



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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February 6, 2026 / #21

šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families,

We are now into February which is always a busy month with lots to acknowledge and celebrate; Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, Family Day and the beginning of Ramadan to name a few!

❤️ Valentine's Week: Celebrating Kindness

Valentine's Day is next Saturday, and we will be celebrating it throughout next week in various ways. Valentine's Day can have different meanings for different people. In our school context, it is about expressing love through kindness and provides an opportunity for students to show kindness toward everyone in their class, school, and families.

Teachers will be celebrating Valentine's Day within their classrooms in a variety of ways; all focused on reinforcing the importance of kindness to all.

🏀 Thunderbird Basketball Update

The Thunderbird basketball teams have reached the midway point of their seasons and have been showing tremendous commitment and teamwork. The teams have been working hard to learn new skills through their practices each week and continue to demonstrate great sportsmanship on and off the court. Way to go, Thunderbird! 🤘

📋 Intent to Return – 2026–27 School Year

Kindergarten to Grade 6 parents only: To help us plan for the 2026–27 school year, we need to know whether your child will be returning to Thunderbird in September 2026.

Please take a moment to complete our Intent to Return Form below to indicate your plans for next year:

👉 INTENT TO RETURN FORM HERE

Thank you for your support as we plan for the upcoming school year.

🍎 Hot Lunch Program Reminder

A friendly reminder to all families who access the Hot Lunch Program: please return your February Hot Lunch envelopes to the school as soon as possible.

These envelopes help us project the number of meals we need for the month, so returning them on time is very important. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Books For Breakfast in February. As always, we thank Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre for their generous donation of coffee.

📅 February Long Weekend Reminder

Next weekend will be an extra-long weekend for our students. There is a Professional Development Day on **Friday, February 13**, followed by the Family Day statutory holiday on **Monday, February 16**.

I hope you can spend time with loved ones and enjoy the company of family and friends. Please make any necessary childcare arrangements, as the school will be closed to students on these days.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews
Principal
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1 Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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
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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 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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