



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

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Thank You Taylor Park Families

The Taylor Park community once again showed amazing generosity over the last month!



- Thank you so much to all of the families who attended our first Multicultural dinner! It was lovely to see so many people enjoying food from different cultures! The entertainment was wonderful. Special thank you to World Dance Company, Axe Capoeira and all the brave student performers. Thank you to the Parent Advisory Council for their hard work in organizing such a welcoming community event! **The next PAC Meeting will be Friday, April 1, at 9:15 a.m. in the Staffroom.**

Thank you Jump Rope Donators! Almost \$3200.00 dollars were raised for the BC Heart and Stroke Association thanks to many Taylor Park families!!! Way to go! The prizes have just arrived and once they are sorted by division, students will be receiving them. A big shout out again to the Grade 4/5 Leadership Council, Ms. Long, Ms. Civitarese, Ms D'Agnolo, Ms. Hasebe, and all Taylor Park staff for your support to this important cause.

Intermediate Basketball Teams



The Grade 6/7 girls' basketball team finished off a great season at the Recreational Play Day on February 25th. We took two teams to the play day and played a total of 6 games. Our girls won 2 games and tied a 3rd game. We were proud to see our girls cheering for both their own team and their opponents! Wonderful job girls, see you next season!

Congratulations to the Grade 6/7 Boys on their very successful season. The boys were undefeated in league play and performed very well at both the recreational and competitive tournaments. They should be very proud of their hard work and commitment to the team. The boys displayed a strong work ethic and their play improved significantly over the course of the season. Their sportsmanship was a credit to our school. Good luck to all those players moving on and we are looking forward to having all the Grade 6s back next season.

Grade 7 Public Speaking Contest



Divisions 1-6 participated in the Burnaby Public Speaking Competition. We were busy writing and practicing speeches on the topic, "What if...". In this contest, we can send two of Grade 7's to the Burnaby zone finals. Our school finalists were Sasha Carr and Tess Coleman. They did a fantastic job. As in past years, we hosted the zone finalists in our Library.



Farewell

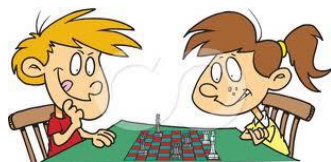
Ms Rai will be going on Maternity Leave at the end of March. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing of the birth of her baby! We welcome Ms Allison Tze who will teach Division 21 until the end of June, replacing Ms. Adema Romano who also went on Maternity Leave. And finally a farewell to our night time custodian Mr. Roman Siuda who has retired.

Famous Author Visits Taylor Park!

This Fall, Shane Peacock visited with the grade 5s, 6s, and 7s in the Taylor Park Library. He spoke about his contribution to The Seven Series, as well as his young Sherlock Holmes series. Since his visit, his books *Last Message*, *Eye of the Crow*, and *The Dragon Turn* have been flying off the library shelves. This April, a local author, Amanda Spottiswoode, will be visiting with the grade 3s and 4s. Her adventure book, *Brother Xlls Treasure*, is set in 1936. It is about a group of children sailing to the islands in the Georgia Strait in search of treasure. We are grateful to our PAC for their support of our school's author visits.



Chess Club



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The Taylor Park chess Team won the fifth place in the Championship section of the BC Elementary School Team Championship last May. Most of the team members have been playing regularly in the monthly Sunday afternoon tournaments organized by local candidate master Henry Chiu held at Tommy Douglas Library and in the Metrotown area. If your child is in grade 3 or above, knows the basic checkmates and is interested in playing in these events, please contact Mr. Chiu at knightmares64@gmail.com. Free event will be held on May 29th. There are also other events in Metrotown on Sunday, March 20 and April 24 with a small entry fee. For details, please see the flyers at <http://www.chess.bc.ca>

Upcoming School Clubs need your donations!

Ms. B's Garden Club

- Herbs and flowering perennials/bulbs as you clean up and divide your gardens this spring (please label)
- Large pots/flower boxes for container planting
- Clippers, gloves, shovels, hoses, sprinkler heads, hose boxes for outside storage, tall tool box
- Black landscaping materials (stops growth but allows water through)

Busy Bee's Knitting Club

- Chunky yarn of varying colours (the chunkier the better)
- Googly eyes, pom-poms
- Large beads

Gamer's Club/Canada Scores

- Gently used board games and cards
- Small whiteboards

Track Season begins in April

All grade 4 -7 students are invited to join the Taylor Park Track Team. Your child should listen to the morning announcements for information about how to join! This is a great opportunity for students to participate in a District sponsored sport. They will travel to Swangard Stadium for two after school meets and participate in the day long District Meet in May. Taylor Park's Track Team has grown in strength and numbers over the last few years and the Track season is a highlight for many students and staff each year!

Report Cards

Our Term 2 report cards will be sent home during the week of March 7th. Our students have worked really hard to continue on their learning journey. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher about their progress, please contact them directly through a note in the planner, a phone call to the school or via email.

Dress for the Rain



Spring in Vancouver can be very rainy and blustery! Our children will be going out to play in light rain and there are often a lot of puddles around the school. Please help your child to stay dry by ensuring that they come to school in a waterproof jacket. Boots are also a great idea! Younger children should have a change of clothes at school so that they can change if necessary.

Registration for September 2016

If you have a child who was born in 2011, please be sure to register him/her for kindergarten. Please pass this information along to other parents that you might know in our neighbourhood. All the registration information is on our school website.

Vancouver Symphony Connects

We are thrilled to be participating in our second year of this partnership with the symphony orchestra.



Divisions 13- 16 had the privilege of going to a concert at the Orpheum Theatre to hear the orchestra in person. They had a wonderful time....here are some of Division 15's responses to the experience:

- I learned that music can tell a story and it can also speak. (Caitlin)
- Music makes me feel joyful. (Dorian)
- I learned that music could fill a whole house. (Winona)
- Thank you for the breath taking music in the Orpheum Theatre! (Faran)

The Burnaby School District invites applications for the above casual, on-call positions: Student Supervisors provide support for students during the lunch break, ensuring student safety in and around our schools and work during the school lunch break period of 70 minutes. Crossing Guards provide support for students arriving/departing from school and work one hour before school and one hour after school

Applicants for these positions will have a Grade 12 education and demonstrated ability and experience in working with children. Applicants must be available to work throughout the District when school is in session.

Applications can be submitted to:

Human Resources Department
Burnaby School District
5325 Kincaid Street
Burnaby BC V5G 1W5
applications@sd41.bc.ca

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burnaby Baseball Association

Youth baseball program for boys and girls between 4 and 18 years of age will be holding their last in-person registration Sunday, March 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Kensington Arena, Community Room (in the rink upstairs). For registration details please visit www.burnabybaseball.com

COME AND JOIN the release of 50,000 Chum Salmon into Eagle Creek

Saturday April 9, 2016

10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Charles Rummel Park Bby at Government Rd and Lozells

PARTICIPATE IN Hands on Chum Release (Starting at 11:00 am until all chum released)

Educational handouts Drain Marking Information