

Thunderbird Šx^wəx^wa?əs Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Thunderbird Families:

I hope all had a safe and fun Halloween Evening this past Tuesday. It was fantastic that the weather cooperated, and our students (and parents) enjoyed a dry trick or treating session; having a six-year-old myself, it was definitely welcome weather [©] Our Halloween parade on Tuesday morning was a blast. The costumes were creative, and the teachers and students loved showing them off. Thank you to Mr. Costea for hosting this event.

<u>Kindergarten registration</u> for children born in 2019 *is now open*. All kindergarten applicants are required to apply to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for kindergarten opens on November 1, 2023, and closes at 4 pm on January 31, 2024. In catchment students who apply within this period will be given priority for placement at Thunderbird before late applicants.

Next week we will acknowledge our veterans at our annual <u>Indigenous Veterans' Day</u> and Remembrance Day assembly. The tradition of this ceremony at Thunderbird is very rich, and this year's assembly will be no exception. Many students under the guidance of their teachers, will be reciting poetry and reflecting upon the sacrifices of the many brave women and men who have died in the name of peace and freedom. We hope all will take time on Wednesday, November 8th and Saturday, November 11th to honour our Veterans. Next week, students will be receiving poppies; any donations to the poppy fund will be collected up until Friday, November 10th.

As the fall and winter seasons begin to set in and rainy days become more frequent, please remember to dress for the weather; consider sending umbrellas if it is raining and pack an extra set of clothes in case of life's little accidents. During recess and lunch students will be outside rain or shine.

Lastly, Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 1:00pm, is photo retake day. If you wish to have photos retaken, please ensure you arrive to school on time for this day.

I wish you a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews Principal Thunderbird Elementary School

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one." - George R.R. Martin

Important Dates

- November 6, 2023: Individual Student Photo Retakes
- Monday, November 13, 2023: Remembrance Day No school
- Friday, November 17, 2023: PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45am
- Friday, November 24, 2023: Professional Development Day No school for students
- Friday, December 1, 2023: Report Cards Home
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the library
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023: Christmas Store
- Friday, November 17, 2023: PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45am
- Wednesday, December 20, 2023: TBCC Christmas Dinner
- Friday, December 22, 2023: PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45am
- Friday, December 22, 2023: Student Pancake Breakfast @ 9:00am
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023 Wednesday, January 31, 2024: Kindergarten Registration (Students born in 2019)
- Saturday, December 23, 2023 Sunday, January 7, 2024: Winter Break
- Monday, January 8, 2024: School Reopens after winter break

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call 604-713-5159 Ext. 81 or Email <u>tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca</u> by 9:00 AM. Please do not call the school office.

School Cash Online – Student Payment System

Please take five minutes to register, even if your preference is to pay in cash.

Visit <u>https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com</u>. Then click "Register". You will need your child's usual first name, last name, and birth date to register. An email will be sent to you from school cash online. *Please open email and click the link provided to confirm and complete registration*.

School Fees

The School Supply Fee for 2023-2024 will be \$35 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year. *Parents do not have to purchase supplies*. The agenda fee for Grade 3-7 students will be \$6 and Jump Math workbooks (2) will be \$24, if applicable.

Lunch Program

Please return you lunch envelope at the beginning of each month.

PAC News

The Thunderbird Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is now up and running for the 2023-2024 school year. The PAC is a great way to become involved in your child's educational and school life and contribute to the school. The PAC's main roles are to promote the education and welfare of students, encourage parent involvement in the school, advise the school on matters relating to the school, and to contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood. Our meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm and last approximately an hour, September to June.

The next Friday Morning PAC Coffee @ 8:45pm, and After School Student Hot Chocolate fundraiser @3:00pm is November 17, 2023.

The next PAC meeting of the school year is next **Wednesday**, **December 6**, **6-7** pm in the library. Dinner and babysitting provided. RSVP by returning the paper form sent home or emailing <u>pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca</u>.

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: HERE

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