



# Thunderbird ᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄ Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Thunderbird Families:

This week, Thunderbird recognized [Orange Shirt Day](#) and Canada's *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*. Student and staff dove deep into topics of reconciliation, using the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's](#) weeklong series of lessons focused on learning and commemorating the truth of our history from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit knowledge keepers as an important part on the path of reconciliation. Thank you to the staff and especially the students who help lead our Orange Shirt Day assembly. Thunderbird is committed to increasing the knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions among all students.

It was great to see all the families who attended our Meet the Teacher and PAC night. The staff enjoyed sharing their spaces with parents and guardians and meeting new families. It is always great to be able to come together as a community and socialize together. Thank you to the PAC volunteers who helped organize and serve food on Wednesday.

Please join us for our second PAC meeting next Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. 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. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm and last approximately an hour, September to June. Childminding for school aged Thunderbird students is available.

Next week, we will participate in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 6. During the week students will learn about the legacy of this true Canadian hero, and the lasting positive impact he has had on cancer research. The run will take place in the neighbourhood, with staggered starts. At this time, parent helpers are not needed unless otherwise requested by your classroom teacher.

Lastly, Monday, October 2<sup>th</sup> is a statutory holiday, and the school will be closed. Please ensure childcare arrangements as staff will not be on site.

I wish you a safe and restful long weekend.

Brad Toews  
Principal  
Thunderbird Elementary School

"What better occupation, really, than to spend the evening at the fireside with a book, with the wind beating on the windows and the lamp burning bright." - Gustave Flaubert

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## Important Dates

- Monday, October 2, 2023: [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) – No school
- Wednesday, October 4, 2023: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Friday, October 6, 2023: Thunderbird [Terry Fox Run](#) - [Donate Here](#)
- Monday, October 9, 2023: Thanksgiving – No school
- Thursday, October 19, 2023: The Great Canadian Shakeout Earthquake Drill
- Friday, October 20, 2023: Professional Development Day – No school for students
- Wednesday, October 25, 2023: Parent Teacher Conferences – **2:00pm Early Dismissal**
- Thursday, October 26, 2023: Parent Teacher Conferences – **2:00pm Early Dismissal**
- Friday, October 27, 2023: PAC Morning Coffee @ 8:45am
- Tuesday, October 31, 2023: Halloween
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- November 6, 2023: Individual Student Photo Retakes

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## Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call [604-713-5159 Ext. 81](tel:604-713-5159) or Email [tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca) by 9:00 AM.

***Please do not call the school office.***

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## School Cash Online – Student Payment System

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

Visit <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.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 email and click the link provided to confirm and complete registration.*

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## 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.

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## 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 PAC meeting of the school year is next **Wednesday, October 4, 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](mailto:pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca).

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

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