



# 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。

September 30, 2019



Issue #1



### Message from the Principal:



Welcome to autumn! This is my favourite time of year, when the leaves start turning beautiful warm colors and the weather cools. We had a very successful school startup this year. We have many new students at Thunderbird and they are a great fit to our school community. For our parents and caregivers, a wonderful way to connect to other parents is by joining our weekly **parent coffee group**. Gene, our Youth and Family Worker, and Kathy, our Neighbourhood Assistant organize this casual setting in the staffroom every Thursday morning at 9am. I hope to see you there!



Thank you to those parents and students who were able to join us for the **Meet the Staff Night** on September 24. This is a valuable time to find out more about what is happening in your child's classroom and in the school (we also had a lot of fun out our first BINGO night!). I look forward to seeing many of you at our first **PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00pm**. There will be dinner and childminding provided.

The best way to stay connected to your child's learning is by reading emails sent by the school and by checking the school website regularly. Additionally, our teachers are working hard to reduce their impact on the environment and are beginning to communicate to their parents through email and other forms of education-related sites (Freshgrade, Blueprint). Thank you for doing your best to keep informed!

Our **Terry Fox Run** this year was awesome! Thank you to Mr. Costea for organizing this great fundraising event. I am impressed by our students, for their commitment and hard work in support of 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 recognized and remembered the residential school experience by wearing orange shirts and took part in school-wide assembly. Let us all do our part to ensure we are taking collective action in support of reconciliation in education.

Please welcome Dena Galay, our new Indigenous Enhancement Worker, Ms. Wendy Tang, Ms. Pam Greenwood, and Ms. Faten Salem, our new support staff. Mr. Curtis Lai is our new grade 6/7 teacher and we have two teachers covering short term leaves this year – please welcome Ms. Kim Whaley, in division 5 and Ms. Courtney Vuorma, in division 8. We wish Ms. Jaime Allen and Ms. Lee all the best while they are away.

Ms. Tassie Harris



**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. 2 PAC Meeting 6pm
- Oct. 2 X-Country Mini Meet Clinton Park 3:30pm
- Oct. 4 StrongStart Closed
- Oct. 9 X-Country Mini Meet Clinton Park 3:30pm
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Day - School is Closed
- Oct. 17 X-Country Finals Trout Lake 1-3pm
- Oct. 17 Kindergarten Hearing Screening 9:30am
- Oct. 17 Earthquake Drill
- Oct. 18 Div. 1 Field Trip
- Oct. 21 Federal Election - Gym
- Oct. 25 District Pro-D Day - No School for Students
- Oct. 31 Halloween Events Parade- 9:15am Gym Gr 5-7 Dance - 11am Crafts & Games - 1pm



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## Please check your Email and School Website:

We are going paperless! In order to reduce our paper usage our newsletters will be sent to parents by email only. Newsletters will be sent at the end of each month.



We will also be sending home weekly 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Library. **Meeting starts at 6:00pm.** Childminding will be provided.

Your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is excited to start the new school year with some new offerings, and many of our regular programs returning. You may be asking yourself, what exactly is the PAC, and why is it important to the school? The PAC is made up of parent volunteers who plan, organize and staff programs and special events to help make the school experience more fulfilling for the students. Some parents take on an executive role and may put in many hours, and some parents help here when they can. All parents and guardians are welcome, and encouraged to participate, whether it be to attend a PAC meeting, to volunteer for a program or event, or support a fundraiser! If you have any questions, comments or want to sign up for our volunteer mailing list send an email to [pac\\_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca).

## School Cash Online:



**All families need to register for an account on School Cash Online.** If you have not registered a family account please do so as soon as possible. Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option. 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 need assistance please see Paula in the office.

## Thunderbird Spirit Wear Now On Sale:



Spirit Wear will be available to purchase from **October 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>!** **Order through School Cash Online.** Choices are t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, and hoodies – in a variety of different colours with our school logo. Don't miss out!

*\*\* cash orders (exact change) will only be accepted at the office on October 3, 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>.*

## Fun and Busy Mornings Before School Starts!



Supervision of students outside starts at 8:40am. 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. Unless students are participating in sports practice or leaving early for a field trip, they should not be in school before these times.



## 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.



### Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we are Safe and Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment