



We've already had an action-packed week. We've managed to get our grade 2 through 7 students placed into their classes quite quickly considering we were granted from the School Board Office on Wednesday afternoon an additional division. Our Kindergarten and grade 1 students and families will see their class lists Tuesday morning at 8:30am.

When the rolling bulletin board with class lists was rolled out Thursday morning, it was exciting to witness the anticipation, fist-pumping and high-fives from the children as they realized what class they were in. We hope that your children have made a smooth transition from the summer break and thank you so much for your patience as we worked through organizing our school year. Already the students are making new friends. It's always exciting when the students get into their new classes. A change in classrooms, teachers and classmates is exciting and challenging at the same time. Change (and shaking up the routine) can at times create some anxiety, however in the



long-run, it is always a good test of our resiliency. We are looking forward to everyone getting settled and into the flow with the school year and as new routines are set, the comfort and confidence for all increases.

We also started our school-wide running program today, and it is amazing to see the school spirit. I look forward to seeing that spirit flourish as we set into routine. To help us with this, many important notices that require your attention and action will come home next week in your child's backpack. Thank you in advance for attending to those as the sooner we have that information back from you, the sooner we're into flow.



I would like to thank again our Parent Advisory Council for hosting the "Welcome Back" to the school year. It was a great chance to reconnect with parents and meet the new Kindergarten parents. The first PAC meeting of the year will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am in the multi-purpose room. If you think you may have missed information, please refer to our webpage. All Newsletters are archived on our school webpage [thompson.sd38.bc.ca](http://thompson.sd38.bc.ca). The dates for all we do is listed on our online calendar. You can follow us on Twitter and Instagram. I have enjoyed greeting the students and parents this week, and hope to meet more of you at our Meet the Staff event planned for next Thursday at 5:00pm. My door is always

open (many of you have already tested it) and would be happy to meet with you if you ever have questions.

On behalf of our staff, here's to another great school year.

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### Save the Date: Meet the Staff Evening

September 13th – starting at 5:00pm

We are looking forward to our first community event at Thompson! On Thursday, September 13th we will be holding our Meet the Staff Night from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. B and B Concessions will provide a vast array of burgers from their Food Truck. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and the rest of the school staff, connect with them and it will also be a chance to reconnect with families in the Thompson community.

*The shape of the evening is as follows:*

5:00 – 5:30 pm. - Classroom visits with staff

5:30 – 6:30 pm - Community Gathering and BBQ

5:45pm - Opening year comments and introduction of staff by Mr. Juhasz (in gym)

\*The menu is attached. No pre-ordering required. You can pay by cash, debit or credit card.

### New Lunch Schedule this year

Our Lunch Break occurs at the same time as always, however when the kids eat lunch and when they play outside has changed from last year. The new schedule is as follows:

12:10-12:30pm - kids eat their lunch in class

12:30-1:02 - kids go outside to play

If you want to drop off your child's lunch at school before 12:10pm, there is a trolley in the front hallway for you to use.

### Physical Literacy - School-wide Running Program

We had a kick-off assembly today launching our running program. We will be running as a whole school three times/week (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) starting at 10:00am (before recess) and classroom teachers may choose to take their class out for additional times. That means that your child will need to have a quality pair of running shoes at school for most days of the week. Improper footwear could result in discomfort and/or injury for your child. Please let your child's teacher or Mr. Juhasz know if it is problem having running shoes for your child. They will be able to assist you.

Some formal upcoming running events include the Terry Fox Run on September 28<sup>th</sup> and the Richmond School District Fun Run Race on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Garry Point.

### Save the Date – Intake Conferences on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

We will have early dismissal on those days at 1:30pm. All families are expected to make an appointment with their child's teacher. Watch for a notice coming home from your child's teacher that will provide you with a variety of dates and times to choose a mutually convenient meeting time.

Stay tuned for another Newsletter early next week with details on school supplies, Thompson Tiger clothing, and many forms to sign.



Have a great weekend.

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