



# šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Parent Teacher CSL Conferences

Our Parent Teacher CSL Conferences (Communicating Student Learning) will be held on **Wednesday, April 29** and **Thursday, April 30**, beginning at **2:00 PM**. Please note that both dates will be **early dismissal days** for students.

For these conferences, families will have the option of booking In-Person or Virtual TEAMS Meetings through our online bookings page: [ONLINE BOOKING \(Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 7 only\)](#)

**Booking information for Divisions 4, 5 and 6 will be sent directly to you by the classroom teacher.**

## Earth Week at Thunderbird

Next week, Thunderbird will recognize Earth Week from **Tuesday April 21 to Friday, April 24**. To help keep containers out of landfills and support strong recycling habits, we will be collecting refundable containers for the PAC's bottle drive fundraiser.

Families are encouraged to save their empties and send them to school in a clear plastic bag, if possible. All proceeds support our Grade 7 grads. Every container counts!

## Summer Day Camps – Royal Soccer Club

Royal Soccer Club offers Summer Day Camps for children ages 5–13 at various local locations during the summer months. The program has been operating for over 33 years.

The camps emphasize skill development, teamwork, confidence-building, and positive participation within a structured and supportive environment.

Program Information:

- **Program Name:** Royal Soccer Club Summer Day Camps
- **Ages:** 5–13 years
- **Dates:** Weekly sessions from **June 29 to September 4, 2026**
- **Locations:** [Click here for Vancouver location details](#)
- **Program Activities:** Soccer skill instruction, team games, and life and social skill development
- **Registration:** <https://royalsoccerclub.com/registration/>

## Books for Breakfast

We look forward to seeing you next week at **Books for Breakfast on Friday, April 24 at 8:15 AM** in the lunchroom!

Reading with our children is one of the most powerful ways to support their development. Research shows that children whose parents read to them daily are exposed to over 290,000 more words by the time they enter kindergarten—and that number can grow to over a million words with consistent reading. This exposure helps children build vocabulary and comprehension skills that support lifelong learning.

Starbucks Grandview Tech Centre will once again provide coffee for families to enjoy.

## April Professional Development Day Reminder

This weekend will be a long weekend for our students. There is a Professional Development Day on **Monday, April 20**. Please make any necessary childcare arrangements, as the school will be closed to students on this day.

Have a safe and restful long weekend.

Brad Toews  
Principal  
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### **📅 Important Dates 2025 -2026**

- **Monday, April 20, 2026:** *Professional Development Day – No School*
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2026:** *Earth Day*
- **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*
- **Tuesday, June 23, 2026:** *Final Report Card 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](mailto:tbrdattendance@vsb.bc.ca) by 9:00 AM.

***Please do not call the school office.***

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### **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, May 13, 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](mailto:thunderbirdpac@gmail.com).

PAC Information and meeting minutes can be found: [HERE](#)

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### **VSB: After the Bell, Podcast**

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