



# Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students to Taylor Park for the 2015/2016 school year.

This first week has been busy and eventful. We are working hard to ensure each student is settling in and learning school routines and expectations. Class composition is still temporary as I write this, however, we hope to have all divisions and student placements finalized by early next week.

Our focus in assemblies this week has been on our school goal "To develop self-awareness skills by demonstrating an awareness of one's own emotions".

We have done this by focusing on positive behaviour (Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Caring) both in our classrooms and the school as a whole.



Parents are key partners in every child's success and I encourage you to take part in our school community. Parent Conferences will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and the first PAC meeting will be on the September 29<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to working with you this year. Please feel free to contact me by calling the school office or email me at [kevin.brandt@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:kevin.brandt@sd41.bc.ca)

Sincerely,  
Kevin Brandt

### School Web Site

Our school website at <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!!

### 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.

### Traffic Concerns

Traffic congestion is a huge problem outside our school. You can help by parking away from the school and walking to drop off and pick up your children. Please follow the road signs posted on the street and cul-de-sac area at the front of the school. **The parking lot across from the school is reserved for staff only.** Please use the 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 the loading area, so please arrange for your child to meet you at your car after school.



## **Terry Fox Run**

The annual Terry Fox Run/Assembly is on **Friday, October 2nd**. Parents are welcome to join us in the gym at 12:30 p.m. for our tribute to Terry, followed by a school run.

Students are reminded to wear runners and running clothes. A water bottle is also recommended.

## **Parents As Partners Conferences**

Students from grades 1 – 7 will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd and Thursday, September 24th to enable parents and teachers to meet. Please look for further information that will be sent home next week.

## **Professional Development Day**

Please remember that the school will be **closed for students on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Staff will be working on professional development activities at the school.

## **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 really 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 instruction begins. 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.
- Cell phones should remain in students' backpacks in the cloakroom during the day, including recess and lunch.
- 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.