



šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Families:

Thunderbird will begin our intermediate Artist in Residence program for grade 6 and 7, with Red Buffalo Nova Weipert in the coming weeks. Nova is an Anishinaabe Ojibwe Two-Spirit and transgender interdisciplinary artist, writer, director, educator and storyteller. Nova is a proud enrolled member of the Pinaymootang First Nation located in Treaty 2 territory and is a recent graduate of the Master of Fine Arts program at Emily Carr University of Art + Design. Nova will be exploring the medium of film with our students. We are excited to welcome Nova to Thunderbird for this term.

The Vancouver School Board, District #39, and its students, staff and parent community are participating in the 2025 Ministry of Education's electronic and anonymous [Student Learning Survey](#) in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. **Parents/Guardians of grade 4 and 7 students** at Thunderbird can complete this electronic anonymous survey **any time before May 2, 2025**.

This survey is intended to help the Ministry of Education and school districts plan – allowing parents and students to tell us about their education experience in their school and district. Students in Grades 4 and 7, and their parents and all staff in B.C. public schools are invited to take the annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience.

For parents to complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school and access: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>
2. Scroll down to the "**Parent**" section - Direct Access. Select **39 Vancouver** from the pull-down menu next to **District**. **The school** will then appear, and you select **Thunderbird Elementary**. You can then select your desired language and click the **Log On** button.
3. Complete the survey by clicking on the "radio buttons" for each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on **Arrow Button** in the bottom right corner of the screen. If you make a mistake, you can click the back **Arrow Button**.
4. When you have finished the survey, you will get a message thanking you and you are done.

Thank you for participating in this provincial project.

Last week, the PAC held a bottle drive with all proceeds benefiting grade 7 graduation activities. Thank you to all who supported us and brought in refundable containers. We earned almost \$100.00 for our grads, way to go! You can support the PAC year-round by donating your refundable beverage containers at any Return-It Express. Use the school's phone number (604-713-4611) to log in at a kiosk, print a tag and tag your bag. That's it!

Please remember that this coming Monday, **January 20th, 2024**, is a Professional Day. Please ensure childcare arrangements, as staff will be engaged in professional learning and the school will be closed.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." - Victor Hugo

Important Dates

- **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
 - **Wednesday, February 26, 2025:** Pink Shirt Day
 - **Friday, February 28, 2025:** Books For Breakfast
 - **Friday, February 28, 2025:** Parent Reading Workshop – Kindergarten to Grade 2
@ 9am – 10:30am in the lunchroom
 - **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

Children's *ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ* **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.

Snow Closures

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 6:30am**
