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📅 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**

📖 Our Code of Conduct: A Shared Commitment

The importance of a Code of Conduct cannot be overstated for any organization—especially schools. While simply writing a code of conduct does not automatically change culture or behaviour, it serves as a road map for acceptable and respectful behaviour. It is something that must be created, taught, modelled, and revisited often.

Thunderbird's Code of Conduct is designed to promote socially responsible behaviour that contributes to a safe, caring, and orderly learning environment. It is intended to encourage cooperation, respect, and shared responsibility among all members of our school community—children and adults alike. Our Code of Conduct aligns with the District Code of Conduct and district-wide expectations, ensuring consistency and shared understanding across our schools.

We encourage families to review our Code of Conduct and discuss it at home as part of our ongoing partnership in supporting student well-being and a positive school culture.

👉 [Click here to visit our Code of Conduct](#)

🗓️ PAC Events on March 4, 2026

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

📖🍳 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.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews

Principal

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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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, 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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