



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

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Dates to Remember ...

October 3 – November 25 Annual Canned Food Drive
Tuesday, October 4 Entertainment Books and Payments returned to School
Wednesday, October 5 Student Photos
Monday, October 10 Thanksgiving Holiday - School closed
Tues. Oct. 18 – Thurs. Oct. 20 Family Photo Nights
Thursday Oct. 20 PAC Sponsored Pizza Hot Lunch
Friday, October 21 Provincial Professional Development Day – School closed
Friday, October 28 (9:15 am) PAC Meeting – All Parents Welcome
Friday, October 28 (6:45 pm) Family Movie Night (sponsored by PAC)
Nov. 4 – Nov. 18 Film-Making Workshops for all Students
Thursday, November 10 (10 am) Remembrance Day Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Friday, November 11 Remembrance Day Holiday
Friday, November 25 District Professional Development Day – School closed

(See our website at taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca for the full year's schedule)

What Makes a Great School?

As the new principal, I have enjoyed meeting many students, staff and parents in my first month here. I have been impressed by the many parents that have come to our Parents as Partners meetings and the number of parents attending our recent PAC meeting. I have worked in a variety of schools in several school districts and at the Elementary, Middle School, High School and University levels. I have found that every school is unique because of the type of students that attend and the community where it is located.

To help me understand this school and the community, I have asked students, staff and parents to write down the things they are proud about over the past few years here and what their goals are for the coming year. It's obvious that there is a great deal of passion for and pride in our school!

The most common area that people wrote about was the development of positive and caring relationships among staff, students and parents. The next most common theme was the development of students, not only academically, but also in their social and emotional skills.

I look forward to continuing to get to know our community and finding ways to work together to continue to support and develop positive and caring relationships and the development of our students in their academic and social-emotional skills.

Hal Wall (Principal)

New Secretary At Taylor Park m☺

We want to welcome Mariana Chow as our new school secretary. She has worked in the district in a variety of secretarial positions and will now be calling Taylor Park Home.

Annual Canned Food Drive (Oct. 3 – Nov. 25)

Once again the Grade 4/5 leadership council will oversee a school-wide canned food drive with all donations going to feed needy families. Our donations will be sent to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank who will in turn distribute it to the local community agencies. Send donations via your child to their classroom as we did last year. We thank you in advance for your support and canned food donation. The Top Five Items needed by families supported by food banks are: Peanut Butter, Beans in Sauce, Canned Fish, Canned Fruit and Cold Cereal.

Taylor Park Reading Club 2016 Launches October 3rd!

The Taylor Park Reading Club has been in existence for twelve years! This year we will be trying something new, with the first form (blue) being only 20 Nights, so that ALL our students can participate. Reading is one of the most important skills a student can develop, as it affects many other areas of learning. Research shows that students cannot increase their knowledge with insufficient reading levels (Erginer). "Reading and writing abilities ... help us think, understand, and be aware (Earle). We recommend that parents help their children to read DAILY at least fifteen minutes a day. Parents are encouraged to read to or with their children, as children who see their parents read are more likely to read. This can be in English or in the language spoken at home.

Every day, parents are asked to initial the reading club form, if the child has done his/her reading. Once the form is completed, please send the form back, and your child will receive the next form. There are 4 forms in all, each a different colour, and each with a different due date. Forms can be returned after the due date, but not before.

Students will receive a small prize for each completed and signed form. Please make sure your child's form has his or her full name and division printed clearly. Thank you and keep reading!

Ms. Zimmerschied, teacher-librarian

Hot Lunch Update from Assistant Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, we have a new vendor supplying lunches for the School Meal Program. As we transition into the program with the new caterer, we are in contact with them every day to ensure everything is as smooth as possible.

We have been made aware of a food quality issue requiring a last minute menu change on Wednesday, September 21st. It is unfortunate we were unable to serve the hamburgers that were on the menu that day. We did, however, offer a cheese portion, bun, cucumbers & dip as well as milk.

Our collective goal is to provide a nutritional meal for your child each day. We appreciate your understanding, and we expect to resolve any issues that come with new processes very soon.

Roberto Bombelli - Assistant Superintendent

Terry Fox Update

On behalf of the Grade 4/5 leadership Council, Thank you to all the Terry Fox donations! The school raised a total of \$845.70! Let's hope a cure for all types of cancers happens soon.

Movie Night October 28th Sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee(PAC)

Our PAC is offering families a chance to view a movie together for \$2 per family – Pay at the Door. Come with your snacks and meet some of the other parents and students! Movie title is currently under discussion and will be announced at the school and on our website.

Please Don't Send Birthday Treats or Goodie Bags for the Class on Your Child's Birthday

Birthdays are important for students but we ask that treats and goodie bags not be sent to school. We have fifteen students with life threatening allergies so those students don't feel included when they can't have what their classmates are having. When goodie bags are handed out it causes problems for those students whose families can't afford or don't want to give goodie bags. We want all our students to feel included and appreciate your support for this.

Rainy Days

Please check the weather and make sure your child is dressed accordingly. Classes often go outside for physical activity or for class work. Students will go outside for recess and lunch if it is raining or snowing and will only have an inside day if the weather is extreme.

Hot Lunch Sign Up Deadlines

Each month we place our order for the number of hot meals we will receive on the 15th. This means that we need to receive orders on or before the 15th. We have been able to have a little bit of leeway the first month as our new supplier gave a little larger portions than we needed but as our vendor adjusts, we will need to become firm about this deadline. We understand some students may be absent and they may not pick up or give parents the monthly notice so if you think making the monthly deadline on the 15th, you may want to pay online or give post-dated cheques to the school so that you don't miss out.

Parents as Partners

Thanks to the many families that made time to come to our Parents as Partners meetings. Your comments have helped us to understand your child and, by working together, help your child to be as successful as possible.

Sign-up For Email Updates of School News

As of October first, we have just over 130 parents receiving updates on school news because they entered their email on our school's website. We will not be having a listserve this year. News and event updates are available by e-mail only by signing up on our school's website at <http://taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca/>

Taylor Park Chess Team

"The Taylor Park Chess Team placed sixth 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 monthly Sunday afternoon tournaments organized by local candidate master Henry Chiu held at Tommy Douglas Library. 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 <mailto:knightmares64@gmail.com>. Future events will be held on Sun., Oct. 16, Nov. 20 & Dec. 18. For details, please see the flyer at: <http://www.chess.bc.ca/> "

Looking For Child Care? Let The YMCA Child Care Resource & Referral Help!

We provide families with child care information & referrals to local facilities. From explaining your options to assisting with child care subsidy processes, we're here to help! Contact us at: Metrotown Community Resource Centre, 4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby, BC, 604.294.1109 www.gv.ymca.ca

Love The Water? Check Out Water Polo!

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our program runs from Sept to April. Practices are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays from 5-7 pm. Games are played on Sundays with locations to be announced. Not sure if you'd like it? Come give the game a try. Boys and girls are invited to join us for a free introductory water polo clinic on Saturday, October 1 or 8 from 5 to 7 pm. Please reserve a spot as space is limited. Contact Zoran Maletic at 778-328-2657 or email contact@burnabywaterpolo.com for more information or visit www.burnabywaterpolo.com

Burnaby Caprice Synchronized Swim Club

Burnaby Caprice Synchro offers synchronized swimming programs for all levels of athletes, for younger boys and girls just learning the sport to those competing on the national level. Synchronized swimming is a wonderful mix of swimming, music, dance, gymnastics and drama. It develops water orientation, balance and aquatic skills. Synchro also promotes cardiac, respiratory and muscular fitness while focusing on improving the athlete's strength, power, endurance and flexibility. We are having a FREE come-try-synchro at Eileen Daily Pool on Wednesday, October 5 from 730-830 pm. To register for this program contact Eileen Daily Pool. The next 10 session come-try-synchro starts on October 8. For more information go to our website or e-mail the club info@bcssc.org - <http://www.bcssc.org>

Don't Wait —Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

Oct. 9-15, 2016 is Fire Prevention Week. Please Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

