



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Spring Forward into the Final Term

As we head into Spring Break 2026, it's the perfect time to celebrate all the amazing things our students have been up to this term. They've thrown themselves into learning, connected with friends, and taken part in activities that have helped them grow—and it's been inspiring to watch our school community shine.

One of the real highlights was our Family Learning Night. What a fantastic evening! It was wonderful to see families, students, staff, and our PAC coming together to learn, explore, and have fun. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable event.

Spring always brings a sense of fresh energy, and we're excited to carry that momentum into our final term. After the break, our teachers will continue encouraging students to stretch themselves, try new things, and put their best effort into all areas of their learning. There's so much to look forward to as we "spring forward" into the months ahead!

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.

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](#)

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 you on **April 8** and **May 13**.

With that, have a safe and restful Spring Break and we look forward to seeing everyone when we return on **March 30**.

Brad Toews
Principal
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📅 Important Dates 2025 -2026

- **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*

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, 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](#)

VSBC: After the Bell, Podcast

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