



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families:

As we enter May, we will be recognising Asian Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian descent have made and continue to make to Canada's growth and prosperity. Also, Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn more about the many cultures and people of Asian descent who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada and Vancouver the amazing home we share today. There are many great events that happen throughout Vancouver for this month of celebration. I hope you have the chance to enrich yourselves in these opportunities.

Also, as we approach the end of the school year, staff are now beginning to have conversations around school and class organization for 2025-2026. When determining class composition, grade combinations, and student placement, many factors are considered in the process. Staff examines academic progress, individual learning styles, student relationships and interactions, specific and collective student learning needs, class balance, and other pertinent insights provided by the educational professionals who work with your child. School organization and classroom composition is a complex, lengthy, and thoughtful process, that looks at the needs of all learners to determine the best possible educational environment for student learning. Parents or guardians who have specific and relevant information regarding their child's learning style and school relationships that are important for the school to be aware during this process, are welcome to email their teacher, or the administration at thunderbird@vsb.bc.ca before **Friday, May 30**. The school will not take requests for student placement to specific teachers.

[Summer School registration](#) opened this **Wednesday, April 23**. 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!

Thank you for joining us today for **Books for Breakfast**. Our next, and last event of the year will be held on **May 30 at 8:15 am** for **Books for Breakfast** in our lunchroom! Hope to see you next month! As always, we thank Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation of coffee.

This weekend is a long weekend for our students; there is a **Professional Day, Monday, April 28**. Please make any needed childcare arrangements, as the school will be closed to students on this day.

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

- **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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