



# šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Parent Teacher CSL Conferences

A reminder that next week is our Parent Teacher CSL Conferences, **Wednesday, April 29** and **Thursday, April 30**, beginning at **2:00 PM**. Please note that both dates will be **early dismissal days** for students.

If you are yet to sign up, please use 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.**

## McHappy Day – Wednesday, May 6

Wednesday, May 6 is McHappy Day, McDonald's annual fundraiser supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities and local children's charities. Thanks to the generosity of Gowling WLG, every student will be provided with a Happy Meal lunch.

Students may choose a 4-piece Chicken McNuggets, Cheeseburger, or Lettuce & Tomato Snack Wrap Happy Meal. Families who do not wish to participate should inform their child's teacher and send an alternate lunch. Teachers will collect student choices by April 24.

## Asian Heritage Month – May

As we enter May, we recognize Asian Heritage Month, an opportunity to celebrate the many contributions Canadians of Asian descent have made—and continue to make—to Canada's growth and prosperity. This month also invites all Canadians to learn more about the rich cultures and histories that have helped shape Canada and Vancouver into the vibrant community we share today. There are many events taking place throughout Vancouver during this month of celebration, and we hope you have the opportunity to take part and learn more.

## School Organization for 2025–2026

As we approach the end of the school year, staff are beginning conversations around school and class organization for the 2026–2027 school year. Creating class groupings is a complex, thoughtful process that considers many factors, including academic progress, individual learning styles, student relationships and interactions, learning needs, class balance, and insights from the educational professionals who work closely with your child.

If parents or guardians have specific and relevant information about their child's learning style or school relationships that would be helpful for the school to consider, you are welcome to email your child's teacher or the administration at [thunderbird@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:thunderbird@vsb.bc.ca) by Friday, May 29. Please note that the school does not accept requests for placement with specific teachers.

## Books for Breakfast

Thank you for joining us for Books for Breakfast today! Our next and final event of the year will take place on May 29 at 8:15 a.m. in the lunchroom. We hope to see you there!

As always, we extend our sincere thanks to 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 & 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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