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ᓄᓐᓄᓐᓄᓐ Thunderbird Families,

This week has flown by! As we approach the end of September, we have several exciting events coming up that we hope you'll join us for.

Meet the Teacher & PAC Evening – Wednesday, September 24 | 5:00–6:30 PM

Please join us for our **Meet the Teacher and PAC Evening**. The evening will begin promptly at **5:00 PM in the lunchroom** with a brief welcome and introduction of our teaching staff. Following this, families will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom for two 20-minute sessions. Afterward, we invite you to mingle and enjoy **light refreshments** back in the lunchroom. **Please enter through the south side undercover area.**

Terry Fox School Run – Wednesday, September 24 [Morning]

Thunderbird Elementary is proud to participate in the **Terry Fox School Run**. We will honour Terry's legacy by running around the school grounds. To support cancer research, donations can be made at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ThunderbirdElementary> Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer!

Books for Breakfast – Friday, September 26 | 8:15 AM

We're excited to host our **first Books for Breakfast** of the year! Join us in the lunchroom for a cozy morning of reading and breakfast. There will be a variety of breakfast options, coffee, and of course—books!

We encourage parents and guardians to attend with their children.

Orange Shirt Day – Monday, September 29

On **Monday, September 29**, Thunderbird will recognize **Orange Shirt Day**, a time to honour the survivors of residential schools and their families, and to reflect on the ongoing journey of reconciliation. Throughout the week, students will engage in focused lessons using resources from the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](https://www.nctr.ca/), guided by the voices of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit knowledge keepers. At Thunderbird, we are committed to deepening understanding, empathy, and appreciation of Indigenous histories, cultures, and contributions every day.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Tuesday, September 30

Tuesday, September 30 is **Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, a statutory holiday. The school will be **closed** on this day. We encourage everyone to take time to reflect on the past and present injustices faced by Indigenous Peoples and to commit to building a more just and equitable society.

Student Safety: VSB Risk/Threat Assessment Process

The Vancouver School District is committed to maintaining safe, caring, and inclusive schools. If a student makes a threat of violence or harm, the school will initiate the **VSB Student Risk/Threat Assessment Process**.

Please see the attached PDF for more information.

Welcome Back, Nurse Taylor Soo!

We're happy to welcome back **Taylor Soo**, our school's **Public Health Nurse (PHN)**. Unlike hospital nurses, PHNs focus on **health promotion and prevention** in schools and communities. Taylor supports students and staff through various services, including immunizations. Our **Grade 6 Immunization Clinic** will take place on **November 14, 2025**. Consent forms will be sent home for review and signature. If you have any questions or would like to connect with Taylor, please contact the school.

Professional Development Day – Friday, September 19

A reminder that **tomorrow, Friday, September 19**, is our first **Professional Development Day**. Staff will be engaged in professional learning, and the school will be **closed**. Please make any necessary childcare arrangements.

Wishing you a safe and restful long weekend.

Brad Toews

Principal

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"A room without books is like a body without a soul." - Cicero

Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **Friday, September 19, 2025:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Wednesday, September 24, 2025:** *Terry Fox Run in the morning*
- **Wednesday, September 24, 2025:** *Meet the Teacher & PAC Night @ 5pm*
- **Monday, September 29, 2025:** *Orange Shirt Day for ᓄᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ T-Bird*
- **Tuesday, September 30, 2025:** *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No school*
- **Wednesday, October 1, 2025:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Monday, October 13, 2025:** *Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Monday, October 20, 2025:** *Diwali*
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, October 21 & 22, 2025:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Friday, October 24, 2025:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Wednesday, October 29, 2025:** *Individual Photo Re-Take Day*
- **Friday, October 31, 2025:** *Halloween Parade*
- **Wednesday, November 5, 2025:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Tuesday, November 11, 2025:** *Remembrance Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- **Friday, November 21, 2025:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Wednesday, December 3, 2025:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Wednesday, December 17, 2025:** *Thunderbird Community Centre’s Christmas dinner*
 - *Report Card #1 Go Home*
- **Friday, December 19, 2025:** *Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day - Last Before Winter Break*
- **Monday, January 5, 2026:** *First Day Back from Winter Break*

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 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 of 2025/2026 is **Wednesday, October 1, 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 thunderbirdpac@gmail.com.

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

VSB: After the Bell, Podcast

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