



# ᓄᓐᓄᓐᓄᓐ Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

December 5, 2025 / #14

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

Today we flew our flag at half-mast to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, recognized nationally tomorrow, **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 next Thursday 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.**

## 🏠 Vancouver School Board Updates Downtown Catchment Boundaries

The VSB has updated catchment boundaries in the downtown area to accommodate the new school in Coal Harbour, which has been named **Seaside Elementary School**. The school also carries gifted names from our host nations:

- **cəwəs** from xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam)
- **səlilwətał** from Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- **Ch'elxwá7elch Skwuláwtxw** from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation)

On November 26, 2025, the Board unanimously approved new catchment boundaries for the downtown area. These changes will take effect starting the 2026–2027 school year. For more details, read the full news release here:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/ci/p/85529>

## 🎁 Community Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, December 17

A reminder that on **Wednesday, December 17**, the Thunderbird Community Centre will be hosting its annual Community Christmas Dinner. This much-cherished event has been a tradition in our neighbourhood for years and is a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the season. Visit the Community Centre or see attached poster for more information.

## 🥞 Pancake Breakfast – Friday, December 19

On the last day of school, before winter break weekends, we will be hosting a pancake breakfast for our students put on by the Thunderbird Staff. Students are welcome to wear their festive PJs and bring a stuffy. We look forward to hosting for our students.

## 🗑️ Bottle Drive for Grade 7 Grads – Starts January 5, 2026!

When we return from winter break on **Monday, January 5, 2026**, PAC will be hosting a bottle drive in support of our Grade 7 graduates. Over the break, please save your clean refundable bottles and other refundable containers. Bring them to school in a clear plastic bag so they can be returned to our local Return-It depot.

Thank you for your support in helping make this a memorable year for our grads!

Lastly, important dates for 2025-2026 have been updated and are below.

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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## **1** Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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*
- **Wednesday, January 14, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Monday, January 12, 2026:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Friday, January 30, 2026:** *Book for Breakfast @ 8:15am in the Lunchroom*
- **Wednesday, February 4, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Friday, February 13, 2026:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Monday, February 16, 2026:** *Family Day Stat Holiday – No School*
- **Wednesday, February 25, 2026:** *Pink Shirt Day*
- **Friday, February 27, 2026:** *Book for Breakfast @ 8:15am in the Lunchroom*
- **Wednesday, March 4, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Monday, March 11, 2026:** *Report Card #2 Goes Home*
- **Monday, March 11, 2026:** *Family Learning Night 4-6pm*
- **Friday, March 13, 2026:** *Last Before Spring Break*
- **Monday, March 30, 2026:** *First Day Back from Spring Break*
- **Wednesday, April 1, 2026:** *Class Photo Day*
- **Wednesday, April 1, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Friday, April 3, 2026:** *Good Friday Stat Holiday – No School*
- **Monday, April 6, 2026:** *Easter Monday Stat Holiday – No School*
- **Monday, April 20, 2026:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Friday, April 24, 2026:** *Book for Breakfast @ 8:15am in the Lunchroom*
- **Wednesday & Thursday, April 29 & 30, 2026:** *Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 2:00pm*
- **Wednesday, May 6, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Thursday, May 7, 2026:** *The Big One at 2 PM – Earthquake Drill*
- **Friday, May 18, 2026:** *Victoria Day Stat Holiday – No School*
- **Tuesday, May 19, 2026:** *Sports Day*
- **Friday, May 29, 2026:** *Book for Breakfast @ 8:15am in the Lunchroom*
- **Wednesday, June 3, 2026:** *Bikefest*
- **Wednesday, June 3, 2026:** *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- **Wednesday, June 17, 2026:** *PAC Spring fair*
- **Thursday, June 18, 2026:** *Grade 7 Grad Ceremony*
- **Wednesday, June 24, 2026:** *Report Card #3 Goes Home*
- **Wednesday, June 24, 2026:** *Sunrise Park School Picnic*
- **Thursday, June 25, 2026:** *Last Day of School for Students*

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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, January 14, 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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