



šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

December 6, 2024 / #14

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šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Families:

Today is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is about remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those who we have lost to it. It is also a time to act. Achieving a Canada free from gender-based violence requires educating ourselves on gender-based violence, supporting survivors in our actions, and speaking up against harmful behaviours.

Also today, we held our annual pop-up Thunderbird Christmas Store; it was a blast. The students love to be able to pick out their own gifts for their families. Thank to our volunteer gift wrappers and Ms. Kathy for all their hard work. Proceeds help fund our annual student pancake breakfast coming at the end of the month!

A reminder, on **Wednesday, December 18th**, the Thunderbird Community Centre will be hosting a community Christmas Dinner. This dinner has been a much-cherished event in the neighbourhood for years. Please see the attachment, or the Community Centre for more information.

Lastly, teachers have been very busy assessing and evaluating student learning and working to prepare the first-term report cards. Report Cards are going home **Monday, December 16!**

I wish you a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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“Some books leave us free and some books make us free.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Important Dates

- **Monday, December 16, 2024:** Report Card #1 Goes Home
 - **Wednesday, December 18, 2024:** Thunderbird Community Centre's Annual Christmas Dinner
 - See Community Centre for details
 - **Friday, December 20, 2024:** Pancake Breakfast and Last Day Before Winter Break
 - **Monday, January 6, 2025:** First Day Back from Winter Break
 - **Wednesday, January 8, 2025:** PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library
 - **Monday, January 20, 2025:** Professional Development Day – No School
 - **Friday, January 31, 2025:** Books For Breakfast
 - **Wednesday, February 5, 2025:** PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library
 - **Friday, February 14, 2025:** Professional Development Day – No School
 - **Monday, February 17, 2025:** Family Day Stat Holiday – No school
 - **Monday, February 24, 2025:** Pink Shirt Day
 - **Friday, February 28, 2025:** Books For Breakfast
 - **Friday, February 28, 2025:** Ramadan Begins
 - **Wednesday, March 5, 2025:** PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library
 - **Monday, March 10, 2025:** Report Card #2 Goes Home
 - **Wednesday, March 12, 2025:** Family Learning Night 4pm – 6pm
 - **March 17-28, 2025:** Spring Break – School Closed
 - **Monday, March 31, 2025:** First Day Back from Spring Break
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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 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 2024-2025 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 PAC meeting is **Wednesday, January 6, 6-7 pm** in the library. Dinner and babysitting for school aged children are 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](#)

VSBC: After the Bell, Podcast

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

PAC T-Shirts - \$10.00

Children's **ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird T-shirts** in orange or pink, sized xs - xxl are for sale through the office. All proceeds go to support PAC events benefitting students and families.
