



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

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Dates to Remember ...

Monday, May 14 Class, Team and Panoramic Photo Day
Thursday/Friday May 17/18 – 11:45 – 12:15 Talent Show – Parents Welcome
Monday May 21 Victoria Day – No School
Friday, May 25 – 12:30 Dismissal for Ks Early Dismissal for Kindergarten students only
Friday, May 25 – 1:15 – 2:30 pm September 2018 Kindergarten Students – Family Orientation
Tuesday, May 29 – 7 pm PAC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 31 – 12:45 – 1:45 pm May Celebration of Learning
Friday, June 1 – 1:00 – 2:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation 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
Thursday, June 21, 2:05 pm June Celebration of Learning Assembly
Year End Awards Assembly Monday, June 25 – 9:30 am
Grade 7 Leaving Assembly Wednesday, June 27 – 9:30 am
Thursday, June 28 10 am Dismissal Report Cards Go Home - Last Day of School for Students

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

The Three Rs Become the Four Cs

When I went to elementary school the focus was on the three R's "Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic." Since then there has been a great deal of thought and the focus has increasingly become [21st Century Skills](#) and this is often described as the four C's "Critical thinking, Creative thinking, Communication and Collaboration." At this time of the year we are also thinking about Contribution. From being at Taylor Park as the principal for the past year and a half I have learned how important the concept of contribution is to our students, staff and parents. We have grade 4/5 and grade 6/7 leadership groups that include many enthusiastic students. Their projects to support Children's Hospital, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Burnaby Children's fund have been very important to our students. Several conversations with our students over the past few weeks have reinforced for me the high level of importance they place on contributions to and by their friends. One student commented, "... is so positive and always helps me feel better by talking with her." When a student didn't do as well as she wanted in the talent show rehearsals and commented on how she had failed, another student graciously assured her that "failure is the beginning of success." I saw the look on the performer's face change from despair to inspiration as they continued to talk. At the last PAC meeting we discussed recognizing and encouraging contributions from our grade seven students. We will be asking students from grades K to 7 to comment on how grade sevens have contributed to their lives and the school. From input from students and staff we plan to celebrate these contributions and present a "Principal's Award" to the students that best exemplify the spirit of contribution. At our next assembly we will be reading together [Have You Filled a Bucket Today](#) to help students further understand this concept.

Mr. Wall (Principal)

Grade 7 Year End Events

We will be celebrating the end of the grade seven year with a leaving assembly on Wednesday, June 27 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. 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.

Track Team

We had over 100 students participating on our track teams this year! They competed in after school track meets with other Burnaby schools and ended the season with an awards meet this past week at Swangard stadium. We had many students with ribbons for individual and team events. They displayed great skills and school spirit. Thanks to the many parent drivers as well as to our coaches, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Delore, Ms. Downie, Ms. Chin and Ms. Malito

Jean's Day was a Hit!!!

The Grade 4/5 Leadership Council wish to thank all those who purchased Jean's Day pins and sport cards during our BC Children's Hospital fundraiser. We raised \$462.75!!! Way to go Team Taylor! 4/5 Leadership Council

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 1 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Tape-Ing The Principal To The Wall

Thanks to sales of over \$5000 for our book fair, students taped the principal to the wall at the last assembly. Thanks to all the parents for their support by purchasing books as well as to our librarian, Ms. Zimmerschied and our PAC for organizing and running this event. Proceeds from the fundraiser are being used to support our library.

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 two, comprised of Ethan, Jun, Maggie, Chloe, Alan, Ellie, Yumi, Matthew and Evan represented our school very well in the competition for our zone! Thanks to Ms. Zimmerschied, Mr. Petroski, Ms. Bathurst, Ms. Arden and Ms. Downie for their work in organizing this event and congratulations to all of our grade sevens for participating with a positive energy!

Summer Reading Club

Join the [Summer Reading Club at Burnaby Public Library](#). Registration starts Friday, June 15th 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. Teenagers can win a variety of prizes

Summer School

Summer School Registration has already started and many classes are full. Parents can see the classes that are available and register for one free class by using the PEN number that is on the top of report cards. Afternoon classes are \$310. 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://burnabyschools.ca/summersession> for information about classes and registration.

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

At the April School Board meeting, principals and vice-principals were appointed across the district. We are sad to say that Ms. Moro will be going to Lyndhurst Elementary as the Vice Principal. The board has appointed Mr. David Heard (currently the VP at Chaffey) as the VP for Taylor Park for this next year.

PAC Update

Our PAC will be holding it’s Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 29. 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 reading assessment and school goals for the coming year.

Pui Ying Chinese School at Taylor Park - Register now for 2018-2019 Mandarin & Cantonese classes

Give your child an opportunity to learn Chinese in a fun and interactive environment. Students will learn speaking and writing the language. For beginner level, no previous knowledge of Chinese is required. Classes include: Mandarin and Cantonese classes at Pre-school, Kindergarten and Elementary levels. School hours: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays at Taylor Park. Registration: June 1 & June 8 from 3:20 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Pod 2
Call Katherine Yau at 778-772-0828 Email: puiying.taylorpark@gmail.com, Website: www.puiyingcentre.org

Social Media PAC Presentation at Glenwood – May 16 6:30 – 8 pm

Our children need guidance to ensure their online experience will be safe. Your child has access to a very public place, which is quickly changing. Keeping current on new ways that social media is being used by our children is a daunting task. This workshop will provide an overview of the jargon, the risk, and how to explain the importance of internet safety to your child. This workshop will be presented by Ashley Ross. She has had the pleasure of presenting British Columbia Teacher’s Federation workshops as a Social Justice Facilitator for the last six years. She currently teaches High School in Aldergrove, and has two young sons of her own. Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Glenwood Elementary, 5787 Marine Drive, Burnaby

YMCA Childcare Resource and Referral

For over 20 years, the YMCA Child Care Resource & Referral has been providing families with free child care information & referrals. We are funded by the Province of British Columbia, and provide a wide range of supports and services to families, including:

- Child care referrals (including school age child care & preschool referrals)
- Child care subsidy information & assistance
- Information on summer child care & day camps, and
- Referrals to community services & supports, and
- Parent education opportunities

There is information [online](#) as well as pamphlets at the school office.

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If students 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 2018.

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

Next year’s school(s): _____

Parent Signature: _____