



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

September 2016

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Vice-Principal Vicki Moro
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Dates to Remember ...

Friday, September 23..... Terry Fox Run, 1:00 pm – Parents welcome
Monday, September 26 – Thursday, September 29..... Book Fair
Tuesday, September 27..... PAC Meeting – 7:00pm - Library
Thursday, September 28-29 1:45 dismissal for Parents as Partners Conferences
Friday, September 30..... Revised Curriculum Professional Development Day – School closed
Wednesday, October 5 Student Photos
Monday, October 10..... Thanksgiving Holiday - School closed
Friday, October 21..... Professional Development Day – School closed
(See our website at taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca for the full year's schedule)

Welcome Back!

On behalf of our staff, I would like to welcome all new and returning students to Taylor Park for the 2016/2017 school year. We are looking forward to a great year together. I am looking forward to getting to know students and staff in our community. Hal Wall (Principal)

Opening Week and Placement in Classes for the Year

This week our students will be learning about Healthy Living as they get back into school routines. Students will be in their classes from last year until our new organization and classes are set up. We hope to assign students to classes by Tuesday, September 13.

Taylor Park classroom teachers, learning support teachers, education assistants, support staff and the principal and vice-principal put a great deal of thought into organizing classes that will provide nurturing, productive learning environments. A number of criteria are considered such as: academic needs, maturity, attitude, behaviour, friendships, and leadership qualities. We also try to balance the number of boys and girls. With these guidelines in mind, children are grouped into classes. We strive for balanced classes at every grade level. There is further information about how we choose students and grade configurations on our web site.

Welcome to New Staff

Welcome to our new staff members: Mr. Wall (Principal), Mr. Ryan (Head Teacher), Ms. Escueta (Music), Classroom Teachers: Ms. Bathurst, Ms. Doornbosch, Ms. Sather, Ms. West, Ms. Laity, Ms. Dunnett, Ms. Ko, Ms. Sather, Educational Assistants: Ms. Doyle, Mr. Ma, Ms. Milojkovic, Ms. Solteiro. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful additions to our school! Our secretary for many years, Ms. Hajek, has gone to Glenwood to be the secretary there. We are in the process of hiring a new secretary

Parents as Partners

Students from grades 1 – 7 will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28th and Thursday, September 29th to enable parents and teachers to meet. Please sign up from our school web site. Further information that will be sent home next week.

Events and Sign-up

Upcoming events and information are posted on our school's website, taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca. We will not be having a listserv this year. News and event updates are available by e-mail by signing up on our school's website. You can also sign up to have the important school events sent to your phone or email calendar. Our school website at [http://taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca/](http://taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca) is a great place to check for up to date school information. You will find our monthly Hot Lunch Menu, calendars, newsletters and upcoming events all in one easy location. Visit often!!

Library Help!

Our librarian, Diana Zimmerschied, is looking for parent volunteers to help with shelving as well as putting labels on books. Please see her if you are interested.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual run will take place Friday, September 23 at 1:00 pm. We will have an assembly in the gym for about 15 minutes before the run to warm up and go over the route. All parents are welcome. We will begin collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation Cancer Research Fund on Monday, September 19.

Traffic Concerns

Many people expect to find parking for drop off and pick up at a school, but that is not possible at Taylor Park. Our school is within walking distance for almost all our students so I recommend that families walk – and even enjoy walking, even in the rain☺. When students walk to school, the exercise and fresh air gets their brain ready and they are calmer and ready to learn when they enter the school. When there are parents parking illegally in the turn-around area, emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances cannot get to our school. There is only a very limited drop off/pick up area that stretches along the school side of Mission Ave. Remember that the driver of the car must remain behind the steering wheel while stopped in a loading area. Our school welcomes the enforcement of traffic and parking rules for the safety of our students by the RCMP. Violators of traffic and parking rules will be ticketed.



Professional Development Days for 2016-2017

The following Professional Development Days have been set for the 2016-2017 school year: September 30, 2016(Revised Curriculum Day), October 21, 2016(Provincial Pro-D Day), November 25, 2016(District Pro-D Day), and January 20, 2017 (Taylor Park Pro-D Day) February 17, 2017 (District Pro-D Day), June 5, 2017 (Taylor Park Pro-D Day).

Parent Advisory Committee(PAC)

All parents of students attending Taylor Park are automatically members of the Taylor Park PAC(Parent Advisory Committee). We hold meetings each month to discuss issues of concern for our students' learning and how to support programs at the school through fundraising. The Principal, Vice-Principal and Head Teacher bring issues for us to discuss and we have an opportunity to bring up school wide concerns with them as well. Our meetings are informal and have lots of laughter combined with the satisfaction of contributing to the learning of our students. Meetings alternate Tuesday evenings at 7pm and Friday mornings at 9:15am. All meetings are held at Taylor Park in the library for evening meetings and in the staff room for morning meetings.

PAC Fundraiser – Entertainment Books

This year we will again be selling entertainment books. Each book costs \$30 and the school will get \$15 from each sale. The money received goes to support the programs as decided by the PAC. These books are a great way to try out restaurants and activities nearby. There are also online coupons for food, events and services all over North America. Books and a newsletter with details about the fundraiser will be sent home in the second week of September.

School Meals Program

The School Meals Program will again be offered for the 2016/2017 school year. Please note that the price is **\$70.00** per month. Menus and envelopes have been handed out on the first day of school along with information about our new vendor. All orders will be due back to the school by Monday, September 12 if you are wishing your son/daughter to participate. As usual, no late orders can be accepted as we order a specific number of meals based on envelopes received.

Online Payment of School Fees

We are pleased to offer parents the option of paying all school fees online. You can make payment for planners, supplies, Hot Lunch, field trips etc. directly to your child's account. Imagine how great it would be not to have to search for the exact change to pay for your child's activities!! Please go to our school website at <http://taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca/> for directions on how to sign up for the SchoolCash program.

School Routines and Expectations

School Hours

8:50 a.m. – bell to line up **at classroom doors**

8:55 a.m. – instruction begins

3:02 p.m. – students are dismissed through classroom doors

Student Absence

For your child's safety and security, parents are asked to call the school and leave a message to let us know if a student will be absent or late (604-664-8226).



Late to School

It is important that your child arrives to school on time. Students miss important instruction at the beginning of the day and interrupt the learning of others if they arrive late. The teacher will mark your child late after 8:55. If your child does arrive later than 9:20 am, he/she needs to report to the office to 'sign in' and receive a late slip for class. This informs the secretary that your child is safe at school.

Leaving School Early

A student leaving school early, either with a parent or with parent permission needs to report to the office to 'sign out'. If a student is ill, the secretary will phone home to ask you to pick up your child or to get permission to send your child home alone.

Parents Visiting the School

If you need to see your child for any reason or wish to leave a message for your child or the teacher during school hours, please report to the office. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom. If you are helping or volunteering in a classroom, you need to sign in at the office and receive a visitor's badge.

Morning Entrance

We are unable to provide supervision before school so students should not arrive at school before 8:45. They should line up outside their classroom door when the bell rings at 8:50. This allows the teachers to meet and greet children and their caregivers at one door and helps us monitor who is in the building.

Cell Phones

We realize that many parents provide their children with cell phones. Our position is that these cell phones should only be used to contact you before and after school hours. With that in mind, we ask for your support in reinforcing the following guidelines:

- Cell phones (or any expensive items such as iPods) are here at your child's own risk in terms of loss or breakage.
- All cell phones are to be turned off during the school day.
- If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office.

Pui Ying Chinese School at Taylor Park

Registration for 2016-2017 Cantonese & Mandarin classes

Give your child an opportunity to learn Chinese in a fun and interactive environment. Students will learn the written and spoken form of the language. For beginner level, no previous knowledge of Chinese is required.

Classes: Mandarin kindergarten & elementary, Cantonese kindergarten

School hours: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays

Tuition fee: \$185 per term (15 sessions)

Registration: Friday, September 16 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Pod 2

Enquiry: Call Katherine Yau at 778-772-0828 or 604-420-2847

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