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I hope all enjoyed a restful Family Day this past weekend; it is always great to spend time with and give appreciation to those we love.

Today, we had our first **Books for Breakfast!** Thank you to all who attended; it was great to see parents sharing in the joy of reading with their children. **Books for Breakfast** is an opportunity for families to read together over breakfast at the school. Our Next **Books for Breakfast** is on **Friday, March 15**. We be sure to have more food, and get coffee in a little earlier 😊

Unfortunately, the VPD and Thunderbird noon-hour basketball game was postponed this week. We look forward to hosting this game on April 24<sup>th</sup>!

**Kindergarten to Grade 6 parents only.** To prepare for the 2024-2025 school year we need to know if your child will be returning to Thunderbird in September 2024. Please fill out our [INTENT TO RETURN FORM HERE](#)

Thunderbird Staff, in collaboration with the Thunderbird PAC, will be hosting a [Family Literacy Night](#) on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. This night will begin with an Indigenous Welcome from Musqueam Artist Jody Sparrow, followed by fun Literacy Stations run by teachers, and a demonstration of Jody's work in the gym. Also, there will be a showcase of student artwork in the library. At 5:30 pm, we will have pizza and refreshments in the lunchroom. Please RSVP for this event [here](#)

The importance of a [code of conduct](#) cannot be overstated for any organization, especially schools. Simply writing a code of conduct won't automatically change culture and behaviour, but it is road map to acceptable and respectful behaviour that must be created, taught, and revisited often. Thunderbird's Code of Conduct is designed to promote socially responsible behaviours that contribute to a safe, caring, and orderly learning environment. It is intended to encourage cooperation between all members of the school community, children and adults alike. Click here to visit our [Code of Conduct](#).

As we come to an end of February 2023, we can reflect on all the positive learning experiences of acceptance, diversity, and inclusion we have engaged in as a community over the past two months. We taught lessons on [Black History Month](#) and *Lunar New Year*, as well as Indigenous culture, and [Pink Shirt Day](#) still to come! As a school, we focused on the contributions of the people and diverse cultures that make us Canadian. These lessons, while being a highlight of January and February, are ongoing and taught throughout the year to help create a kinder and safer learning environment for our students. Many thanks to the staff and students who made these rich learning experiences possible.

With that, have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews  
Principal  
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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."  
- Dr. Seuss

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## Important Dates

- 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: PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm – in the library
- Monday, April 22, 2024: Professional Development Day
- Friday, April 26, 2024: PAC Morning Coffee and *Books for Breakfast*
- Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Class Photographs

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## Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call **604-713-5159 Ext. 81** 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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## 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 is March 15, 2024.**

The next PAC meeting of the school year is next **Wednesday, March 6, 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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