



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Black History Month: Learning, Reflection, and Celebration

As we enter February, Thunderbird will be recognizing and celebrating Black History Month. Each year, Black History Month has a specific theme that provides a meaningful focus for reflection and learning as we celebrate the many contributions of Black people to society.

The theme for Black History Month 2026 is *“30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow’s Visionaries.”* This theme celebrates three decades of Black History Month in Canada and recognizes the enduring legacy of Black Canadians, whose leadership, creativity, innovation and resilience have shaped our past, continue to influence our present, and will inspire future generations. It also invites each of us to reflect on our own connections to Black history, culture, and identity.

Throughout the month, students will have many opportunities to learn about and celebrate the important contributions of Black Canadians to our society. We invite all members of our community to join us in learning more about Black Canadians and the ways they continue to positively shape Canadian history.

Books for Breakfast

Thank you to the families who joined us for Books For Breakfast this morning. We encourage you to read with your children as much as possible outside of the school setting to normalize reading as a fun activity to do anywhere. Consider visiting the public library and reading together at home. We hope to see you at the next Books For Breakfast in February. As always, we thank Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation of coffee.

PAC Events on February 4, 2026

Please join us for our second **PAC meeting** of the year on **Wednesday, February 4th 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!

In addition, the PAC will be hosting a **morning coffee and treat gathering** at **8:40 AM** on **Wednesday, February 4** at the undercover area on the south side of the building, just outside our lunchroom. Stop by for a warm drink and a quick chat!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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
- **Tuesday, February 17, 2026:** Lunar New Year
- **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:** PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library
- **Friday, April 10, 2026:** Class Photo Day
- **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

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, February 4, 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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