



Thunderbird ǫx^wǫx^wa?ǝ Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Thunderbird Families:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, and parents for their support so far this school year. Our school is a tight-knit community, dedicated to raising capable, well-rounded, and compassionate young people; and this can only be done as a community dedicated to learning. I am heartened to see the kindness, commitment, and hard work that our students display, day in and day out. As we enter the New Year, I am optimistic for the future and am positive this work will continue into the new year. With that, I wish you all a safe, peaceful, and joyful winter season and a happy New Year.

This Wednesday, the Thunderbird Community Centre welcomed the community for their annual Christmas Dinner. As expected, this year did not disappoint. The students, their families and members of the community were welcomed with warm wishes, gifts for the kids, and an amazing turkey dinner. Thank you to Lorraine and the rest of the community centre crew for making this happen. It is honestly one of the best school events of the year.

Today, students were treated to a pancake breakfast, with music from the Van Tech Band, and a few songs sung by our students. It was great to celebrate the winter season together in such a festive way. Thank you to all the staff who lent a helping hand, to Ms. Kilburn for leading the Van Tech band, and to the Thunderbird Community Centre for lending us equipment. It was a combined effort that contributed to its success.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome Mr. Sulit. Mr. Sulit has accepted a position at Thunderbird and will be working in Division 5 until Ms. Whaley's return. Daryl has just finished his 16-month PDP program at SFU and has completed a successful practicum in grade 3 at Beaconsfield. We welcome him to Thunderbird and are looking forward to working with him in January!

Please remember the school will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd, 2023, and will reopen on Monday, January 8th, 2024, for a regular school day.

Happy Holidays!

Brad Toews
Principal
Thunderbird Elementary School

"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place, you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall." - Roald Dahl

Important Dates

- Saturday, December 23, 2023 – Sunday, January 7, 2024: Winter Break
- Monday, January 8, 2024: School Reopens after winter break
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Wednesday, January 17, 2024: Professional Development Day
- Friday, January 26, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45 am
- February 2024: Black History Month
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024: Parent Teacher Conferences – **2:00 pm Early Dismissal**
- Thursday, February 8, 2024: Parent Teacher Conferences – **2:00 pm Early Dismissal**
- Saturday, February 10, 2024: Lunar New Year

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call **604-713-5159 Ext. 81** or Email tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca 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 <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com>. 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 the email and click the link provided to confirm and complete registration.*

Lunch Program

Please return your 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 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 6:00 pm and last approximately an hour, from September to June.

The next Friday Morning **PAC Coffee @ 8:45 am** and After School Student **Hot Chocolate fundraiser @3:00 pm** is **January 26, 2024**.

The next PAC meeting of the school year is next **Wednesday, January 10, 6-7 pm** in the library. Dinner and babysitting provided. RSVP by returning the paper form sent home or emailing pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca.

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: [HERE](#)

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