



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

May 2017

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Dates to Remember ...

Monday May 22..... Victoria Day – No School
Friday, May 26 – 1:15 – 2:30 pm September 2017 Kindergarten Students – Family Orientation
Tuesday, May 30 – 7 pm..... PAC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 31 – 12:45 – 1:45 pm May Celebration of Learning and Pie-ing of the Principal
Friday, June 2 – 1:00 – 2:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Monday, June 5..... School Based Pro-D – No School for Students
Friday, June 9 – 2 pm..... Early Dismissal
Friday, June 16 – 12:30 Dismissal..... Sports Day
Wednesday, June 21 – Friday, June 23 Grade 6/7 Camp at Elphinstone
Year End Awards Assembly..... Monday, June 26 – 9:30 am
Grade 7 Leaving Assembly Wednesday, June 28 – 9:30 am
Thursday, June 29 10 am Dismissal..... Report Cards Go Home - Last Day of School for Students

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

School Goals Update

On April 28 our school was visited by a district team and we presented our progress on our goals. This past year, staff and students have been working on self-regulation as well as development of writing skills. We discussed the results from our school wide write and found 63% of our students were fully meeting or exceeding expectations in their writing abilities by April of this year and that our students know behavior zones as well as strategies for calming and dealing with conflict. Congratulations to our staff and students for a great year of growth in these areas. Our staff and PAC will be looking at possible goals for the coming year at our upcoming staff and PAC meetings.

Mr. Wall (Principal)

Phone Number for the School is Changing

Our main school phone number is changing to 604-296-9034 effective June 22. Schools across the Burnaby School District are having their phone systems and numbers changed to become VOIP (Phone systems using the Internet) as a way of saving money and updating features.

Grade 7 year end events

We will be celebrating the end of the grade seven year with a leaving assembly on Wednesday, June 28 at 9:30 am. Because of the limitations of the size of our gym, each grade seven student will be able to have up to three family members attend. It is recommended that students dress up but expensive purchases like suits and custom dresses are not necessary and can distract from the importance of the celebration of community that we have when we learn and have fun together.

Class placement for Sept. 2017

We are now in the process of working on class placement for the next school year. If your child will be moving or changing schools, please notify the office as soon as possible. Class Placement letters are available at the office if you are wishing to provide the school with more information for your child's placement. Please note that our staff spends a great deal of time working on class placement. Wishes from parents go into the mix but aren't guaranteed as we have to consider male/female ratio, class size, ELL, special needs, etc. for each class. We will cheerfully ignore requests for specific teachers but carefully consider requests based on your child's learning needs and style.

Track team

We have finished another great track season at Taylor Park! Our coaches were very impressed with the energy, focus and sportsmanship of our students who showed up twice a week to practice, rain or shine. Our school was well-represented at the District Awards Meets at Swangard Stadium on May 4th where we competed against the largest schools in Burnaby. Many of our individuals and teams made it to the finals! Thanks to the many parents who supported our school by helping with driving – We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks also to our coaches: Ms. Campbell, Ms. Delore, Ms. Bouvette, Ms. Downie, Ms. Boyle and Ms. Dunnett.

Battle of the Books

Each year, our grade seven students enter a Battle of the Books contest in which they are challenged to read 10 books and then compete to see which team can correctly answer the most questions about the books. The contest was first held within Taylor Park and our winning team moved on to compete in the Burnaby School District Finals. We are very pleased that our grade 6/7 team from division three, comprised of Aedrie, Aiden, Alina, Amelie, Grace, Kristy, Mason, Peter and Rosalie came third in the competition for our zone! Thanks to Ms Zimmerschied, Mr. Petroski, Ms. Bathurst, Mr. Cockram, Ms. Downie and Ms. Rudolph for their work in organizing this event and congratulations to all of our grade sevens for participating with a positive energy!

Library News:

All students are encouraged to participate in the Taylor Park Reading Club. The final sheet (green) is due between May 29th and June 9th. No late forms will be accepted. The prize will be an eraser, as well of draws for extra prizes (including books). Students who have returned all four reading club sheets this year will receive a certificate with their report card. Final library book exchange will be on June 2nd, with all library books due on June 9th. Many thanks to all students, parents, and our PAC, for a fantastic book fair. We received \$1500 worth of new books for the library, and \$500 to go towards items such as library shelving. It is wonderful to be in a school community of readers!

Pie-ing of the Principal

Our book fair fundraiser more than met our goal of \$3500 so a student will be chosen by draw to provide our principal with a pie in the face at our May 31, 12:45 pm assembly. Parents are welcome.

Summer Reading Club

Join the Summer Reading Club at Burnaby Public Library. Registration starts Friday, June 16th and continues until the middle of July. Children who read over the summer do better in school, and libraries across BC are here to help. When kids sign up, they will receive a reading calendar, a reading record, a book mark, and stickers. After reading or being read to for fifteen minutes a day for fifty days, readers will be rewarded with the highly coveted Summer Reading Club medal. During the summer, the library offers fun and creative programs, extended loans for travelers, and book recommendations.

Calling all teens! Win prizes like Chapters gift certificates, books and a grand prize of a Best Buy Gift Card just for reading with Burnaby Public Library's Teen Summer Reading Club! Pick up weekly reading cards to record your reading and to enter for prize draws. You can do the reading at home; you only have to come to the library to drop off your weekly reading cards for a chance to win prizes. If you are looking for fun things to do at the library, check out all our summer programs at <http://www.bpl.bc.ca/teens/programs-and-contests>. Teens entering grades 8 - 12 in September are eligible to participate in this year's Teen Summer Reading Club.

Satisfaction Survey

Parents of Grade 4 and 7 students were sent home a code to anonymously provide feedback on this school year. We appreciate your feedback – please note survey must be completed by May 26. If you are the parent of a grade 4 or 7 student and didn't get a code, please contact our office.

Art contest winner

Congratulations To Grace L in division three for producing a winning entry for the City of Burnaby's 2017 Drawing Contest. The judges commented that her, "work really shows us what you love about Burnaby in a creative and thoughtful way." She is being recognized by Burnaby Council at their May 15th meeting. Way to go Grace!

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

On behalf of the Taylor staff and students we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for their time, commitment and energy this past year. Your time and dedication to the students of Taylor Park is greatly appreciated. By volunteering, you help make Taylor Park Elementary School a great place to learn. We will be sending invitations to all those who have volunteered. Our Thank You event will be taking place on Friday, June 2 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Summer School

Summer School Registration has already started. Taylor Park will again be hosting classes. Parents can register for one free class by using the PEN number at the top of this newsletter. Each student has their own PEN number and this can be obtained from the office if you have misplaced your information. See the summer school website: <http://www.burnabycce.ca/summer-session-2017/> for information about classes and registration.

Next Year and New Registrations

We are now in the process of working on class organization for next year. If your child will be moving or changing schools, please notify the office as soon as possible. We are welcoming registration of students born in 2012 for September 2017 Kindergarten as well as for students who have recently moved to our catchment. Registration is through appointment only and can be made through our school website. 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. School board policy and details about cross district applications are available on the district website.

Chess

Thanks to Mr. Henry Chiu who has again sponsored a Taylor Park chess team that plays tournaments in the community throughout the year. They recently played in the annual BC Elementary School Team Championship. This year's team consisted of: Aaron C., Leo Z., Thidas L., Yukai Z. and Kevin L. During the tournament yesterday, our team faced some very strong competition. It faced defending BC champion, Marlborough School of Burnaby, 6-time BC Champion (& this year's eventual winner), St. George's School, as well as another very strong team from Richmond. Despite the strong opponents, our team managed an honourable 2.5 match points out of 5, losing only to the two champions and drawing the Richmond team.

Burnaby Festival of Beginning Bands

Congratulations to our Grade 7 Band who recently participated in the School District's "Festival of Beginning Bands". They performed at our district event with several other elementary school bands and did an excellent job! With the guidance of Mr. Wenzek, they have come a long way since September and should be proud of their new skills!

Staff Update

Our Secretary, Ms. Quickstad has taken a position at another school closer to her home. We wish her well. Our counsellor, Ms. Lennie will be on a Leave of Absence until the end of the year and is being replaced by Mr. Gatzke.

PAC Update

Our PAC will be holding it's Annual General Meeting this coming Tuesday, May 30. At this meeting, we will elect our PAC executive for the coming year and approve the budget. We will also be discussing results from our school wide writing assessment and the Student Learning Grant of \$27,268 from the provincial government.

Sunday Family Corner, 2017

12-4pm
free drop-in program for families
inspired by gallery exhibits and Japanese culture
Japanese toys & origami

May 28

Kimono
Crafts

July 23

Chigiri-e
Washi Pictures

June 25

Tanabata
Decorations

August 20

Make a Sensu
Fan



Nikkei
national museum
& cultural centre

www.nikkeiplace.org | 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby

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If you are not returning to Taylor Park in September, please complete this form and return it to the office:

The following child(ren) will NOT be attending Taylor Park in September 2017.

Student(s) Name(s): _____ Current Grade(s): _____

Next year's school(s): _____

Parent Signature: _____