



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

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Dates to Remember ...

Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24 Spring Break (School Closed)
 Thursday, March 30 – 12:45 pm Earth Rangers Assembly
 Friday, March 31 – 9:15 am PAC Meeting in the Staff Room
 Monday, April 3 Class and panorama photo day
 Tuesday, April 4 - 9:00 am Marimba Muzuva Performance for K to 7 Students
 Friday, April 7 – Thursday April 13..... HipHop Lessons for K to 7 Students
 Thursday, April 13 – 2 – 3 pm HipHop Performance for Parents
 Friday, April 14 Good Friday Holiday – No School
 Monday, April 17 Easter Monday Holiday – No School
 Friday, April 21 – 2:10 pm Celebration of Learning Assembly
 Monday, April 24 School Professional Day – No school for students
 Tuesday, April 25 – Friday, April 28..... School Book Fair
 Thursday, April 27 – 1:45 pm Early Dismissal and Student Led Conferences
 Friday, April 28 – 9 am School Plan Meeting – Review by District
 Monday, May 8 – 1pm..... Grade 7 Band Festival at Marlborough
 Wednesday, May 10..... Grade 6 Immunizations
 Friday, May 12..... PAC Movie Night
 Friday, May 26 – 1:15 – 2:30 pm September 2017 Kindergarten Students – Family Orientation
 Monday, June 5..... School Based Pro-D – No School for Students
 Friday, June 9 – 2 pm..... Early Dismissal
 Wednesday, June 21 – Friday, June 23 Grade 6/7 Camp at Elphinstone
 Thursday, June 29 10am Dismissal..... Last Day of School for Students

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

Having a Good Report Card Conversation With Your Child

The support of parents is a key ingredient for students to be successful, not only in school but also in life. Report cards offer a framework for having a conversation with our children about their progress, about their passions and about their lives.

My first suggestion for a good conversation is to focus on comments and growth – not letter grades. It would be easy if letter grades would be able to indicate whether a child is and will be successful but that is not the case. Time after time when students' letter grades are compared to their success in University, in business and in life there is no connection. Google "Do grades really matter" to find further information on this. As I have conversations with my sons, now in University, about their report cards the conversations are not about grades but more about their passions, what they've learned and what they are going to do next. Don't get me wrong, I want all students to achieve excellence but excellence isn't necessarily an A in every subject for every student.

One area that I find is often overlooked when people read report cards is the number of lates. I've interviewed hundreds of people for jobs and been asked for references on hundreds of people as well but can't recall ever asking or being asked about letter grades. However, I always want to know about and am always asked about lates. I won't hire someone who is habitually late and when I give a reference that says someone is often late, they don't get that job. I know that getting our children to school on time takes work but it is worthwhile and is extremely important.

In reading through the report cards for our Taylor Park students I often smile as I see teachers commending students for their growth over the past term and remarking about a project or area that shows their unique abilities and personality. Some of the questions I like to ask students after a report card are: "What did you like the most this past term?" "What are you most proud about accomplishing this past term?" "In what way(s) have you grown over this past term?" These kinds of questions show we care about and believe in them. As a result of realizing we believe in them they are more motivated to do their best – and to show their work and talk about it with us.

I hope that through your conversations with your child they will know of your unconditional love and your passionate desire to support them in being successful.

(Mr. Wall)

Registration for September 2017

Applications are now being accepted for new students in the Taylor Park catchment area. Students currently attending Taylor Park will automatically be re-registered for September 2017. We are welcoming registration of students born in 2012 for September 2017 Kindergarten. Registration is through appointment only and can be made through our school website at taylorpark.sd41.bc.ca.

At this time, due to the number of students who have registered for September 2017 that live in our catchment, no cross district applications are being accepted. The school district will continue to review our registration numbers until September 2017 but if our situation remains the same, no cross district registrations will be accepted. School board policy and details about cross district applications are available on the [district website](#).

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser

Thanks to our community for a great job of fundraising. We're still waiting for our total but our goal of \$3000 was almost met by online donations and we still have paper donations that have yet to be counted.

Track and Field

Spring is here and track season has begun. All interested intermediate students (Grades 4 – 7) are invited to join the Taylor Park Track Team. Practices will begin on Thursday, March 30th and will continue, rain or shine every Tuesday and Thursday morning starting at 8:10 am until the final Awards Meet

Hip Hop Classes and Performance

1-Vibe Entertainment will be offering a "School Hip Hop Workshop" to all our students from kindergarten to grade seven. The focus of the program: building team working skills, challenging students' coordination, concentration, memory and listening skills, refining musicality and rhythm and building positive attitudes (respect, kindness, determination and perseverance), providing students leadership roles by working with peers and encouraging students to create dances of their own. We expect to have an impressive performance by students on Thursday, April 13 from 2 – 3 pm. Parents are welcome. Doors will open for seating at 1:30 pm. To cover the cost of this workshop we will be asking parents for \$6 for each student and will send home a notice after Spring Break.

Student Led Conferences

On Thursday, April 27, all Taylor Park Students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 will have portfolios of their work to show parents what they can do in relation to the Core Competencies of the Revised Curriculum. Students will be demonstrating and discussing their communication, thinking, social responsibility and personal responsibility skills. All students will have an early dismissal at 1:45 pm. Further information about times will be sent home after Spring Break

Library and Home Reading Update

All students are encouraged to read every day during Spring Break. Yellow reading club forms are due the first day back, and will be accepted until Friday, April 7th. Our grade 7s have started reading for the Battle of the Books. Their first in-school battle will be held during the first week back, and continue through the month of April. The winning team will be going to Lochdale on May 1st for the finals. Keep reading!

Basketball

Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball team for a wonderful season. They showed strong work ethic at each practice and game, while representing Taylor Park with class. The team ended their season with an excellent recreational play day at Burnaby Central Secondary. Thanks also to our coaches: Ms. Dunnett, Mrs. Dittrich and Ms. Bouvette. Their coaches, would like to thank all the girls for their effort and laughter. Well done ladies!!

Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball team for a great showing in league play and at the recreational play day! Our boys developed and demonstrated improvement in their individual and team skills. Their support for each other through cheering and helping their team mates on the court is appreciated. Thanks also to the coaches, Mr. Cockram and Ms. Downie. It was fun to watch and see this great team develop 😊

PAC Update

Thanks to the support from our PAC and fundraising we have a new sound system to support our music and dance programs for the gym. Hurray!! PAC will also be hosting a book fair in the school library from Tuesday, April 25 to Friday, April 28 and parent volunteers are needed – particularly during the lunch time rush! Please return the form at the bottom of the newsletter to your child's teacher if you are able to help out. If we reach our goal of \$3500 in sales the principal will... Get a pie in the face (student pie-er chosen by draw). Classes will view the collection during library time and each class will choose a book for their class.

South Burnaby Metro Club

Let's Play Ball – online registration is now open for the upcoming spring 2017 baseball season. Programs available for all youth ages 4-18. For more information or to register online, please visit www.southburnabybaseball.com

Believe In Your Child Foundation (www.believeinyourchild.org) - Phone: (604) 637-2072

March 13 to 17 - Art & Cooking (grades K to 2), Coding & Robotics Camp (grades 3 to 7)

Location: 109 - 3701 Hastings Street, Burnaby

March 20 to 24 – (March Break Camps) - MakerKids (grades K to 2)

April 24 – (Pro-D Day Camp) - Electricity Camp (grades K to 5), Coding & Robotics Camp (grades 3 to 7)

For More Information, please go to www.believeinyourchild.org.

The Believe in Your Child Foundation are BC certified teachers and parents that are a non-profit foundation committed to helping raise, educate and empower children.

3DBasketball

3DBasketball are starting brand new programming in Burnaby and the Tri-Cities. For more information go to: www.3dbasketball.net. 3D Basketball Academy is committed to the physical, social and character development of student athletes in pursuit of excellence in the sport of basketball. Through sport-specific skill development, athletes train in a positive and competitive environment that promotes learning and growth. These camps also feature competitive drills and scrimmages to give campers an opportunity to apply their skills in a game situation.

Shooting & Offensive Skills (All camps take place at École des Pionniers)

Week 1 March 13-16 10U-13U Boys & Girls 10:00am-12:00pm 14U-17U Boys & Girls 1:00pm-3:00pm

Week 2 March 20-23 10U-13U Boys & Girls 10:00am-12:00pm 14U-17U Boys & Girls 1:00pm-3:00pm

One week price \$99 + GST Two-week price \$175 + GST (Scholarship available for those who qualify. Please feel free to ask.)

3D TEAMS are a chance for the top players to train and compete at a high level. Many of these teams participate in local tournaments such as the 3D Spring Showcase, The West Coast Classic, the Western Canadian Championships, as well as travel to the United States for elite level competition. Club Team Try-outs are \$30 + GST.

Pass Soccer

This spring break, from March 20 -24th, Pass Soccer will be holding a soccer camp for 4-11 year olds. More information is available online at <http://passoccer.net/spring-break-camp/>

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Book Fair volunteer signup - Yes I can help with the Book Fair on:

Tuesday, April 25 – Setup in the afternoon

Wednesday, April 26 8:30 – 9 am 11:30 am – 12:30 pm 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 27 8:30 – 9 am 11:30 am – 12:30 pm 3:00 – 6:00 pm (half hour shifts during conferences)

Thursday, April 28 Afternoon Cleanup

Student Name

Division

Parent Name

Contact Phone #

Please return form to your child's teacher