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## **Books for Breakfast**

Thank you to the families who joined us this morning for **Books for Breakfast**. Your involvement helps make this event a meaningful part of our school community, and we appreciate the time you take to share the joy of reading with your children.

We look forward to seeing you at our next **Books for Breakfast** in the new calendar year on **Friday, January 30, 2026, at 8:15 AM** in the lunchroom!

A special thank you to Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation of coffee.

## **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

Next Friday, we will fly our flag at half-mast to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, recognized nationally on **Saturday, December 6**.

This day is dedicated to remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those we have lost to it. It is also a time to act. Achieving a Canada free from gender-based violence requires educating ourselves, supporting survivors through our actions, and speaking up against harmful behaviours. Together, we can work toward creating a safer and more equitable society.

## **Thunderbird Christmas Store – Thursday, December 11!**

On **Thursday, December 11**, we will hold our annual pop-up Thunderbird Christmas Store, giving students the opportunity to purchase gifts for their families. With the help of our amazing volunteer gift wrappers and the guidance of Ms. Kathy, students can choose holiday gifts for family and friends for \$1 per gift.

Proceeds from the store help fund our annual student pancake breakfast! Students can bring their money to their teacher anytime from now until **Thursday, December 11**. Please send children with a bag that day so they can take their presents home. **Maximum: \$5 per student**.

## **Introducing the Van Tech Chord Program!**

The Van Tech ChOrD (Choral Outreach and Development) program is an exciting new initiative designed to build a musical bridge between our feeder elementary schools and the vibrant choral community at Vancouver Technical Secondary. Meeting weekly on **Thursdays after school** in the Van Tech music room, this program offers **Grade 5 to 7** singers a chance to connect, learn, and grow through music. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/1YKNX8ee5P>

## **Next PAC Meeting – Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM**

Please join us for our second **PAC meeting** of the year on **Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM**. The PAC is a great way to get involved in your child's education and contribute to the school community.

The PAC's roles include:

- Promoting the education and welfare of students
- Encouraging parent involvement
- Advising the school on key matters
- Building a strong sense of community between school, home, and neighbourhood

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June and typically last about an hour. Childminding is available for school-aged Thunderbird students. We hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend,

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

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### Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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

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### Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call **604-713-5159 Ext. 81** or Email [tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca) by 9:00 AM.

**Please do not call the school office.**

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### 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](mailto:thunderbirdpac@gmail.com).

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

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