



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families,

I hope all enjoyed a restful Family Day this past weekend; it is always great to spend time with and give appreciation to those we love.

📅 Family Learning Night – March 11

Thunderbird staff, with help from the Thunderbird PAC, will be hosting a Family Learning Night on Wednesday, **March 11 from 4:00–6:00 pm.**

The evening will begin with an Indigenous Welcome from Maria Jacob, a teacher from the Squamish Nation and a Youth Program Coordinator at the Museum of Anthropology (MOA). Maria will also be running one of the learning stations, offering families an additional opportunity to engage with her knowledge and experience.

Following the welcome, families are invited to enjoy a variety of fun and engaging learning stations led by Thunderbird teachers in the gym.

At 5:15 pm, families are invited to the lunchroom for refreshments, including pizza 🍕.

We look forward to welcoming families for an evening of learning, connection, and community.

👉 [Please RSVP for this event here](#) - **Please only fill out one form per family**

❤️ Pink Shirt Day – February 25

On **Wednesday, February 25**, our school community will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day, a day dedicated to promoting kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day began in Canada and reminds us of the importance of creating a school environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued. It is an opportunity to talk with students about empathy, being an upstander, and the power of small actions to make a big difference.

We encourage all students and staff to wear a pink shirt on February 25 to show their support and commitment to kindness and caring within our school community.

📅 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. We are hoping to know family's intentions for next week.

Please take a moment to complete our [Intent to Return Form](#) below to indicate your plans for next year:

👉 [INTENT TO RETURN FORM HERE](#)

🌐 Thunderbird Community Centre – Spring & Summer Programs

Linked here is the [Thunderbird Community Centre's Spring and Summer Registration Guide](#), which includes a wide range of programs and camps for children and families.

Registration dates are as follows:

- **Catchment** – Sat, Feb 21, 9am (in-person only with proof of address) – **all programs**
- **General** – Sat, Mar 7, 9am (in-person/online); 12pm (phone) – **Spring & Summer**
- **General – Summer Camps** – Wed, Apr 8, 7pm (in-person/online); Thurs Apr 9, 10am (phone)

We encourage families to review the guide and note registration dates of interest.

📖🍳 Books for Breakfast

We look forward to seeing you next week at **Books for Breakfast on Friday, February 27 at 8:15 AM** in the lunchroom!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews

Principal

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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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*
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026:** *Sports Day*
- **Thursday, May 28, 2026:** *Superstars Assembly*
- **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, March 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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