



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

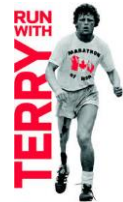
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Terry Fox

The 35th Annual Terry Fox Fundraiser was a big success! **\$733.25 was raised thanks to the generous donations of staff, students and the community!** We thank you very much for your donation money and for taking part in the annual Terry Fox Run. A special thank you to the Grade 4/5 Leadership Council for a job well done. This is such an important cause and we all hope a cure for each type of cancer is eventually found.



Traffic Concerns



Thank you very much to the many parents who show respect for our community by following the parking and stopping regulations around our school. We are greatly concerned about the safety of all of our children as they make their way through the parking lot and across the street.

- **Do not park in our staff's parking stalls**
- **Park only in marked spaces** in the parking lot. Cars parked in the middle of the lot prevent other cars from leaving and make it really hard to see small children walking in the lot.
- **Do not stop in the cul-de-sac.** You must park down Mission Ave or on Southpoint Drive and walk to the school to meet your children.
- **Use the crosswalk to cross Mission Avenue.**

Please help us to create a safe environment outside our school. The best way to help is to walk to school. Get great exercise, enjoy some special time with your child and help to reduce the traffic around Taylor Park.

Individual school pictures

Your child's photo will be taken at school on **Thursday, October 29th**. Please look for the flyer and be sure to select your pose and



send the flyer back on October 29th.

Family Photo Night

The Parent Advisory Council has once again organized this popular event for **Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:45 p.m.** \$20.00 sitting fee goes to the school and you receive a free 8x10 photo. Please see the flyer that will be sent home for details.

Professional Development Day

Please remember that **school is closed for students on Friday, October 23rd** as teachers throughout B.C. attend workshops and conferences designed to enhance their professional practice.

Halloween at Taylor Park

We will celebrate Halloween on **Friday, October 30th**. Students are invited to wear their costumes to school (some teachers may request that they are worn in the afternoon only). Please remember that costumes should be non-violent and all pretend weapons should be left at home. Parents are very welcome to come at lunch and see all of our creative costumes (you might like to dress up as well!).



Taylor Park Intermediate Choir

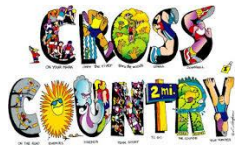
This choir is open to intermediate students who are enthusiastic about singing! The choir performs regularly at school concerts, assemblies, special holiday performances as well as the annual District Intermediate Choir Festival. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at lunch time with Ms. Chang.



Rock Band Club

Students in grades 6 and 7 who loves to rock & roll or jam with the band, this is the club for you! Students who are interested in collaboration work as well as solo opportunities are welcome to sign up for an audition at the end of October. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at lunch with Ms. Chang.

Athletics



Athletics at Taylor Park is up and running with our Cross Country team. We have attended several meets at Burnaby Lake and our coaches, Mr. MacDonald and Ms. Wakeling, are very pleased with our runners. Grade 6 and 7 boys and girls can look forward to starting our school volleyball program very soon. We have Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Woo coaching the girls' team and Mr. Petroski and Ms. Tanahara coaching our boys. This year, Mrs. Cheng is our girls' team manager. We will share some league highlights as the season progresses. We are hoping for a big turnout from our grade 6 and 7's to join the team!

Gold and Silver Medal Swimmer at Taylor Park

Congratulations to Amy Kang in Division 9 for her outstanding achievement at the BC Summer Games in August. Amy won one gold and two silver medals at the games. The two silver medals were for her individual effort for the 50m backstroke and the second medal was for the 100m freestyle. As well, Amy was a member of the gold winning relay team in both the 200 free relay and the 200 medley relay. In both relays the team broke the provincial record set in 1983. We should all be proud of Amy and her dedication to her sport. She is at the pool every day at 5:30 a.m. Practice and commitment lead to success.



Celebration of Learning Assembly

The assembly will take place Monday, October 26th at from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the school gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

The next meeting is on **Friday, November 6th at 9:15 a.m.**

Grade 4/5 Leadership

The November Canned Food Drive

The Grade 4/5 Leadership Council is operating the annual Canned Food Drive throughout the month of November. If you are able to donate any non-perishable items, please send them with your child to their classroom between November 2 - 30. We thank you in advance for helping those in need during the cold winter months.

DECEMBER WINTER COAT/HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

The Grade 4/5 Leadership Council is overseeing a December COAT/HAT/MITTEN drive for those in need in our community. Good quality used warm/hooded/waterproof coats and jackets, hats and mittens will be accepted from December 1-17 whether for children or adults. Have a look in your closets early and see if you have one of these items to donate. Let's keep the community warm throughout the winter season.



Grade 6/7 Leadership

Grade 6/7 Leadership is gearing up for another year. Students will be focusing on making positive changes to their school, their community and the world. Once again, Taylor Park will be sending a group of students to Vancouver's We Day on October 21st.

We Day empowers young people to change the world. It is a celebration of youth making a difference in their local and global communities. We Day nurtures compassion and gives young people the tools and the inspiration to take social action and transform lives—including their on.

This year students will get a chance to see astronaut Chris Hadfield, author Spencer West, Olympians Silkin Laumann and Spencer O'Brian, and hear a host of musical acts.

