



Hello Thompson families,
It is hard to believe we have just one week left of school!
Please see below for some Playground news and some other information as we prepare to end our 2023/24 school year.

Staffing Updates

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Watts (grade 2/3 teacher) and Ms. Scott (EA) on their retirements at the end of June. They will be dearly missed by staff and students alike, and we are so thankful for their service to our students and school community. Both Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Scott have been a part of our Thompson Community for over 22 years. We wish you all the best Mrs. Watts and Ms. Scott.

In addition, through year end staffing processes, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Whitelaw, Ms. Tsui and Ms. Cheung. We are so grateful that they were a part of our Thompson Staff and hope that they return one day. Ms. Lu has accepted an EA position at Burnett and sadly, she will also be leaving Thompson at the end of June. Ms. Alamwala has accepted a teaching position in Langley which is closer to home, and finally, Mr. Rollins has accepted a teaching position at another school. We thank all the above staff for your contributions to ensure our students' success, and to help us create a kind inclusive community of learners. You will all be missed.

Playground News

The Playground Committee is excited to announce that our new playground installation has been confirmed for August 24. Thank you to the Thompson community that helped us fundraise approximately \$30,000 to add to the Ministry of Education playground

grant. The extra money has made it possible to have two complete playgrounds.

We are reducing costs by having a community installation. This means that we need adults to help with the installation. **Volunteers need to be available Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday (August 22-24).** Lunch and snacks will be provided by the PAC. Please note that children cannot attend the worksite and childcare will not be available. If you are interested, please email: thompson.pac.school@gmail.com

Lost and Found

Do you recognize any of these items? Please pick up lost and found items by Wednesday, June 28th. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



September Gradual Entry for new Kindergarten students

A gradual entry schedule will be emailed to next year's Kindergarten parents the first week of July, and will be posted on our website soon.

Important Dates:

June 24th: Pizza lunch for grade 5-7 student volunteers (crossing guards, office and lunch monitors, morning announcers etc.)

June 27th: Year end assembly at 10:45. Everyone welcome

June 27th: Last day of school for students before summer break

June 27th: Report Cards published bt 3 p.m.

June 28th: Administrative Day for Staff

September 3rd: First Day of School 8:45:-9:45 a.m. for grades 1-7

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 604-668-6420 or email me at shoffinger@sd38.bc.ca

Sincerely,

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