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ᓃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ Thunderbird Families:

Thank you to the families who joined us for another **Books For Breakfast** event this morning. We encourage you to read with your children as much as possible outside of the school setting to normalize reading as a fun activity to do anywhere. We hope to see you at the next **Books For Breakfast**, on **April 25, at 8:15 am**. **There is no Books for Breakfast in the month of March**. As always, we thank Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation of coffee.

This month Ramadan is observed by many families in our community and throughout the world. Ramadan begins today, **February 28**, and will end at sundown on **Saturday, March 29th**. Ramadan is the holy month which begins with the first sighting of the crescent Moon. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is considered a holy month that honors the time when Allah, through the angel Gabriel, revealed the first verses of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, to a caravan trader named Muhammad. The final evening of Ramadan culminates with a celebration called **Eid al-Fitr**, on March 29, when the month-long fast is ended with a feast.

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Thunderbird will be recognizing International Women's Day, **Saturday, March 8th**. At Thunderbird we will focus on the contributions of strong women in our society and our own personal lives.

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](#)

A friendly reminder to all families who access the Hot Lunch Program; please return your March 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.

Lastly, please join us for our March PAC meeting next **Wednesday, March 5th at 6pm**. The PAC is a great way to become involved in your child's educational and school life and to 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 to contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the library and are about an hour. Childminding for school aged Thunderbird students is available.

Have a safe and restful long 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, 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](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

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.
