



# Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

November 2015

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## Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day assembly was very meaningful and we thank Divisions 4, 5, 9 and 10 and their teachers for the hard work and thought that they put into planning the agenda and making special presentations. The singing and poetry added to the serious and respectful tone of our assembly. Thank you, parents and students, for your generous donations to our veterans!

## CAPOEIRA

From November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, our students participated in Capoeira lessons. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian Martial Art form that combines music, self-defense, dance acrobatics and physical conditioning as well as Brazilian music. Our students enjoyed the active and energetic sessions! Thanks to all of our parents and Parent Advisory Council for supporting this program.

## Report Cards

Report cards for the first term will be sent home during the week of November 30th. Please use the opportunity to celebrate your child's success and improvements. It is so important that families acknowledge their children's achievements and set realistic goals as they continue their learning journey. Classes will be **dismissed early on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>** for report card conferences. These meetings are by the request of either the teacher or parent. If you wish to set up an appointment, please contact the teacher directly by phone, note or email. Staff email addresses are found on the school website at <http://taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca/>





## **School Photos**

**Your child's school picture is available online.**

Simply go to [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) to view your school pictures. Use the Portrait ID & Access Code on your proof sheet to claim your school pictures online; otherwise send your order in by November 18, 2015. Late orders must be handled by the parents directly with Lifetouch.

Reminder – photo retakes will be November 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## **Leadership**

After enjoying a spirited We Day celebration, intermediate leadership students demonstrated their understanding of the sacrifices of our Veterans' by giving up something they cherish for the first 10 days of November. Students voluntarily gave up a wide variety of things including TV, Video games, iPads, as well as sweets and treats. They wrote down their pledge on poppies that are displayed at the entrance to Pod 2.

## **Read to Succeed**

The Vancouver Giants Read to Succeed program was another success. After completing a two week reading and exercise program, almost 100 members of the Taylor Park community-students, parents and staff enjoyed watching the Vancouver Giants face off against the Kamloops Blazers on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Although the result of the game was a little disappointing, everyone who participated had a good time.

## **Taylor Park's Winter Concert**

The Winter concert this year will be on December 15 for Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 25 and on December 16 for Divisions 2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 22 and 24. The matinee performances will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Band performance dates will be announced later. Parents, guardians and friends are encouraged to come to the matinee performances – no tickets are needed. Each family will receive two tickets for the evening performances the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Extra tickets will be available on a first come, first serve basis the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **Taylor Park Canned Food Drive**

The Canned Food Drive has begun. Children can drop canned goods into the classroom labelled box. We will continue the drive until mid-December. Thank you again for your contributions towards feeding needy Burnaby families.

### **Taylor Park Annual Winter Coat Drive**

Have you got any good quality used hooded and waterproof coats and jackets that might make someone's winter a little warmer? Drop them off in the large box that will be located outside the office beginning for the two first weeks of December. Good quality used hats and mittens are also welcome. Let's show Burnaby our warmth this winter.



### **CHESS CLUB**

The Taylor Park Chess Team won the fifth place trophy in the Championship section of the BC Elementary School Team Championship last May. Most of the team members have been playing regularly in the free tournaments held at Tommy Douglas Library on Sunday afternoons which are organized by local candidate chess master Henry Chiu. If your child plays chess and is interested in playing in these events, please contact Mr. Chiu at <mailto:knightmares64@gmail.com>. The next event will be on Sun., Nov. 29. For details, please see the flyer at: <http://www.chess.bc.ca/>

### **Parent Advisory Council**

- December 8: Family gingerbread house event. More details will follow
- December 9: Annual pancake breakfast for the kids. Parent helpers will be needed. Info to follow.
- No PAC meeting in December due to the busy holiday events
- The PAC is requesting gently used board games if parents have any gathering dust. We will go through and inspect them and distribute to each pod for inside days.
- We are looking a parent from each class to act their class representative to help the PAC when needed. Great way to get to know other parents, help your child's teacher and support your child's education. Please email us at [taylorparkpac@gmail.com](mailto:taylorparkpac@gmail.com) if you are interested

## Community Announcements

### Christmas with the Horses

In celebration of the Christmas season, Burnaby Horsemen's Association is holding their 14th Annual Open House – Sunday, December 6, 2015 for the public, members, friends and all horse enthusiasts. Come early – stay all day! There is NO FEE to attend our function - non-perishable food items for the Burnaby Food Bank will be accepted. Please dress warmly.

**Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 10 AM to 3 PM Burnaby Equestrian Centre, 9080 Avalon Avenue (off Cariboo Road) FREE PARKING in the main Regional Park parking lot**

### EVENTS

- Horse demonstrations throughout the day
- Lead Line Pony Rides
- Displays and Craft Tables
- Mr. & Mrs. CLAUS arrive for the "LITTLE ONES" at noon

**NOTE: CONCESSION AND RAFFLE TICKETS ARE CASH ONLY**

For information call: 604-421-6681 or [www.burnabyhorsemensassociation.com](http://www.burnabyhorsemensassociation.com)

### ***Kidz Club Art Night at the BAG (Burnaby Art Gallery)***

Ages: 7 to 12 Years     Fee: 1 session \$16

Different theme's each month. Pre-registration required.

### **Geometric Shapes – 374597**

Thursday     Nov-26-2015 6:30PM - 8:30PM     Fireside Room - Burnaby Art Gallery

### **Abstract Portraits – 374613**

Thursday     Jan-21-2016 6:30PM - 8:30PM     Fireside Room - Burnaby Art Gallery

**In the BAG: A FREE Family Event** For all ages     free drop-in (registration encouraged).

Su Dec 13: 1-4 pm **Layering Colour**     381878