



# Thompson Times

Thinking – Learning - Caring

April 7th, 2017

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing Spring Break. The third term brings us many exciting activities and events. From welcoming our new kindergarten students to saying farewell to our Grade 7's, to Track Attack, Outdoor Ed and Sports Day, there will be many opportunities for us to come together as a school community. We are looking forward to the third term and all of the exciting learning that it brings.

Mr. D. Cherry  
Principal

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT THOMPSON

Our Grade 6/7 students are eager with anticipation as outdoor education approaches. Next week we will be taking 56 students and 9 adults to Camp Jubilee from April 10th to 13th. We are looking forward to a terrific experience.

### DIV 2 & 3 SHARE THEIR VISION OF A WHAT SCHOOLS COULD BE WITH THE RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Before Spring Break students in Division's 2 and 3 were asked to share ideas about what schools could be in the next 10 years. The district then video-taped the students talking about the project and their ideas.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, The Richmond School district will be hosting a visioning café, which will be attended by seven of our Grade 5 students. At the café, various stakeholders from the district will listen to student ideas from our school and others. We are proud to have Thompson represented. Below are some of the ideas that students shared.

*"A school's mission should provide opportunities for all students to learn and accomplish their goals." - Armaan*

*"I think schools should provide more opportunities...to support different interests by providing a variety of different subjects." - Anette*

*"Vision: I think students should be happy and confident which makes them build strong relationships with their teachers and students from other countries." - April*

*"My vision for the school is that there are laptops for everyone, labs, projectors etc. to focus on someone's learning and a personal brain break area." - Daniel*

*"A school's value should be a place where you want to go, it should be fun and it should be creative, but the students need to be calm to learn things so there should be mindful walks and so the students have a growth mindset." - Zoe*

### PRO- D DAY

On Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> staff will be participating in full day of professional learning. **School will not be in session on that day.**

### WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

On Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:15 – 2:30 pm we will be welcoming our new Kindergarten students to our school community. We are looking forward to meeting them.

### STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

As part of our on-going leadership opportunities in the school, grade 5, 6 and 7 students signed up for various jobs around the school during a job fair. Through this opportunity students learn to be responsible, respectful and will practice being good role models. We are very fortunate to have such amazing student leaders in our school.

### TRACK ATTACK WILL BE STARTING THIS MONTH AT THOMPSON

"Track Attack" provides students with an opportunity to try all events through a stations approach. At Thompson we believe in



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taking as many students as we can to the track meet at Minoru. We believe that it is a great opportunity for our students to show school pride and have fun.

**Our track and field zone date is THURSDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that your child is wearing proper gym strip and footwear for "Track Attack."**

**Panorama/Class and Grade 7 Photos**

Our Panorama, Class and Grade 7 Photos have been scheduled for **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**CHEESE!**



**ELL ASSESSMENTS:**

In April, students who are English Language Learners (ELL) will be taking part in the school's annual assessment which happens every spring. The outcome helps our staff to determine the progress the students have made and will also help us determine needs for ELL instruction and staffing for September.

**JEANS DAY – THURSDAY MAY 4th**

Once again, we will be supporting the **BC Children's Hospital Jeans Day**. Buttons will be available for sale starting April 24th in the front hall. Buttons are \$5.00 each. With the purchase of a button, you will also receive a sticker and a B.C. Lions, Whitecaps or Canucks card.



See the posters around the school for more details and don't forget to wear your jeans on **Thursday, May 4th**.

**JABBERWOCKY PERFORMANCE AT QUILCHENA ELEMENTARY**

On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Thompson student will be walking over to Quilchena Elementary. They will be seeing a ballet performance based on the famous Jabberwocky poem. In order to make it to Quilchena on time for the performance we will be having lunch early at 11:30 am and walking over at 12:15 pm. **IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF A LUNCH – PLEASE DROP IT OFF EARLY.** Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students will be transported to and from Quilchena by bus. We are looking forward to a terrific experience.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT DAY**

Professional Assistant Day is on April 26th. Thank you, Mrs. Fung for all that you do for Thompson school.

**P.A.C. News**

**Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the library.** Mr. Cherry will be presenting the new curriculum. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

**Reminders**

**Discovery Montessori**

Registration is now open to all families for the upcoming school year at **Discovery Montessori Preschool and Daycare** located inside Thompson Elementary. Please bring application forms as soon as possible or call **604 807 9796** to get more information.



**Follow us on Twitter or on our School Web Site:**

Thompson school can be followed on Twitter **@thomptigers1**. Look for regular updates about events and happenings in our school.



We also have a school website that has information about the school on it as well as past newsletters. The website address is **thompson.sd38.bc.ca**

**Calendar of Events**

**April**

- 10 – 13** Outdoor Education at Camp Jubilee
- 12** Visioning Café – Steveston London
- 12** Mad Science
- 14** **Good Friday Holiday**
- 17** **Easter Monday Holiday**
- 18** PAC Meeting 9:00 am
- 19** Mad Science
- 21** Hot Lunch Day
- 25** Parent Tea and Talk on ELL 9:00 am
- 26** Mad Science
- 26** Div. 7 & 8 Field Trip to Iona Beach
- 24 - 28** Jeans Day Button Sales
- 24 – 28** First Week of Track Attack
- 28** Sharing Assembly

**May**

- 1** **Professional Development Day**
- 3** Mad Science
- 4** Jeans Day
- 5** Class Photos/ Panorama Photo Day
- 10** Mad Science
- 11** Div. 3 Nature Preschool Field Trip
- 2 – 5** Second week of Track Attack
- 10** Welcome to Kindergarten
- 12** Tropical Day
- 12** Gr. 7 Farewell Movie Night