



Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

Newsletter

November 2018

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Dates to Remember ...

Thursday, November 22	Board Game Night 5 – 8 pm
Friday, November 23	Common Professional Development Day – School closed
Wednesday, December 12	Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Friday, December 14	PAC Meeting 9:15 am
Monday, December 17	Term 1 Report Cards sent home this week
Tues/Wed, December 18/19	Christmas Concert Presentations 1 pm and 5:30 pm
December 24 – January 4	School closed for Christmas Break
Monday, January 7	First Day of School for 2019
Friday, January 18	PAC Movie Night 6:00pm
Monday, January 28	Curriculum implementation Day – School Closed
Wednesday, January 31	Celebration of Learning Assembly 2:00 pm – Parents Welcome
Monday, February 18	Family Day – school closed

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

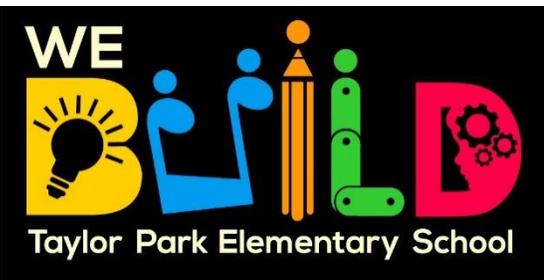
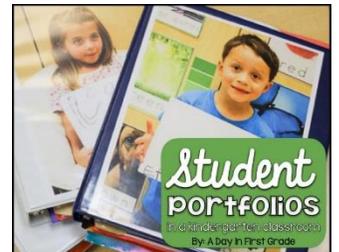
Making Learning Visible

Teachers across BC are shifting their assessment and reporting practices to match our revised curriculum. Here at Taylor Park, teachers are using tools such as portfolios and blogs to “make learning visible”. Teachers are working together with students and parents to collect and share meaningful evidence of student learning.

Communicating learning in this way provides a continuous window into student learning, empowers students to take ownership of their own learning, and informs parents in a timely and responsive way.

Dave Heard (Vice Principal)

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/classroom-assessment-and-reporting>



Professional Development Day - November 23rd

While students are not in class this Friday, our staff will continue to work on our school-wide goal to develop students' creative and critical thinking skills. The BC curriculum reflects the belief that CREATIVE and CRITICAL thinking skills are core competencies to be developed over a lifetime. Our learning community here at Taylor Park is exploring how to build these key skills and make them visible.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

A Surfing Santa – Schoolwide Performance

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 will be presenting, “A Surfing Santa” for our community on December 18 and 19. There will be an afternoon matinee from 1-2 pm and an evening presentation from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. We will be offering two tickets to families for the evening performances and will send home a notice for that in a few weeks.

Tuesday, December 18 Performances at 1 pm and 5:30 pm	Wednesday, December 19 Performances at 1 pm and 5:30 pm
Cast “A”	Cast “B”
Div. 2 - Ms. Bathurst	Div. 1 - Mr. Petroski
Div. 4 - Ms. Arden	Div. 3 - Mr. Cockram
Div. 6 - Ms. Long	Div. 5 - Ms. Panesar
Div. 7 – Ms. West	Div. 8 - Mr. Woo
Div. 11 - Ms. Lukianiuk	Div. 9 - Ms. Scott/Ms. Haw-Humphries
Div. 12 - Ms. Sim/Ms. Malito	Div. 10 - Ms. Dittrich
Div. 13 - Ms. Galindo/Ms. Haw-Humphries	Div. 14 - Ms. Tanahara
Div. 15 - Ms. Daychief	Div. 17 - Ms. Hasebe
Div. 16 - Ms. Vlasic/Mr. Blazeovich	Div. 18 - Ms. Dunnett
Div. 19 - Ms. Fan	Div. 20 - Ms. Ko
Div. 23 - Ms. Osiris	Div. 21 - Ms. Romano/Ms. Perello
Div. 24 - Ms. Campbell	Div. 22 - Ms. Wilks
Div. 25 - Ms. Delore	
Div. 26 - Ms. Chin	
Div. 27 - Ms. Carlsen	

Annual Canned Food Drive (Oct. 3 – Nov. 24)

Once again the Grade 4/5 leadership council will oversee a school-wide canned food drive with all donations going to feed needy families. Our donations will be sent to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank who will in turn distribute it to the local community agencies. Send donations via your child to their classroom as we did last year. We thank you in advance for your support and canned food donation. The Top Five Items needed by families supported by food banks are: Peanut Butter, Beans in Sauce, Canned Fish, Canned Fruit and Cold Cereal.

Christmas Angel Tree

Christmas is rapidly approaching, the month of hot chocolate, gift-giving and Santa Claus. Unfortunately, there are many children less fortunate than we are who are unable to enjoy these wonderful traditions. Imagine making a child, who faces the struggle of poverty all year, feel special this Christmas. The Grade 6-7 Leadership is imagining this and wants to help. We have teamed up with Burnaby Community Services to make a Taylor Park Angel Tree. The Angel tree is posted on the hallway wall near the library. With the Angel Tree, you can support children living in poverty by choosing an "angel" card hung on the tree. Each card gives the gender and age of a child to buy a gift for. The Christmas Bureau requests that people spend a minimum of \$25.00 on the toy or gift, and that it comes unwrapped. Once you purchase the gift, please bring it unwrapped, with the angel card, to Rm 207 (Ms. Bathurst's Classroom). All gifts must be received by December 14th when they will be picked up. Thank you for helping us help others.

Taylor Park Annual Winter Coat Drive

Have you got any good quality used hooded and waterproof coats and jackets that might make someone's winter a little warmer? Drop them off in the large box that will be located outside the office beginning for the two first weeks of December. Good quality used hats and mittens are also welcome. Let's show Burnaby our warmth this winter.

Weather Related School Closures

All schools in the Burnaby School District will remain **OPEN**, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (e.g. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. In the event there are certain schools or the entire district closed due to snow, or any other weather-related issues, announcements will be made on local radio stations by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please **do not** call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, or check the radio station websites.

Closure information will also be posted on the district website at www.burnabyschools.ca and on Twitter @burnabyschools (please follow us!). However, keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, for example, if there are power outages or technical problems. The most reliable way to get school closure information is to listen to the local radio stations.

PLEASE NOTE: Information will only be provided on school closures. If there is no closure information, our schools are open for learning! However, the decision to send your child to school or not is ultimately a family decision. For more detailed information on weather related school closures, please [click here](#)

The Positive Potential Of Our Relationships

An Empowering Patients Presentation with popular Burnaby Now columnist Dr. Davidicus Wong on Thursday, December 6th, 2018 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Bonsor Recreation Complex – 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby
Dr. Wong will discuss:

- How healthy relationships and social connections are essential to your happiness and wellbeing.
- The qualities of healthy relationships: nurturing love and positive feelings, effective communication, shared values and shared responsibility for the relationship.
- Recognizing and managing challenges. Where to find help.
- How we can foster a sense of belonging and connectedness in our community.

Registration is required for this free program. Please email Leona at lcullen@divisionsbc.ca or call (604) 259-4450. For more information on the Empowered Patient public education series, see website at divisionsbc.ca/burnaby.

PAC News

Our PAC is looking for prizes for our raffle that we are holding during the Winter Concert. This raffle will help raise money for musical equipment and technology for all students to use. If you have a business or know of one who would like to donate, we truly appreciate the donations! If you are able to help with donations or help with selling the raffle tickets at our concerts Dec 18/19 1:00 – 2:00pm / 5 - 6 pm, please email: taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com

Our PAC will again be hosting our pancake breakfast with Santa on Wednesday, December 12. We are looking for help with:

- Set up (Tuesday, Dec. 11: 3:00 – 4:00 pm)
- Serving (Wednesday, Dec. 12: 9:00 – 11:00 am)
- Clean up (Wednesday, Dec. 12: 10:30 – 11:30 am)

If you are interested in helping with our Pancake Breakfast please email taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com