



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.


October 31, 2019

Issue #2



Message from the Principal:



Happy Halloween  October has brought us some windy days and a lot of rain! It is nice to see the students playing outside in the falling leaves and puddles - please make sure your children come to school dressed for the weather.

We started the month off with **gardening lessons** with Sharlene, our new Garden Coordinator through SPEC. We also had our first **Superstar Assembly** of the year. Each month we recognize students who have contributed to our school community or have shown great effort in their own learning. Check out the bulletin board outside of the office for our Superstar certificates. On October 2, our PAC organized a successful first meeting of the school year – it was great to see new faces attend. It is a great way to stay connected with what is happening at Thunderbird and get involved in fun events and fundraising activities.

Our **Indigo Adopt-a-School campaign** ended on October 6; we received many books for our library AND the staff at the Indigo Robson Store raised over \$3000 towards new books and resources for our school! Over the last few weeks, many of our staff have been participating in a variety of technology-focused professional development, including Microsoft Office and **myBlueprint**. These are great tools which can be used to support student learning in the classroom and increase communication between home and school.

On October 15, our students and staff welcomed Constable Hooper to our school for a **pedestrian safety presentation**. Students were reminded to “stop, look, and listen” and be aware of traffic, especially in the dark and wet weather. Please remind your children to take extra precaution during Halloween night.

We had our first **earthquake drill** and **fire drill** this month. We continue to practice these drills to ensure our students will demonstrate safe behaviours in an actual emergency. Congratulations to our cross-country team as they trained hard and competed in the District Meet at Trout Lake. *Way to go!*

On October 31, we had an exciting **costume parade** and **Halloween stations**, organized by the staff at the Community Centre. Thanks to our grade 7 students for their leadership while running the stations.

I would like to welcome Faten Salem, our new support staff at Thunderbird.

Tassie Harris
Principal



Halloween Treats:

How much is okay for kids? Take a look at this handout from VCH Child & Youth Public Health Dietitians. <http://www.vch.ca/Documents/Halloween-Treats.pdf>

PAC News:



Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, November 13th in the Library. **Meeting starts at 6:00pm**. Childcare will be available.

PAC meetings give all parents a chance to:

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

**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

- Nov. 4th Superstar Assembly
- Nov. 6-7 CSL Conferences
2pm dismissal
- Nov. 7th Photo Retakes 9-10am
Assembly – 11am
- Nov. 8th Pro-D Day
No school for students
- Nov. 11th Remembrance Day
School is Closed
- Nov. 12th Div. 4/5 Science World
- Nov. 13th Gr. 6 Immunizations
PAC Meeting 6pm
- Nov. 14th Camp Parent Meeting
5pm - Library
- Nov. 19th Div. 4 Art Gallery
- Nov. 22nd Div. 8/9 Aquarium
- Nov. 25th Hot Dog Day
- Nov. 29th Div. 8/9 Science World



Code of Conduct

At Thunderbird we are Safe and Respectful with:

- ✓ Ourselves
- ✓ Others
- ✓ The Environment



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Kindergarten Registration for Sept 2020 starts November 1st!



Do you have a child born in 2015?

The priority registration period opens November 1st and closes January 31st. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

The registration process will have two steps:

Step 1: Complete the online registration process at <https://applynowadmin.vsb.bc.ca>. Print out the completed registration form.

Step 2: Bring the completed registration form along with the required documents to your catchment school:

1. Proof of British Columbia residency (current utility bill/Property Tax/Rental Agreement)
2. The original birth certificate of the child
3. Applicable Immigration / Citizenship / Permanent Resident Documentation
4. Relevant documentation involving guardianship or court orders (if applicable)
5. Immunization records if available

The registration process is not complete until you have completed both steps in the process.

In-catchment Kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31st will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

Note: There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31st.

For more information visit our website at <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/thunderbird/Pages/default.aspx>

Terry Fox Run:

Mr. Costea is very excited to announce that Thunderbird ʂxʍəxʍaʔəs Elementary has raised \$1,551.60 in donations to go to the Terry Fox Foundation, in order to help them fight the deadly disease of cancer. We could not be more proud of our students and their families & friends. In the last five years, our little school of just over 200 students has raised over \$8000!!! Thank you so much! Thanks to your hard work and generosity, and the same generosity from millions of others, we WILL one day find a cure for cancer. **WAY TO GO T-BIRD!**

Remembrance Day Assembly:

Families are invited to join us at our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 7th at 11:10am.



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.schoolcashonline.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.

SPEC School Garden Program:



Welcome Sharlene, SPEC's School Gardens Program Coordinator. She will be supporting the school gardens during the school year to encourage students to strengthen their connection to food, each other, nature and their community. As a Master Gardener, Sharlene brings her passion for education on the importance and benefits that gardening has on our mental, physical and emotional well-being while learning about food literacy.

Students will participate in engaging, and fun hands-on activities that explore themes related to plant life cycles, good and bad insects in the garden, soil science, compost, why seeds travel, seed saving, the key gardening concepts, pollinators and the process of pollination. Students will develop a better understanding of our food systems and how to grow organic fruits and vegetables.

For more information on SPEC (Society Promoting Environmental Conservation) and the School Gardens Program, please visit their website: <https://www.spec.bc.ca/school-gardens>

