



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who are participating in the cross country this year. Last week we had a mini-meet and they will be more coming up throughout the month. The students participated admirably, putting their best efforts forward while having fun and displaying great sportsmanship. Way to go! A special thanks to Mr. Lai and Ms. Zielke for their work and organization to make this event happen, and the teachers and parents who volunteer to drive!

Grade 8 Mini Schools – Information for Grade 7 Families

As grade 7 students begin to prepare for their transition into grade 8, we would like to make students and their families aware of the programs available to them in high school. The Vancouver School Board offers an array of different school experiences through its mini school programs. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5292/mini-school-programs> and [click here for the Grade 8 Mini School Brochure](#). General registry begins on November 10 to December 15, 2025.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our Parent Teacher CSL Conferences (Communicating Student Learning) will be held on October 21 and October 22, 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 booking page [here](#).

It is very important to **select the correct teacher** from the drop-down menu. **Please do not select the option “Anyone.”** Contact your teacher with any questions, or if you are unable to make these dates.

Hot Lunch Program

A friendly reminder to all families who access the Hot Lunch Program; please return your October Hot Lunch Envelope to the school as soon as possible. These envelopes help us project the number of meals we need for the month, so returning them on time is very important. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Let’s Keep Our School Clean!

As we get closer to Halloween students have more treats and Halloween candy with wrappers than usual. These wrappers and garbage often end up on the ground around the school property, as well as on our neighbours’ property. Please help us by reminding your children to place garbage in the proper place or hold on to it until they return home if they are having it after school. We thank you for this too!

Warmly,

Brad Toews

Principal

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“A room without books is like a body without a soul.” – Cicero

Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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, November 5, 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](#)

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