



šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Families:

We are now into February, which is always a busy month with lots to acknowledge and celebrate; Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, Family Day and Lunar New Year to name a few! Also, this particular February has 29 days – a leap year!

Our Parent Teacher CSL Conferences (Communicating Student Learning) will be held on February 7 and February 8, starting at 2:00 pm. These days will be early dismissal days for children. For the conferences, there will be an option for **In-Person** or **Virtual TEAMS meetings** through our online booking page [here](#). There will be an option to request a translator if needed. Booking is now open. Please contact your teacher with any questions, or if you are unable to make these dates. Please ensure prompt pickup for your children this day. Thank you.

During conferences, we will be holding a **New to You** clothing giveaway. **New to You** is an opportunity for families and students to choose clean lightly used clothing items and books to take home. It's a great way to reuse perfectly good items and prevent unnecessary transfers to our landfills.

Last week, the PAC held a bottle drive with all proceeds benefiting grade 7 graduation activities. Thank you to all who supported us and brought in refundable containers. We collected 2081 containers and earned \$208.10 for our grads, way to go! You can support the PAC year-round by donating your refundable beverage containers at any Return-It Express. Use the school's phone number (604-713-4611) to log in at a kiosk, print a tag and tag your bag. That's it!

There is a **PAC Meeting next week @ 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2024** – in the library. All parents are welcome. Please use the link provided or come to the school between 5:45 – and 6:00 pm for entry. The door will be locked at 6:00 pm for security reasons, once the meeting begins. Pizza and babysitting for school-aged children are provided.

A friendly reminder to all families who access the Hot Lunch Program; please return your February Hot Lunch Envelopes to the school as soon as possible. These envelopes help us project the number of meals we need for the month, so returning them on time is very important. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Coming up quickly is the statutory holiday, Family Day, on **Monday, February 19**. The Thunderbird Community Centre will be offering programs during the day, including the screening of the movie, *The Little Mermaid*. See the attached advertisement poster for more information.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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“The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest (people) of the past centuries.” – Descartes

Important Dates

- 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
- Friday, February 16, 2024: Professional Development Day
- Monday, February 19, 2024: Family Day (No School)
- Friday, February 23, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024: Pink Shirt Day
- Thursday, March 7, 2024: Family Literacy Night 4 pm – 6 pm
- Sunday, March 10, 2024: Ramadan Begins
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Report Card #2 Goes Home
- Friday, March 15, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Saturday, March 16, 2024 – Monday, March April 1, 2024: Spring Break
- Monday, April 1, 2024: Easter Holiday – School Closed
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024: School Reopens after spring break
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024: Professional Development Day
- Monday, April 22, 2024: Professional Development Day
- Friday, April 26, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Class Photographs

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.

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 February 23, 2024.**

The next PAC meeting of the school year is next **Wednesday, February 7, 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](#)

VSB: After the Bell, Podcast

Podcast episodes are released at the end of every month. Subscribe to **VSB: After the Bell** on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts!

Working for the VSB

The Vancouver School District in partnership with the Burnaby School District, offers a [6-month Education Assistant program](#). The next EA cohort begins in April 2024 and can lead to job working for a Metro Vancouver school district, including Vancouver and Burnaby. The program is now accepting applications: <http://www.burnabyccce.ca/courses/education-assistant-diploma/>