



# šx<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup>aʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šx<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup>aʔəs Thunderbird Families:

As we enter Spring Break 2025, we can look back at all the undertakings and successes of our students this past term with pride. The students have participated in many learning and social activities that have helped them grow as individuals, and us as a grow as a community. One example of these activities was our Family Learning Night. Thank you to the students, staff, and PAC who helped make it such a success. While we reflect on our accomplishments of the past; Spring gives us a unique opportunity to look to the future to make new commitments to our positive personal development. In our classes, teachers will challenge students to strive to do their best in all aspects of their learning, as we spring forward into the final term.

The UBC Chan Centre is offering šx<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup>aʔəs 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.

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.**

Join us for our **April 2024 PAC meeting** on **Wednesday, April 2 @ 6:00 pm**, first week back to school after the spring break. 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. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the library and are about an hour. Childminding for school-aged Thunderbird students is available.

With that, I wish you a restful, safe, and healthy Spring Break, and we'll see you on **Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>!**

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

- **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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