gr 3-7 Girls Soccer
- Feb. 4-6 Geering Up Workshops
- Feb. 5th Div 1 / 2 Field Trip
- Feb. 7th Ready Set Learn Event
11:15am (for Pre-K)
- Feb. 10th Assembly
Gr. 3-7 Girls Soccer
PAC Bake Sale 3pm
- Feb. 11th Div 1-6 Field Trip
- Feb. 13th Sea Smart Workshops
(Div 2 – 5)
- Feb. 14th District Pro-D Day
No school for students
- Feb. 17th Family Day
School is closed
- Feb. 18th Div 2/3 Field Trip
Hot Dog Day
- Feb. 26th Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 28th Div. 4/5 Field Trip
Deadline to Apply Cross
Boundary for Sept. 2020

Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we are Safe and Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment



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Communicating Student Learning (CSL):



Mid-Year Progress Reports went home with students on Friday. As you are aware, the teachers at Thunderbird School are all participating in the Communicating Student Learning (CSL) reporting process in which students and parents will be receiving regular and ongoing communication, allowing both learners and parents to gauge where their child is in their learning, what they are working towards, and the ways in which learning is supported. By participating in this process, students are provided with meaningful information or feedback about their learning so that they can monitor their progress towards the learning goals they have set. Parents are involved as partners in a dialogue about their child's progress and the best ways to support and improve learning. This transparent and collaborative process helps guide and empower students to reflect on their learning and set future goals.

Students are encouraged to think of the questions: Where am I now? Where am I going? What do I need to do to get there?

Pink Shirt Day



On **Wednesday, February 26th** we will be wearing pink to school. Pink Day began in 2007 when two high school students in Nova Scotia decided to create a 'sea of pink' to support a Grade 9 boy who was called homophobic names when he wore a pink shirt to school. By wearing pink, our school communities give a message of inclusiveness- a place where staff, students and family members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer can feel valued and supported.

Student Lates & Absences:

We have noticed that many of our students are regularly absent for a day or two every couple of weeks. Although this may not seem like a lot, especially in Elementary School, evidence shows that absences such as these have a direct impact on a child's learning. Graduation may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra-curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.
- affect their motivation
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their confidence in school



If you are having trouble getting your child to school and would like advice or help with how to reduce your child's absences, please speak to the Principal.

Lost & Found:



Our lost and found baskets are piling up! If you are looking for something your child has left at school, you can find the lost & found in front of Room 102. Please check before **February 13th** as we will be donating all the items after this date.

SNOW DAY!

