

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

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Thunderbird Families:

I hope families had an opportunity to acknowledge and reflect upon Canada's *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* on Saturday. It was heartening to see all the Orange as I moved about our community, symbolizing a strong commitment to reconciliation and allyship. Thank you to the students and staff for their ongoing work in teaching, learning, and advancing Indigenous culture throughout the year.

Today we participated in the Terry Fox Run. It was a great fun, and we were so lucky to have such wonderful weather with the sun shining. Thank you to the students, staff, and community for your support in advancing Terry's legacy. A special thanks to Mr. Costea for his organization of this important event. We will be accepting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation all next week!

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Vancouver School Board cross country mini-meet at Clinton Park. I hear the students participated admirably, putting their best efforts forward while having fun and displaying great sportspersonship. Way to go! A special thanks to Mr. Lai and Mr. Costea for their work and organization to make this happen!

A friendly reminder to all families who access the Hot Lunch Program; please return your October Hot Lunch Envelope 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.

Also, as we get closer to Halloween students have more treats and Halloween candy with wrappers than usual. These wrappers and garbage often end up on the ground around the school property, as well as on our neighbours' property. Please help us by reminding your children to place garbage in the proper place, or hold on to it until they return home if they are having it after school. We thank you for this too!

Lastly, Monday, October 9th is a statutory holiday, Thanksgiving, 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

"I'm old-fashioned and think that reading books is the most glorious pastime that humankind has yet devised." - Wisława Szymborska

Important Dates

- 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 <u>2:00pm Early Dismissal</u>
- 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

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 <u>do not</u> 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 PAC Morning Coffee is October 27, 2023 @ 8:45am

The next PAC meeting of the school year is next **Wednesday**, **November 1, 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: <u>HERE</u>