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Report Cards:

Report Cards will be sent home on Monday. We understand how important it is for all parents, especially those of our youngest students who may be receiving a report card for the first time, to understand how we assess learning and communicate it. To get a better understanding, please join the Vancouver School Board's session for parents/caregivers: **Understanding Elementary Report Cards** on December 16, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Click here to join: [Online Information Session](#). If you have questions you would like answered, submit them [here!](#).

If Report Cards are not received, or you are having trouble accessing online Report Cards now being offered by some classes, or you just have a question regarding their content, please contact your child's teacher.

Community Christmas Dinner:

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 visit the Community Centre for more information.

Winter Weather Reminder:

As the weather is getting colder, we remind parents that at this time of year and throughout the winter, snow is always a possibility. In the event of snow, please check our [school website](#), the [Vancouver School Board website](#), or the list of media outlets below for information on school closures after 6:30 a.m.

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

PAC T-Shirts:

Looking for a perfect stocking stuffer? The PAC is selling T-shirts in child sizes in orange or pink. They can be bought through the office. All proceeds go to support PAC events benefitting students and families.

Pancake Breakfast:

Next Friday, December 20, students will be treated to a pancake breakfast with music from the Van Tech Band, and a few songs sung by our own classes. It's always fun to celebrate the winter season together in such a festive way. Parents are welcome to pop in at the beginning of the breakfast to see the band and have a coffee provided by the PAC. Breakfast is only for students.

PJ Day and Ugly Winter Sweater Day:

Lastly, Friday, December 20th is PJ Day. And if you're not up to wearing PJ's, it's also National Ugly Winter Sweater Day, which takes place on the third Friday of every December. Once an object of ridicule, Ugly Winter Sweaters have gained popularity and become part of winter culture in recent years. This is a day to whip out your ugliest winter sweater—think tinsel, bells, tacky designs, and lights—and wear it for the whole day!

I wish you a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews

Principal

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"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." - Frederick Douglass

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, 2024:** 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** 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](#)

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!

PAC T-Shirts - \$10.00

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