



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Next week, we recognise Earth Week from **April 22 to Friday, April 25**. To keep containers out for landfills and to support recycling habits, we will be collecting refundable containers for the PAC's bottle drive fundraiser. Simply save your empties and send them to school in a clear plastic bag, if possible. All proceeds go to our grade 7 grads. Every container counts! For a full list of containers, see here: <https://www.return-it.ca/beverage/products/>.

[Summer School registration](#) opens this coming **Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at noon**. The VSB Summer School offers a wide range of Ministry funded courses; from remedial, which provides extra help, to enrichment, which extends student learning. Please consider enrolling!

Another reminder, our Parent Teacher CSL Conferences (Communicating Student Learning) will be held on **April 23 and April 24**, starting at **2:00 pm**. These days will be early dismal for students. For the conferences, there will be an option for **In-Person** or **Virtual TEAMS Meetings** through our online bookings page [here](#) for divisions 1, 2, and 8 only. Booking options for divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be sent directly to you by the teacher.

During conferences, we will be holding a **New to You** clothing giveaway in the library. **New to You** is an opportunity for families and students to choose clean lightly used clothing items and books to take home. It's a great way to reuse perfectly good items and prevent unnecessary transfers to our landfills.

Also, join us next **Friday, April 25, 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!

Lastly, this weekend is a long weekend as **Friday, April 18** is Good Friday and **Monday, April 21** is Easter Monday, both statutory holidays, and the school will be closed these days.

Have a safe and restful long weekend and we'll see you Tuesday!

Brad Toews

Principal

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"People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned." - Saul Bellow

Important Dates

- **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*

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, May 7, 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](#)

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