



ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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We are now into February which is always a busy month with lots to acknowledge and celebrate; Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, Family Day and the beginning of Ramadan to name a few!

Next Friday is Valentine's Day, which also is a professional development day. We will acknowledge Valentine's Day throughout the week next week. Valentine's Day has different meanings to different people. In our school context, it is about expressing love through kindness and is an opportunity to show kindness towards all in their class, school, and families. Teachers will be celebrating Valentine's Day within their classrooms in different ways to express the importance of kindness to all.

The Thunderbird basketball team has reached the midway point of their season and currently stands undefeated! They are working hard on their skills with three practices a week. You can watch them this coming **Wednesday, February 12 @ 3:15pm** for their final home game at Thunderbird.

Kindergarten to Grade 6 parents only. To prepare for the 2025-2026 school year we need to know if your child will be returning to Thunderbird in September 2025. Please fill out our [INTENT TO RETURN FORM HERE](#)

A friendly reminder to all families who access the Hot Lunch Program; please return your February Hot Lunch Envelopes to the school as soon as possible. These envelopes help us project the number of meals we need for the month, so returning them on time is very important. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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.

Next weekend is an extra-long weekend for our students; there is a **Professional Day on Friday, February 14**, followed by the statutory holiday, Family Day, **on Monday, February 17**. I hope you all have the opportunity to spend time with loved ones and enjoy the company of family and friends. Please make any needed childcare arrangements, as the school will be closed to students on these days.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews

Principal

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"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." - Jim Rohn

Important Dates

- **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

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, March 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](#)

VSB: After the Bell, Podcast

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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.

