



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

April 2018

7590 Mission Avenue, Burnaby, BC V3N 5C7
Phone: 604-296-9034
Fax: 604-296-9076
Website: <http://taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca>

Principal: Hal Wall
Vice-Principal: Vicki Moro
Head Teacher: Derek Cockram
Secretary: D. Quickstad

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 25 – Friday, April 27..... School Book Fair
Thursday, April 26 – 1:45 pm Early Dismissal and Student Led Conferences
Friday, April 27 – 6 pm – 8:30 pm..... PAC Movie Night
Friday, April 30 10 – 11 am Celebration of Learning Assembly – Parents Welcome
Thursday, May 3..... District Awards Track Meet – Swangard
Thursday/Friday, May 17-18 11:40 am – 12:20 pm..... Talent Show Performances
Monday, May 14..... Class, team and Panorama Photo
Monday May 21..... Victoria Day – No School
Friday, May 25 – 1:15 – 2:30 pm September 2018 Kindergarten Students & Family Orientation
Friday, May 25..... Early dismissal for current kindergarten students
Tuesday, May 29 – 7 pm..... PAC Annual General Meeting
Friday, June 1..... Volunteer Tea
Monday, June 4..... School Based Pro-D – No School for Students
Friday, June 8 – 2 pm..... Early Dismissal
Friday, June 15 – 12:30 Dismissal..... Sports Day
Friday, June 22..... School Picnic
Monday, June 25..... Year End Assembly
Wednesday, June 27 – 9:30 am Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony and Luncheon
Thursday, June 28 10 am Dismissal..... Last Day of School for Students

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

Update on School Goals

Our school goal this year has been to develop critical thinking, creative thinking and social emotional skills through a STEAM approach(building projects together). During the year, teachers have taught what these skills would look like and how to develop them, demonstrate them and know your skill level based on your actions. We did a school wide “build” recently and students were given the opportunity to assess themselves and these were the results:

Ability to Demonstrate STEAM Skills			
	Critical Thinking	Creative Thinking	Collaboration
Yes	68%	68%	73%
Starting to	28%	24%	24%
Not Yet	4%	5%	9%

The 4Cs of 21st century skills– Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Communication – aren't going anywhere. They are a critical component to student success in a rapidly changing workforce and society. We asked students, PAC and teachers about our School Plan goal and received overwhelming support to continue these goals for the coming year. (Mr. Wall)

Summer School

The Burnaby school district will again be providing a variety of great summer session classes at Taylor Park! This year, Taylor Park will host both morning and afternoon sessions from July 9 - 26. Detailed information is available online at <https://burnabyschools.ca/summersession/> Registration is only available online. All Taylor Park students are provided with one free summer school class. A second class is an additional \$310 and can be paid for online only. Morning classes are from 9 am – 12:15 and afternoon classes go from 12:45 – 4:00 pm. Students in both the morning and afternoon classes will have a supervised lunch so they will start at 9 am and stay until 4 pm. We will have many of the same courses as last year in the morning with the addition of Robotics led by our staff and the [Canada Youth Robotics Club](#). In robotics classes students will work in teams to build, program and compete or demonstrate with their robots. Afternoon technology classes will feature electronics, Arduino, coding, Robotics projects based on the interests and abilities of students as well as art and athletics. One of the goals for the Intermediate Robotics classes will be to develop leadership skills in students so they can continue to develop their technology skills as well as helping their classmates next year. Students who receive Education Assistant support need to register by May 11 in order to provide time for organizing support for the summer session. Your child's PEN number for registration is at the top of the printed newsletter sent home April 24th.

July 9 - 26	9am - 12:15pm	Course #
ELL – Going into grades 1-3		R500
Skill Development – Primary		R700
Skill Development – Intermediate		R750
Ready! Set! Go! – Going Into Grade 1		R800
Ready! Set! Go! – Going Into Grade 4		R850
Essay & Report Writing – Intermediate		R680
Writers Workshop – Primary		R610
Surprising Science – Primary		R630
Surprising Science – Intermediate		R670
Top Hits Kids Band – Intermediate		R674
Sports & Rec – Primary		R970
Robotics – Primary		R678
Robotics – Intermediate		R679
Art “Masters” Exploration – Intermediate		R930

ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Required Tuition: \$310 International students: \$665

July 9 - 26	12:45 - 4pm	Course #
Enrichment & Recreation – Going into Grades 1-4		R004
Enrichment & Recreation – Going into Grades 5-7		R005

School Cash Online Payments

School Cash now accepts Credit Card Payments, (Visa and MasterCard not American Express) for on-line payments. Parents will now have three choices when checking out and paying on school cash. Our staff appreciates parents paying online because it reduces the amount of paperwork that teachers and office staff need to do. We also find students don't always turn in their payment promptly or names/amounts may be missing or hard to read on notices so using school cash online ensures the information and payment are accurate. This also provides parents with a receipt and record of payment in case there is a question of payment.

Childcare

Finding childcare is a challenge for many parents. If you are providing childcare and are licensed or unlicensed we would like to provide that information for our community. Information can be posted on our community bulletin board by bringing or [e-mailing](#) your poster to the office for approval.

Class Placement for September 2018

We are starting to work 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 or [online](#) 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.

Students in the News

Congratulations to: Jasmine from Division 6 who won a Burnaby Now Design an Ad Contest for her ad on Kennedy Stewart, MLA. We have several students who will have their writing in the Words District Contest: Division 5 - Amelie, Jemimah and Neill, Division 6 - Eddie and Jasmine.

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. Proof of [address documents required by the Government of BC are available from this link](#).

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 the end of April. If you are the parent of a grade 4 or 7 student and didn't get a code, please contact our office.

Becoming Burnaby Schools

In February you will notice some changes to our external communications as we embrace using "Burnaby Schools" to replace SD41 which identifies who we are – and where we are!! These changes include a new district website, www.burnabyschools.ca and new district email addresses that follow the firstname.lastname@burnabyschools.ca formula. There is also a new address for your school website. We will continue to mirror the current websites and emails to the new ones until January of 2019, so if you use an old email or website address you will still reach a Burnaby Schools employee or the website.

Jump Rope for Heart Donation Money Update

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 to thank the hardworking Grade 4/5 Leadership Council who help Ms. Long and Ms. Panesar to oversee the skip clubs.

Staff Updates

- Welcome Ms. McCloy who is teaching Division 24 as Ms. Merola is on Mat leave
- Mr. Cockram (Head Teacher and Div 3 Teacher) will be starting a gradual return to work as of April 30. Ms. Arden will continue to co-teach Div 3 with Mr. Cockram until the end of the school year.
- Ms. Quickstad has returned as secretary and Ms. Kennedy, our secretary since October, has gone to the Board office

SFU Science Festival

Science Rendezvous is the largest science festival in Canada that seeks to engage the public (and especially kids!) through interactive science activities, demonstrations, and laboratory experiences at various locations across Canada every year on the Saturday before Mother's Day. The 2018 event takes place on Sat., May 12th along with International Astronomy Day. https://www.sfu.ca/sfu-community/events.html?=&calendar_id=9#!view/event/event_id/902

PAC Movie Night April 27th Moana

Our PAC is hosting a movie night on Friday, April 27 featuring the movie Moana. Doors open : 6:00pm, Movie start : 6:30pm. \$2 per family. Popcorn and juice will be available for sale. Please bring blankets to sit on. Parents need to stay with their children (no drop offs please)

Tape Him to the Wall...

Our School Book Fair from April 25 – 27 is a great place to find new and popular books for our students. Part of each purchase helps build our library's resources. If our sales are \$5000 or more, Mr. Wall will be taped to the wall at the end of April student assembly. Every student who makes a purchase can enter their name to be part of the taping...

Represent Your ZONE at the 2018 BC Summer Games!!

The BC Summer Games are an amateur sporting event held on every even-numbered year. For basketball, the age groups are U13 and U14. The U14 teams play traditional 5-on-5 games while the U13 teams play 3x3 basketball. For 2018: U14 - athletes must be born in 2004 or later, U13 - athletes must be born in 2005 or later. Athletes interested in playing on a BC Summer Games (BCSG) team MUST attend a selection camp in the zone where they make their permanent residence - BC Summer Games Zones and Zone Details. The camps will take place in April. Registration is now open for selection camps for the BC Summer Games Teams.

U14 Camp Schedules <https://www.basketball.bc.ca/u14-camp-schedules>

U13 Camp Schedules <https://www.basketball.bc.ca/u13-camp-schedules>

For more information: <https://www.basketball.bc.ca/bc-summer-games%202018>

Questions? Contact Stephanie Rudnisky srudnisky@basketball.bc.ca 6550 Bonsor Ave., Burnaby, BC