



# Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

## Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember ...

Tues/Wed., December 18/19 1-2pm & 5:30 – 6:30 pm .....	Christmas Concerts
Week of December 17 -21 .....	First Term Report Cards go home
Friday, December 21 .....	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Monday Dec. 24 – Friday Jan. 4 .....	School Closed for Winter Holiday
Monday, January 7 .....	First Day of School for the New Year
Friday, January 18 .....	PAC Movie night 6 pm
Tuesday, January 22, 7 pm .....	PAC Meeting
Monday, January 28 .....	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Thursday, January 31 – 2 pm .....	School Assembly (Parents Welcome)

(See our website at [taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca](http://taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca) for the full year's schedule)

### Report Cards – Making Learning Visible

Our report cards for the first term will be coming out this week. Mr. Heard and I have been thrilled to read all the reports and to see the progress students have made. The questions we as parents ask and our response can make a big difference in the mindset of our children. I recommend looking at the comments more than letter grades or performance scales and asking some questions like some of those below. Throughout BC and all over the world letter grades are losing their importance as students are demonstrating their abilities. Universities are no longer basing entrance requirements solely on grades and some have even removed that criteria as they want to find the best students and letter grades don't necessarily reflect that. My oldest son is in Law school and I am still using questions like those below to confirm the things he's done well and then inspire and equip him to do well for the next term. As a result, he is open to telling me what goes well and what doesn't and we even study together and look at his research projects. A report card is a great way to find the passions your child has and enable them to grow in that area – perhaps eventually finding a job in that area. A good way to start is to thank your child for bringing the report card and say something like, "I'm looking forward to seeing what you've learned!" Some questions and comments to consider for the discussion of the report card are:

- What are you proud of accomplishing this past term?
- What did you enjoy doing the most?
- How do you feel about this report card?
- Are your grades and work habit marks what you expected?
- What are your goals for this coming term?
- What can we do at home to help you accomplish your goals?



Think of specific helpful comments to make about your child's report card. Comments like, "That's a good report," or "I'm disappointed" don't have the desired kind of impact compared to comments like, "I've seen you put a lot of effort into your math this term and I'm really proud of you for working hard." Or "It seems like math has taken a lot of time and been frustrating for you this past term. What can we do to help for this next term?" Your child's teachers want them to be successful so if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact them and arrange an appointment.

Mr. Wall

### Donations

At this time of year, giving is something that many people enjoy. At Taylor Park we have seen our Coats for Kids bin overflow, our food drive boxes fill, received many donations for the Burnaby Children's fund and received boxes of gifts for children identified on our Angel Tree. We have also received donations from parents through School Cash Online. With any school, there are families that are going through financially challenging times. It could be because of the loss of a job or perhaps for health reasons such as one person no longer working so they can support a family member going through medical treatment. Donations for our school given through School Cash or by a cheque given to the school help pay for field trips, camp fees, instrument rentals and other programs so that every student can be included. It is a big relief to a student and their parents when I speak to them privately and say to them "You don't have to worry about the money. Someone else has paid for you!" Some parents have asked that their donations go to a project such as our music program. If you want to support a specific program I would be happy to provide the opportunity. The school district offers tax receipts for donations of twenty dollars or more. You may also want to give to one of the many charities in Burnaby through [Canada Helps](#). You can also [calculate your tax refund](#) for donations through Canada Helps Mr. Wall

### Breakfast With Santa

Our annual Breakfast with Santa took place on Wednesday, December 12th. It was again a highlight for students and staff. Local firefighters made pancakes and our students and staff enjoyed eating them and being together! We also had a visit from Santa! Thank to all the parents who organized, set up, served and cleaned up for this great event!

### 2019 Intro to Lacrosse!

Boys and Girls born anytime during 2009-2014 are invited to learn the basics of Lacrosse in 4 sessions for \$40. Pick Friday night or Saturday morning sessions held at Edmonds Community School 7651 18th Ave, Burnaby. No Equipment needed. Lacrosse stick and soft ball provided. Visit [www.burnabylacrosse.com](http://www.burnabylacrosse.com) for session availability and registration link. Register for Intro to Lacrosse and receive a \$10 discount off the 2019 Burnaby spring/summer box lacrosse season!

## Learn 2 Field Hockey Winter 2019

Field hockey for girls aged 5 to 13 focusing on fundamental movement skills, basic sport specific skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Session: February 2nd to March 9th (6 sessions) Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00pm @ Burnaby Lake West, Field #2. Registration Fees: \$50 + FHBC Membership. Financial assistance available through KidSport – Burnaby Burnabybears@gmail.com. Social Media: burnabybearsfhc www.burnabybearsfieldhockey.com

## Burnaby Baseball Spring 2019 Registration

Registration begins: December 1st, 2018. Spring season: April to July. Age: 5U-18U <http://baseballregistrastion.today/>

## Thank You's:

We would like to send a special thank you to the following people who help make Taylor Park Elementary School such a great place:

- Our Parent Advisory Committee(PAC): We can't even begin to name off all the things you do to help our students. They have organized our Pancake Breakfast and hot lunches, paid for our gym projector and sound equipment in the gym, paid for all kinds of classroom projects and helped pay for busses for class field trips. Your dedication and efforts truly make our school great. Thank you to each and every one of you!
- The Burnaby Fire fighters for bringing their stoves, mixing the batter and cooking the pancakes.
- To all of our volunteers, a huge thank you. From counting money, helping children cook, driving for fieldtrips and sports events, helping out in the classrooms, making costumes, the list goes on and on. Parent involvement makes such a big difference in our school and your time and commitment truly makes a difference. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to help us. It is greatly appreciated!

## Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams

Congratulations to our Boy's Volleyball teams for a season full of excitement and skill development. The team members displayed great sportsmanship as they played in league games with other Burnaby schools. They ended by playing in a district play day and did an excellent job of representing Taylor Park. Thank you very much to Mr. Petroski and Ms. Tanahara for all the time they volunteered to coach and mentor our volleyball team this year!

Congratulation to the Girls' Volleyball team for an awesome season of learning and skill development. The team represented Taylor Park well in all of the games. They had an excellent recreation play day. Ms. Cheng and Ms. Campbell would like to thank the girls Volleyball team for their enthusiasm and support for each other. We also want to thank the coaches and all of the parent drivers and fans! We couldn't do it without you!

## Christmas Concert Raffle

We will be holding a raffle draw at this year's Seasonal Concerts. A huge thank -you to our local businesses for supporting our school. Lots of great prizes to be won. Here are some of the items: iPad mini, theatre tickets, book sets, gift cards for local merchants and more. Tickets will be available at the door for all performances. 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10, cash or cheque only. Prizes will be drawn, December 20. All money raised goes to equipment and programs for the school with a focus on our music programs.



## DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about writing a story or poem for this year's

### WORDS WRITING PROJECT.

It might be chosen to be printed in the 2018/19 WORDS Anthology!

Open to all grades K-12

Submit your written work to your teacher by February 15, 2019



Last year's anthology

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