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Kindergarten Registration Now Open for Children Born in 2021

Kindergarten registration for the 2025–2026 school year is open for children born in 2021. All applicants must register with their English catchment elementary school—even if they plan to apply for a Choice Program.

Families interested in Choice Programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) can apply during the Choice Program and Cross Boundary window, which runs from **January 6 to February 3, 2026**.

The **priority registration period** for kindergarten begins on **November 1, 2025**, and closes at **4 p.m. on January 31, 2026**. In-catchment students who register during this window will be given priority placement at Thunderbird Elementary before late applicants. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO AND REGISTRATION](#)



Reading Workshop for K–Grade 3 Families

All parents and caregivers of students from **Kindergarten to Grade 3** are invited to a Reading Workshop hosted by the One To One Literacy Society.

During this 60-minute interactive session, adults will learn positive reading strategies to support their young readers at home. After the workshop, there may be time to read and practice some of these strategies with your child.

Participants will also receive a resource package of literacy games to take home!

To register:

- Return the paper form to the school by **Monday, November 10** – the form is attached this email
- OR scan the QR code – found on the attached letter
- OR register online at <https://tinyurl.com/5n8df59v>



Honouring Our Veterans

Next week, we gather for our annual Indigenous Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day Assembly to honour those who served, on **Monday, November 10**. This tradition at Thunderbird carries deep meaning, and this year's assembly will be no different. Guided by their teachers, students shared poetry and reflected on the sacrifices made by courageous individuals in pursuit of peace and freedom.

We encourage everyone to take a moment on **Friday, November 8**, and **Monday, November 11**, to honour our veterans.

Lastly, next week the school will be closed for Remembrance Day, **Tuesday, November 11**. I hope all have a chance to reflect upon the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans and perhaps participate in one of many events in our communities tomorrow. Lest we forget.

With that, have a wonderful weekend,

Brad Toews

Principal

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

Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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
- **Thursday, December 11, 2025:** Student Christmas Store
- **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, December 3, 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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