



šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird Families:

I hope you all had a wonderful week. We have definitely hit a cold spell these past few days. With this cold weather, there is a possibility of snow in the coming forecast. Please remember to check the news, our website, or the Vancouver School Board website in the morning if there is snowfall. Any school closures will be announced at 6:30 in the morning.

At the end of next month, **on Wednesday, February 26th** it is pink shirt day. If your child needs a pink shirt, the PAC is selling šx^wəx^waʔəs Thunderbird pink shirts through the office in child sizes for \$10 a shirt, **CASH ONLY**. See the office for more information.

Join us this week on **Friday, January 31, at 8:15 am** for **Books for Breakfast** in our lunchroom! **Books for Breakfast** is an opportunity for families to read together over breakfast at the school in a casual fun environment. There will be a variety of breakfast options, coffee, and books! We encourage parents and guardians to attend with their children! Hope to see you there. **Thank you to Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation.** Please try to bring a reusable coffee mug!

For parents and caregivers of primary grade students, kindergarten to grade 2, you are invited to attend a reading workshop hosted by One-to-One Literacy Society. Adults will spend 60 minutes in an interactive workshop learning positive reading strategies to support their young readers at home. After the workshop, adults will have time to read and practice some of the strategies with their child. We hope to see all kindergarten to grade 2 parents there! **Friday, February 28, 2025 @ 9am – 10:30am** in the lunchroom, immediately after Books for Breakfast. Please see the attached PDF for information and how to register.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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“Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words!” - Betty Smith

Important Dates

- **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

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, February 5, 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.