



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the last 2 weeks of the school year. It had been a dynamic year that has flown by quickly, mostly because we've been so busy. Our year has been filled with all kinds of energy from our staff, students, and parents, brought to life through exciting class programs and the myriad of clubs, teams and events that we've hosted this year. If we were to measure the school year based on school spirit alone, it would be deemed a huge success. In the weeks to come, we will have two formal opportunities to come together as a community to celebrate and reflect on all that has happened this year. First will be the Recognition Assembly on Friday June 22nd at 1:30pm. At that assembly, we'll express our gratitude and say farewell to staff that are leaving us at the end of the year, we'll acknowledge our student leaders and volunteers, our track athletes and we'll have a grand slide show that captures the "Best of the Best of 2017/18". The final event will be the Grade 7 Farewell Assembly on Friday June 29th at 9:00am. It will be epic! We hope that you are able to join us.

Mr. Juhasz



### Staffing Update

We have a few of staff changes for September that we want to tell you about. At the end of the year we are sorry to be saying good-bye to Ms. Gaglewski, Mr. Wiens, Mrs. Goodwin, Mr. Taylor and our Teacher Candidates.

- Ms. Gaglewski has been an amazing Educational Assistant with us this year. Our EA allotment has gone down for September, so she will be looking for another assignment in the School District.
- Mr. Wiens has been with us on a temporary contract as a Resource Teacher filling in for Mrs. Goodwin who has since gone on Maternity Leave. Mr. Wiens has been great supporting the learning of our intermediate students as well as supporting the Lunch Time Rock Band.
- Mrs. Goodwin, our part-time Resource Teacher who was already off on Maternity Leave, has accepted new assignment at Steveston London Secondary School.
- Mr. Taylor, a retired Principal, was not only our Primary class' favourite PE teacher, he also filled in for Mr. Juhasz when he was off recovering from surgery. Mr. Taylor's temporary contract ends this June and we'd love to get him back if possible, mostly so we can see more of his 80s dance moves during Sports Day.
- Finally, we also wish our UBC Teacher Candidates (Ms. Chung, Mr. Lai and Ms. Perez, and Ms. Wang,) luck as they are ready to teach their own classes in September. They have been a great additions to our staff.

They will all be missed. We wish them luck in their future endeavours, and thank them for all of their contributions to the students at Thompson School and the Thompson Community as a whole.







### Track and Field

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the zone track meet on May 29th! The students did a terrific job of showing their STRIPES, competing hard and of course having fun. If you were at the meet, you would have noticed that not only did we have fun, we were also quite successful in our races and events. All that training throughout the year paid off, and the kids should be very proud of themselves. We will be recognizing our athletes during the Recognition Assembly on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30. We also like to thank all the parents who were there to cheer on and transport our students. Thank you also goes out to all staff who helped organize the day (both at Minoru Park and the Mini Meet here at the school) and supervised children during the event.



### Creating Balanced Classes for Next September

Now that we are in Term 3, plans for next September have already started from an organizational point of view. We have been discussing as a staff the process for which classes will be made this spring for next September and it will be similar to how it has been done in the past. We all aspire to be organized, but it is always with caution that we plan too far in advance because there is always the possibility that the school organization can change if there is an influx of new students to the school, or if too many students move away. Since it is possible that our school organization can change over the summer, we will not publish the organization until then.

The process that we will be following will ensure balance in each class. Ensuring that each classroom is balanced is one of the most important things we as a school can do to create an optimal learning environment for all learners. The attributes that promote balance in any given class include: gender, the number of ELL and students with special needs in each class, student leaders in each class, balanced academic strength in each class, and a healthy combination of students who get along with each other. Your child's teacher already knows your child's strengths and areas for improvement, and they know who their friends are. Classroom Teachers, Resource Teachers, Educational Assistants and the Principal will work together this week starting on Wednesday to create these balanced classes.

Because it will be primarily the classroom teachers who are placing children in the classes for September, the most important thing parents can do is ensure that your child's teacher knows all about your child. This home and school communication is crucial in promoting the "team approach" to raising our children. To that end, if there is new information that you have about your child that your child's teacher does not already know, by all means communicate that with the school as usual. We have already had several opportunities to conferences and since we offer an open-door policy to communication, it is assumed that the home and school communication has already been occurring to some degree. If not, and you have 'new' information to share, please share that information with your child's teacher and Mr. Juhasz ([bjuhasz@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bjuhasz@sd38.bc.ca)). You can also drop off a hard copy of your input at the main office if you wish, addressed to Mr. Juhasz. Thank you.



## Will you be returning LATE to school in September?

To ensure that you do not lose your spot in the school, please complete the attached form and return it to the office. There is an English and Chinese version attached.

## What an awesome yearbook!

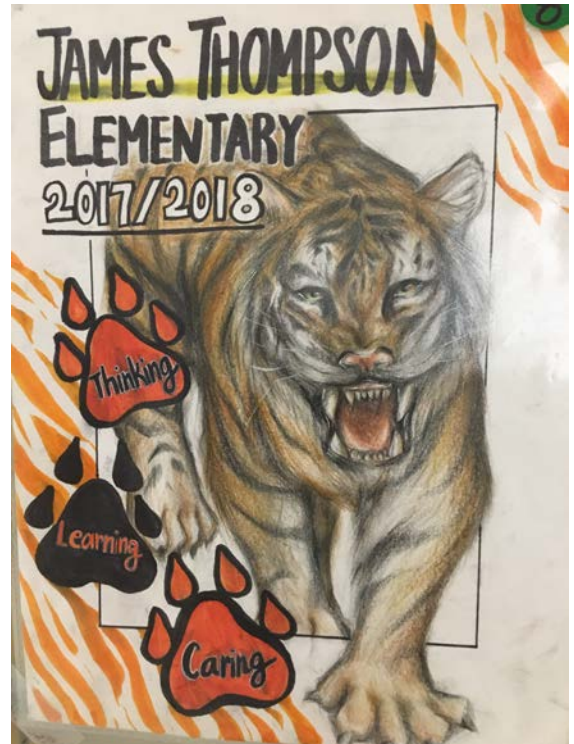
A huge thank you to Sophia Hsieh and the PAC Yearbook Committee for assembling an awesome yearbook. Every page is filled with energy and school pride! Way to go!

## Lost and Found:

Now is a good time to check the Lost and Found for items that you have not seen at home for some time! Clothing and larger lost items can be found in the main hallway. Small items, including keys and glasses, are kept at the office. All unclaimed items will be donated in the first week of July.

## Important Dates:

June 22	Year End Assembly at 1:30 p.m.
June 27	Grade 7 Farewell Dance at 4:00 p.m.
June 28	Last Day of School and Grade 7 Farewell Assembly at 9:00 a.m.
September 4	School opens 8:45-9:45 a.m.



# First Week of School Schedule

**Tuesday September 4** - Grades Kindergarten to 7 students report to school at 8:45 a.m. for 1 hour. Upon arrival to school, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students are to meet in the kindergarten wing, and await direction on where to go. Students in Grades 2 through 7 will go to last year's classroom. All students will be dismissed at 9:45 a.m.

## Wednesday September 5 to Friday September 7

- Grades 1 to 7 students: Full day attendance: 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
Kindergarten students will receive a separate letter by mail in early July outlining their gradual entry program to school.

## Our PAC Presents...“Sweet Start to the School Year” September 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30-9:45a.m.

Our Parent Advisory Committee will once again be hosting on the first day of school our “Sweet Start to School Year” Café from 8:30-9:45a.m. Because school on the first day is just an hour, why not mingle with your old friends and make new ones while you wait for the 9:45am dismissal.



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