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Honouring Our Veterans

This Monday, we gathered as a school community for our annual Indigenous Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day Assembly to honour those who served. This tradition at Thunderbird carries deep meaning, and this year's assembly was no exception. Guided by their teachers, students shared poetry and reflections, paying tribute to the courage and sacrifices made by individuals in pursuit of peace and freedom. It was a thoughtful and respectful event that truly highlighted the importance of remembrance in our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the families who joined us and supported this meaningful occasion.

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](#)

Thunderbird PAC Donation Campaign is Live!

The Thunderbird PAC is thrilled to kick off their year-round [Thunderbird PAC Donation Campaign](#)! This year, they're keeping it simple—no product sales, just a direct donation drive. **Donations made online are tax-deductible**, making it a great way to support our students while receiving a tax benefit. Spread the word to family and friends! Every dollar raised will go toward special events, field trips, and enriching activities for our students. Thank you for your continued support in making this year amazing!

School Closure – Professional Development Day

Please note that next week, on **Friday, November 21**, the school will be closed for a professional development day. We kindly ask families to make appropriate childcare arrangements, as classes will not be in session.

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

- **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](#)

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