



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

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Dates to Remember ...

Monday, February 12	Family Day Holiday – No School
Friday, February 16	District Pro-D Day – No School for Students
Tuesday, February 20 – 9-11am.....	YPC Concert for Grades 4 – 7
Tuesday, February 27 – 7 pm.....	PAC Meeting in the Staff Room
Wednesday, February 28 – 2:00 pm.....	Pink Shirt Day Assembly
Week of March 5 th	Talent Show Tryouts
Week of March 12 th	Second Term Reports Distributed
Friday, March 16	Celebration of Learning Assembly
Monday, March 19 th – Monday April 2 nd	Spring Break and Easter Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday, April 3 rd	First day back after Spring Break
Friday, April 6 th 9:15 am	PAC Meeting
Monday, April 16 th – Friday April 20 th	HipHop Classes for all students K – 7
Friday, April 20 – 2 pm	HipHop Performance by all students – Parents Welcome
Monday, April 23 rd	District Pro-D Day – No School
Thursday, April 26 – 2:00 Dismissal	Student Led Conferences

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

We Build!

Our new logo celebrates and emphasizes our school theme this year of building critical thinking, creative thinking and collaboration skills through building projects. Our kindergarten students have been building marble runs this past week and talking about how they have demonstrated these skills:



Collaboration Skills (Social Responsibility)

- "We helped each other rip the tape." (Jonathan)
- "I was letting my friends put their marble in first." (Liam)
- "I help my friends when their marble track breaks." (Stephie)
- "I got more tape when it was breaking for my team." (Pavel)

Critical Thinking

- "When the track doesn't work, we have to move the paper tubes out of the way." (Caroline)
- "You have to hold the marble in a box so it doesn't get away." (Aarya)
- "I look to connect the track." (Olivia)

Creative Thinking

- "You can put a hole in your track." (Joon)
- "I can make a zig-zag track." (Miki)
- "You have to find different ways to turn the marble." (Mason)
- "You can make a tunnel for your marble." (Octavian)

Our students in grades one to seven are also developing their skills in these areas. We look forward to having our students show you what they learn through the assignments they bring home, the upcoming report cards and our student led conferences in April.

(Mr. Wall)

Pink Shirt Day

In 2007, two Nova Scotia students decided to take action after witnessing a younger student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. The students bought 50 pink t-shirts and encouraged schoolmates to wear them and send a powerful message of solidarity to the bully. Our school, along with many others across North America, will be celebrating pink shirt day. For Taylor Park, it will be on Wednesday, February 28 and will include choral and leadership presentations on Pink Shirt Day.

Change of Address

It is very important for the office to have all contact addresses and phone numbers that are current and updated. If you moved or changed phone numbers since September, please notify the office. For students going into grade eight, their school is based on their address. It is also important to have the phone number of a friend or relative in case parents cannot be contacted. Having the wrong numbers poses a delay for your child in the event of an emergency. Information about the [address documents required by the Government of BC are available from this link](#).

Registration for September 2018

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 2013 for September 2018 Kindergarten. Grade 7 students are automatically enrolled in their catchment high school.

If parents are wanting to have their child attend a school outside of their catchment or attend any of the cross district programs, please note that the cross district form is due in to the office for signature by the principal during the month of February. Acceptance into cross district schools for both elementary and high school as well as for special programs (French Immersion, Mandarin Immersion, etc.) is based on school board policy and details are available on the [district website](#). Taylor Park turned away a number of families who wanted to attend our great school this past fall so please be aware and register early. Registration and cross district forms are available online or at the school office. Registration for new students at Taylor Park needs to be done through an [appointment made online](#) at our school's website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Burnaby Firefighters Association Donation

Our thanks again to the Burnaby Firefighters association for providing breakfast bars as snacks for students who have not had breakfast or are missing their snack for the day. Thanks to the contributions to their organization, we are able to support students needing breakfast or a snack with something to eat.

SOGI in Burnaby Schools - Feb. 28 PAC event

The Burnaby School District invites parents and students from the Kingsway South school zone to attend an info session about SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) education in Burnaby Schools.

- Review Burnaby School District's Policy 5.45 (SOGI Policy)
- Learn about SOGI education from K-12
- Meet the District's SOGI Leads & learn about their roles
- Hear about SOGI success stories in Burnaby

Kingsway South Zone: Clinton, Glenwood, Maywood, Nelson, South Slope/BC School for the Deaf, Stride Avenue, Suncrest, Taylor Park, Windsor, Burnaby South/BC School for the Deaf, Byrne Creek.

Date: Wednesday February 28, 2018, 7:00-8:30pm - Location: Maywood Elementary School (Library)

Please [register here](#) to secure your attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yearbook Sales and Photo Uploads

This year we are putting together a full colour, 52 page Memory Book with photos of all our students and many of our activities. We will be selling them for - \$17.00 in the month of February. In order to receive a book in June 2018, we need to receive a pre-paid order. Purchases in February can only be made online. Cash and cheque purchases as well as online purchases will be available starting in March for \$20. If you would like to purchase one or more copies, please make your payment online to get the discounted price. The Memory Books will arrive and be distributed during the last week of June. Photos can be submitted for inclusion in our monthly assemblies and yearbook online at <http://edo.entourageyearbooks.com/YearbookLogin.asp?YBID=78040A171F>

Taylor Park Chess Team

"The Taylor Park Chess Team has played in the BC Elementary School Team Championship five times. It finished fifth in the Championship Section in 2015. Almost all of the previous team members had played regularly in the free monthly Sunday afternoon tournaments held at Tommy Douglas Library and organized by local candidate master Henry Chiu. 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 beginners' bi-monthly events will be held on Sun., Feb. 18 & Apr. 22. For details, please see the flyer at: <http://www.chess.bc.ca/> "

Jump Rope for Heart Donation Money

Dear families, Thank you again for supporting the annual BC Heart and stroke Foundation fundraiser. This is such an important cause and we as a school have enjoyed the fun of the Primary and Intermediate Skip Club leading up to our Friday, Feb. 9th Jump Off, learning about nutrition, and learning how to maintain healthy hearts. Any final pledge money can be done either on line at: jumpropeforheart.ca or placed in the Jump Rope for Heart envelopes and brought to your child's class by February 15th. We want to thank the hardworking Grade 4/5 Leadership Council who help Ms. Long and Ms. Panesar to oversee the skip clubs.

Thank you Primary Beaders!

Over \$450.00 was raised by the Math 5 leaders (Suah, Kate and Amanda) for the SPCA as a result of two Primary beading bracelet workshops they held. Everyone had a lot of fun and we thank you for joining us! Thank you to the Gr.4/5 Leadership Council for helping to run the sessions. Ms. Long

Staff Updates

- Welcome Ms. Fan who is teaching Division 16 while Mr. Blazewich is on a Leave of Absence.
- Welcome Ms. Arden, teaching Division 3 while Mr. Cockram is on a Leave of Absence.

Christmas Concert Raffle

Our Christmas Concert raffle raised \$3000 for our school music and arts programs. A huge thank -you to our local businesses for supporting our school and thanks to all who bought raffle tickets.

The prize list and recipients: iPad – Ferreira, Ukulele – Zeng, Vancouver Symphony – Ahirok, Best Buy Gift Certificates - Shia, Greenwood & Yen, Legally Blonde Tix – Shu, Cabaret Tix – le Huray, Dancin Stars – Kenny, Axis Theatre – Atwal, Skoah Certificates – Mir, Rutherford, Stewart & Binish, Dilly Dally – Wong, Beverly Cleary Books – Thola, Carousel Theater – Stewart, TomLee Music – Pilita, Smartwatch – Pulmano.

Sun Run

Be part of Taylor Park's team for next year's Mini Sun Run (2.5km) on Sunday April 22, 2018! It's a great opportunity to build school spirit, and participate in a fun community event that can strengthen our children's interest in physical fitness. Register by February 2, 2018 to save. Click on this link <https://register.vancouversunrun.com/#!/events/2018-vancouver-sun-run> and register under "Taylor Park Elementary". For questions, please email sunrun.taylorpark@gmail.com

Love The Water? Check Out Water Polo! www.burnabywaterpolo.com

Do you enjoy swimming? Do you like team sports? Try water polo! It's a great way to develop your water skills and it's a lot of fun as well! Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our Winter program runs from January to April. Practices and games are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays 3-5PM and Sundays 8-10AM. Not sure if you'd like it? Come give the game a try. Boys and girls are invited to join us for one of our free introductory water polo clinics on Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20 or 27, 2018, 3-4PM, at Bonsor Pool. Please call to reserve a spot as space is limited. Contact Zoran at 778-328-2657 or email us at burnabywaterpolo@gmail.com for more info.

Coldest Night of the Year Burnaby – February 24th – 4-8pm– Starting at Marlborough Elementary School

On Saturday, February 24th, join Burnaby Community Services & The Society to End Homelessness in Burnaby for Coldest Night of the Year Burnaby. The Coldest Night of the Year is a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless and hurting families and youth in 120 communities across Canada. Since 2011 CNOY communities have raised over \$16,500,000. The walk provides each participant with the opportunity to:

- Walk 2, 5, or 10km
- Fundraise to help the hungry, homeless and hurting in Burnaby
- Feel a hint of the challenge faced by those experiencing homelessness during winter

To walk, volunteer or donate, please visit <https://cnoy.org/location/burnaby>