



# šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families:

The UBC Chan Centre is offering šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird School families the opportunity to see [Storytelling & Métis Jigging with Viper Central](#), on **Sunday April 13, at 3:00pm** at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at the University of British Columbia. There are complimentary tickets and free transportation via chartered bus leaving from Thunderbird School to the Chan Centre at approximately 2:00pm, and returning after the show, leaving UBC at approximately 4:15pm back to the school. This [one-hour show](#) has no intermission, making it a perfect event for families. It is presented as part of the UBC family-friendly series inspired at the Chan. Suggested age is 5+. **Parent or adult guardian must be in attendance with their child.** If you are committed to attending, please fill out this online form [here](#) by **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Chan Centre needs firm numbers by this date. Please note that this is not a Thunderbird event but hosted and funded by UBC's Chan Centre.

A final reminder. Thunderbird Staff, in collaboration with the Thunderbird PAC, will be hosting a [Family Learning Night](#) on **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

On April 4, as part of the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry for Education, students will be receiving instruction in sexual health education. This will be done by Saleema Noon Body Science, teaching Physical and Health Education in an age-appropriate way. In this session, Saleema or a member of her team will give an overview of student presentations. To learn more, please join us for an informative [Parents Workshop via Zoom](#) on **Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30-8pm. Meeting ID: 876 6922 1193 / Passcode: 611817.**

Over the past few months students have been working with Ms. Cynthia from the St. James Music Academy and their outreach program to learn choir songs. On Friday, **March 14 at 2:00pm**, classes will be performing for the school at our Superstars Assembly. The student led assembly is approximately 45 minutes long, with our regular learning and superstar presentations, followed by the class performances at the end of it. There will be limited seating and standing room for parents to come and see.

The VSB Library has many eBooks that your child can borrow and read on your digital devices.

**Instructions to check out and read VSB eBooks (mobile instructions below):**

- 1) Visit the [VSB Library website](#) and select Thunderbird
- 2) Open Destiny Discover on the left side.
- 3) Click "Login" in the top right corner.
- 4) Click the Office 365 Login link.
- 5) Log in with your school account.
- 6) Search for a book you would like in the search bar or scroll down to eBooks to browse the available books.
- 7) Once you find the book you like, select "Open".
- 8) Click "BORROW" then "GO TO CHECKOUTS".
- 9) Click "Read (in your browser)".
- 10) You can now read your eBook online.

Over the past few weeks, teachers have been busy assessing and evaluating student learning and working to prepare the second-term report cards. On **Monday, March 10** report Cards are going home for teachers who provide paper report cards, and the reporting space for teachers using SpacesEDU will be accessible online. If you have questions regarding your child's reports, please contact your child's teacher.

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

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## Important Dates

- **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*
- **Tuesday, April 1, 2025:** *Saleema Noon Parent Information Night @ 6:00pm online*
- **Wednesday, April 2, 2025:** *PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library*
- **Friday, April 4, 2025:** *Saleema Noon Student Presentations*
- **Friday, April 18, 2025:** *Good Friday Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Monday, April 21, 2025:** *Easter Monday Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 & 24, 2025:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Friday, April 25, 2025:** *Books For Breakfast*
- **Monday, April 28, 2025:** *Professional Development Day – No school*
- **Wednesday, May 7, 2025:** *PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library*
- **Monday, May 5-7, 2025:** *Grade 6/7 Camp*
- **Monday, May 19, 2025:** *Victoria Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Friday, May 23, 2025:** *Sports Day*
- **Friday, May 30, 2025:** *Books For Breakfast*
- **Wednesday, June 4, 2025:** *PAC Meeting @ 6:00pm in the library*
- **Wednesday, June 18, 2025:** *PAC Spring Fair*
- **Thursday, June 19, 2025:** *Grade 7 Graduation*
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2025:** *Report Card #3 Goes Home*
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2025:** *Sunrise Park Fieldtrip*
- **Thursday, June 26, 2025:** *Last Day of School*

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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](mailto:tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca) by 9:00 AM.

**Please do not call the school office.**

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## 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, April 2, 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](mailto:pac_tbrd@vsb.bc.ca).

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: [HERE](#)

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## 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!

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## PAC T-Shirts - \$10.00

Children's **ᓂᓄᓄᓄᓄᓄ 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.

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