



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

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Dates to Remember ...

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
Friday, June 22 – all day Annual school picnic at McLean Park
Monday, June 25 – 9:30 am Year End Awards Assembly
Wednesday, June 27 – 9:30 am Grade 7 Leaving Assembly
Thursday, June 28 10 am Dismissal..... Report Cards Go Home - Last Day of School for Students
Monday, July 9 First Day of Summer School

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

Harvest Season

In the hurry of being constantly on the go combined with the expectations and pressures that we face it is easy to forget to take time to reflect and celebrate on why we're working so hard! We need to take the time to look at the fruit of our labour and celebrate what we and our friends and family have done. I like to think of the school year as being similar to the farming seasons: planting/creation, growth, harvest, and fallow. Right now, as a school, we are in the harvest season so we should be taking the time to look at how our students have grown. At our June 4th Pro-D we did this as a staff and the upcoming report cards should also be seen as an opportunity to identify and celebrate growth. If we don't celebrate, it's like not being paid for our work. Job satisfaction and school satisfaction, from my experience and the articles I read, are not about money for work and letter grades for school, rather, the most important things are our relationships and a sense of accomplishment for the goals that matter to us. I met with all the students from pod two, about 200 grade 4-7 students, and overwhelmingly they rated relationships as the most important thing in school. Our school goal this past year has been to develop creative thinking, critical thinking and collaboration skills through building together. Our staff commented that one of the strongest areas of growth this past year has been the development of students' ability to work well with a variety of people and accomplish together something they couldn't do individually. In my family, we are celebrating the accomplishments of the past year and as we do we then have renewed energy and clarity in setting and working toward goals for the coming year. I hope that all our families enjoy the "harvest season".

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 currently drafting our school organization and 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.

Student Accident Insurance

The Kids Plus Accident Insurance program is moving online in September and will no longer issue paper brochures for distribution to students. Schools can now access information online at kidsplus.ca/resources to use on their websites, in newsletters and social media to inform parents of the availability of the program, and parents will be able to purchase coverage through the main website at kidsplus.ca. Student accident insurance is especially valuable for families who do not have extended health or dental plans, or whose plans are limited. Dental damage and prolonged physiotherapy can be extremely expensive, even for those families with good coverage.

Summer School

We have just added an additional primary and intermediate robotics class and expect them to fill soon. Many other classes are also close to 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 in person from the office if you have misplaced your information. See the summer school website: <http://burnabyschools.ca/summersession> for information about classes and registration.

Class, Team, Club and school Panorama Photos

Each student will receive a complementary class photo from our school photographer, PhotoExpress. There are additional photos available. There are 5x7 photos for \$6 and 8x10 photos for \$10 available online. Parents can access the photos by going to shop.photoexpressions.ca and use the access code TAP18E to see the photos.

Gauss and Abel Scores

Many of our students participated in the recent Gauss and Abel math tests and were honored at our last assembly. Special congratulations to our top scorer: Benjamin Gong for the Gauss and Abel test.



Summer Reading Club - Help your child succeed in school. Join the Summer Reading Club at Burnaby Public Library. Registration starts Friday, June 15th and continues until the end 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 get a reading calendar to track their reading, a book mark, and stickers. After reading for fifteen minutes a day for fifty days, your child will be rewarded with the highly coveted Summer Reading Club medal. During the summer, the library offers fun, creative programs, extended loans for travelers, and lots of great book lists and suggestions. Can my child enter if we're not here in the summer? Not a problem. Medals for children who have completed the program will be available until the end of September. What if my child isn't reading yet? Children of all ages and reading levels are welcome. Younger children can listen to stories, and we have books and suggestions to help beginners too.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

We had a great celebration with parent volunteers and had twenty-three musical presentations. Thanks to all the parents that could attend and to all those that have helped out in various ways throughout the school.

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.

Ride Don't Hide

Taylor Park School is participating in Ride Don't Hide, hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association. When we ride on June 24th, 2018, we will be among the thousands of Canadians riding to raise funds for essential programs and services in communities, workplaces and schools – programs that change lives. There is no registration fee for children under 12 (they must ride with an adult). Regular registration for adult is \$45. Please use the coupon "RDHfriend" to save \$5.00 on registration! Register to join our team today!

PAC Update

At our PAC's Annual General Meeting on May 29th, we chose our PAC executive for the coming year and approved the budget. Our new executive will be composed of: Chair: Jaclyn Kirby, Vice Chair: Sandra Medeiros, Treasurer: Rachel Li, Secretary: Sowali Nivrita, DPAC: Michelle Krywolt, Members at Large: Ruby Kyte, Aniz Jiwani, Michael Tanaka, Sarah Wong.

Parent Volunteers Needed

We will need parents to help with our sports day concession on June 15th as well as parents to help with the pizza hot lunch. We will also need some help with cutting up and serving watermelon at the school picnic on June 22nd. If you are able to help, please contact TaylorParkSchoolPAC@gmail.com.

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 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

Childcare Providers

We welcome posters and information regarding babysitting and childcare information for our community bulletin board on the wall beside the ramp going into pod one. Anything to be posted needs to be brought to the office for approval. If you are looking for childcare information, please refer to this board.

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.

Girls Only! - COME TRY HOCKEY - Join Us For This Free Event

Are you between 5 and 10 years of age? Would you like to see why girl's hockey is one of the fastest growing sports? Girls from Burnaby, and neighboring cities, are invited to come try ice hockey in a fun, safe on-ice session with the Burnaby Wildcats, the female division of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association! Everything Is Provided - Equipment, Coaches, Wildcats Players & Refreshments! Sat., June 9, 2018, Burnaby 8 rinks, 6501 Sprott St, 2:30pm to 4:00pm <http://www.burnabymenor.com/> For more information, contact burnabygirlstryhockey@gmail.com



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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: _____