



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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📅 Family Learning Night – March 11 – LAST CALL!

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

📖 VSB Library eBooks – Read Anytime, Anywhere – Even Over Spring Break 😊

The **VSB Library** offers a wide selection of **eBooks** that students can borrow and read on their digital devices at home or at school.

To access and read VSB eBooks, follow these steps:

1. Visit the **VSB Library website** and select **Thunderbird**.
2. Click **Destiny Discover** on the left side of the page.
3. Select **Login** in the top right corner.
4. Choose **Office 365 Login** and sign in using your school account.
5. Use the search bar to find a book or scroll down to browse the available **eBooks**.
6. When you find a book you like, select **Open**, then click **Borrow**.
7. Click **Go to Checkouts** and choose **Read (in your browser)**.

Students can now enjoy reading their eBook online using their school login.

We encourage families to explore this great resource to support reading at home.

📅👉 PAC Meeting Date Changes

Please note that our upcoming PAC meetings have been *rescheduled*:

- **April PAC Meeting:** moved from **April 1** to **April 8**
- **May PAC Meeting:** moved from **May 6** to **May 13**

Both meetings will begin at 6:00 PM in the school library. As always, childminding for school-aged children will be available, and we'll be providing a pizza dinner for families attending.

We hope to see everyone on **April 8** and **May 13**. Your participation and partnership are truly appreciated!

👁️ MSP Covers Kids' Eye Exams

All students in B.C. ages 0–18 get one MSP-covered eye exam every year—an important step to catch vision issues early and support learning. MSP pays \$47.08 toward the exam, but some clinics may charge extra, so it's good to ask about any additional cost when booking.

The school can help connect you with providers and explore funding options if needed so every student gets the care they need.

Strong vision supports strong learning. When students can see clearly, they are more confident, participate more fully, and face fewer barriers in their schoolwork. Annual eye exams can catch problems early—long before they become bigger challenges—this is something we really encourage all parents to take advantage of.

📅 District School Calendars

Our District has released the school calendars from 2026 to 2029 for families and the community to review. You can now view the full three-years of calendars set on the district website. [CALENDARS](#)

📄 Report Cards

Report Cards will be posted on Wednesday, March 11. This year, all teachers will be posting report cards on **SpacesEdu**, using the **same format we used in December.**

If you are not signed up on this platform, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher, who can guide you through the process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's report card, we encourage you to contact the classroom teacher directly.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Brad Toews

Principal

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Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **Wednesday, March 11, 2026:** Report Card #2 Goes Home
 - **Wednesday, March 11, 2026:** Family Learning Night 4-6pm
 - **Friday, March 13, 2026:** Last Day Before Spring Break
 - **Monday, March 30, 2026:** First Day Back from Spring Break
 - **Friday, April 3, 2026:** Good Friday Stat Holiday – No School
 - **Monday, April 6, 2026:** Easter Monday Stat Holiday – No School
 - **Wednesday, April 8, 2026:** PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library
 - **Friday, April 10, 2026:** Class Photo Day
 - **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
 - **Thursday, May 7, 2026:** The Big One at 2 PM – Earthquake Drill
 - **Wednesday, May 13, 2026:** PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library
 - **Friday, May 18, 2026:** Victoria Day Stat Holiday – No School
 - **Wednesday, May 20, 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](tel:604-713-5159) 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, April 8, 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](#)

VSB: After the Bell, Podcast

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