



šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary School

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October 2026 News

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh | (Squamish) and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)

Principal: Sharon Vieira

Director of Instruction: Amy Van Vliet

Trustee: Alfred Chien

Superintendent: Helen McGregor

PAC Chair: Amber Morgan

PAC Vice Chair: Laura White

October 2026

Dear šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Students enjoyed the Terry Fox run on October 2, thank you so much for the parent volunteers who supported the run!

Cross Country

Thank you to Mr. Lai, for volunteering his time to coach the grade 4 to 7 students in Cross Country this year. Mini meets are on Thursdays after school and the district wide meet at Trout Lake is on Tuesday October 20th in the afternoon.

October 20 and 21 Student Learning Conferences and 2:00pm early dismissal

Our CSL Conferences (Communicating Student Learning) will be held on **Tuesday October 20th** and **Wednesday October 21st**, 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 please click on this link: [ONLINE BOOKING](#) to book your meeting with our teachers (Divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 only)

Booking information for Divisions 3 will be sent directly to you by the classroom teacher.

Our school code of conduct at šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird Elementary

We are Safe and Respectful

- **To ourselves**
- **To Others**
- **To the Environment**

This Fall we are focusing on ways to be Safe with each other at School. Students are working on moving through the school with safe bodies, playing safely on the playground and asking an adult for help when there is a problem they are unable to solve on their own. We had a school wide challenge for students to earn 65 positive behaviour Safety recognition tickets as a whole school team to earn an extra afternoon recess where all the staff and students go outside to play. Our students have already earned 98 tickets and surpassed the goal we set! We are working on the date to go outside and play together.

Thank you for your support and feedback. Our staff team appreciates the connection and collaboration with our families to support student learning, success and joy each day.

Sincerely,

Sharon Vieira, Principal, šxʷəxʷaʔəs Thunderbird School
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Rainy Day Clothing



Please help us to ensure your child tucks a raincoat/umbrella into their backpack every day **even if** it is sunny to start the day. Rain or shine we go outside for recess and lunch every day. As you know the weather in Vancouver can quickly change and it is difficult for any student to sit inside with wet clothes for the day.

October Halloween Activities **Friday October 30, 2026**



Dress up for Halloween

Students and Staff are invited to come to school dressed up in a Halloween costume of their choice. Please remember to keep toy weapons and fairy wands that might get lost or used inappropriately at home please.

Halloween Parade in our Gym from 9:15am to 10:15am, parents invited

All of our classes will gather in the gym for a Halloween parade. Parents are welcome to join us by sitting on the benches at the back of the gym or standing on the outsides. Each class will take a turn on the inside of the gym showing their costumes to us with some groovy Halloween tunes.

Halloween Stations

The Thunderbird Community Centre will partner with us again this year to offer fun Halloween activities for our younger grades. Our older students from division 1 with Mr. Lai will help to run these stations from 1-2:45pm.

School Permission form packages were sent home earlier in September.

Please remember to send back the package of permission forms to your child's teacher.

School Fees

Any family who is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact Ms. Vieira for support from the school scvieira@vsb.bc.ca to wave school fees or seek additional assistance.

School Fees should be paid online through the KEV payment system. We do understand that using cash online might be problematic for some families and you are sending cash to the school. Please make sure that cash is put in an envelope or bag with your child's name on it. If you visit our school website at and then click on the pay school fees icon <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>



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Pay Fees

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The next PAC Meeting is on **Thursday November 5** in the school library and online starting at 6:00pm and going to 7:00pm.

There will be pizza and grade 7 leaders offering babysitting and a movie in the classroom beside the library. **All parents/caregivers are welcome, please RSVP at thunderbirdpac@gmail.com!**

Please enter through the door near the gymnasium by the intermediate undercover area.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81461317584?pwd=tbyJ9HdJ0xata7tZtreEl4lacG9x32.1>

Meeting ID: 814 6131 7584

Passcode: 175846

Thank you to our PAC Executive:

PAC Chair: Amber Morgan Co-Chair : Laura White

Secretary: Blake Frederick

Treasurer: Lindsay Hood Co-Treasurer: vacant

Fundraising Coordinators: Ruby Wong & Chad Iverson

Email: thunderbirdpac@gmail.com

2026 2027 PAC Meeting Dates on Thursdays, from 6:00-7:00pm

- November 5, 2026
- December 3, 2026
- January 4, 2027
- February 4, 2027
- March 4, 2027
- April 1, 2027
- May 6, 2027
- June 3, 2027
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To view the minutes of a meeting, please go to the "[PAC Minutes](#)" channel.



Thunderbird
Community Centre

OPEN GYM

FRIDAYS

PRE-TEENS 9 - 12 YRS

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

FREE DROP - IN,
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**Thunderbird Preschool has
spaces for the afternoon!**

Thunderbird Preschool has spaces available in the Afternoon Class for children born in 2022-23.

Monday to Thursday
from 12:15 - 3:00 pm

Only \$112 per month (can be FREE with your Affordable Child Care Benefit)

For more information, please drop by the preschool anytime,
or contact Andrea:
thunderbird.preschool@vancouver.ca604-713-1827.

October 2026  						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 PAC mtg in library & on zoom 6:00-7:00pm	9 Grade 6 immunizations	10
11 School Closed Thanksgiving	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Trout Lake Cross Country Meet 2pm Early dismissal Parent teacher conferences	21 2pm Early dismissal Parent teacher conferences	22	23 Pro D Day No school For students	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween parade 9:15-10:00am Gym Parents welcome	31

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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Indigenous Veterans Day	9	10 Remembrance Day Assembly	11 Remembrance Day 🍷 School Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Professional Development Day School Closed	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					