



ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

I hope all enjoyed a restful Family Day this past weekend; it is always great to spend time with and give appreciation to those we love.

The importance of a [code of conduct](#) cannot be overstated for any organization, especially schools. Simply writing a code of conduct won't automatically change culture and behaviour, but it is road map to acceptable and respectful behaviour that must be created, taught, and revisited often. Thunderbird's Code of Conduct is designed to promote socially responsible behaviour that contribute to a safe, caring, and orderly learning environment. It is intended to encourage cooperation between all members of the school community, children and adults alike. Click here to visit our [Code of Conduct](#).

Thunderbird Staff, in collaboration with the Thunderbird PAC, will be hosting a [Family Learning Night](#) on **Wednesday, March 12th from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**. This night will begin with an Indigenous Welcome from Musqueam elder Morgan Guerin, followed by fun Learning Stations run by teachers in the gym. At 5:30 pm, we will have refreshments in the lunchroom. Please RSVP for this event [here](#)

Wednesday, February 26th is pink shirt day. If your child needs a pink shirt, the PAC is selling ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird pink shirts through the office in child sizes for \$10 a shirt, **CASH ONLY**. See the office for more information.

Last Call 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.

Attached is the Thunderbird Community Centre's Spring and Summer registration guide. Spring program (March-June) & Summer (July-August) registration begins on:

- **Catchment** – Sat, Feb 22, 9am (in-person only with proof of address) – **all programs**
- **General** – Sat, Mar 8, 9am (in-person/online); 12pm (phone) – **Spring & Summer**
- **General – Summer Camps** - Sat, Apr 12, 9am (in-person/online); 12pm (phone)

The Thunderbird Community Centre is also hosting tax clinics for parents and guardians. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Lastly, join us next **Friday, February 28, 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!

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

- **Wednesday, February 26, 2025:** *Pink Shirt Day*
 - **Friday, February 28, 2025:** Books For Breakfast @ 8:15am
 - **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*
 - **Saturday, March 8, 2025:** *International Women’s Day*
 - **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, 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

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.
