



# Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

## Newsletter

April 2019

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### Dates to Remember

Thurs., April 11 – Thurs., April 18 ..... School Wide Drumming Workshop for All Students  
Tuesday, April 16..... PAC Meeting 7 pm  
Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2 pm ..... Drumming Performance for Parents  
Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> / Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Good Friday / Easter Monday – School Closed  
Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 6 pm – 7 pm ..... Parents as Partners Evening Meeting  
Friday, April 26..... PAC Hot Lunch  
Monday, April 29..... District Pro-D Day – No School  
Monday, April 29..... Red Cross babysitting course  
Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11 am ..... Celebration of Learning Assembly – Parents Welcome  
Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9am – 3 pm..... Final Awards Track Meet at Swanguard Stadium  
Friday, May 3rd..... PAC Movie night doors open 6pm  
Monday, May 13..... Class, team and Panorama Photo  
Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 1:45 pm ..... Early Dismissal and Student Led Conferences  
Monday, May 20..... Victoria Day – No School  
Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am..... Kindergarten Dismissal (Div 22 – 27) Early Dismissal  
Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:15 – 2:30 pm..... Orientation for Parents and Students of Next Year's Kindergarten Students  
Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm..... PAC Meeting – Annual General Meeting  
Friday, May 31..... Volunteer Tea  
Monday, June 3..... School Based Pro-D – No School for Students  
Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 2pm..... Early Dismissal  
Monday, June 10 – Wednesday, June 12..... Grade 6 & 7 Camp  
Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 pm Dismissal ..... Sports Day  
Wednesday/Thursday, June 19/20 12:45 – 1:45 pm ..... Talent Show Performances  
Friday, June 21 ..... School Picnic  
Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 – 10:30 am ..... Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony  
Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - 10 am Dismissal ..... Last Day of School for Students  
(See our website at [taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca](http://taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca) for the full year's schedule)

### Weeds in our Relationships

In our March school newsletter I wrote about how planting early in my home garden is a lot like growing positive social and emotional character in students. Character must be planted and it should start when children are young. The seeds my son and I planted in snowy February have sprouted and are about five cm tall. Dealing with weeds is necessary both in our relationships and our gardens and is the topic for this article.

If we are going to deal with the weeds in our relationships and in our gardens, we need a plan on what we want the garden and our relationships to look like. This past week, our grade seven teachers met with a Byrne Creek counsellor, Learning Support teacher and vice-principal to discuss the high school academic and extracurricular programs for students who will be going on to grade eight at Byrne Creek. Our teachers spoke often about the contributions students had made to their friends and the school as well as how individual students had planned and followed through on intentionally developing their academics, their friendships and their contribution to the school. Our grade seven students made a plan in September and they had followed through. The plan was about what they wanted to grow in their lives. The same is true in my home garden.

This year, my son and I again mapped out what we wanted our garden to look like and produce. When we turned over the soil and raked it smooth, we noticed we still had some weed roots in the soil. It would be impossible to get all the weeds and if we spent all our time getting rid of the roots we'd have little time for planting. So, we calculated how much room each plant needed, looked at a growing chart for our region and put markers where our kale, carrots, beets, beans, etc. would be planted. We've now planted carrots and kale in the garden as well as starting tomato plants inside. Having markers where the seed have been planted makes it easy to know when plants are small if they are weeds or what we want to grow. It's quick and easy to use a small rake and break up the other soil and get rid of weeds between the markers when they are small. The same thing is true in our relationships. If we know we want to grow things like encouragement, support, trust, fun and caring we can "mark" or set goals for those areas. We then know we need to get rid of "weeds" like negativity, arguing, put downs, rudeness... I don't know of any garden where there aren't weeds that need to be dealt with and I also don't know of any relationship where there aren't "weeds" that need to be dealt with. The key is to know what we want the relationship to look like because then we can identify what the weeds are and get rid of them when they are small.

Having a plan for what to grow and regularly removing weeds is important for a garden and for relationships. I've learned a lot about how to get rid of weeds in gardens and in relationships and that will be our topic for our next newsletter.

*Hal Wall (Principal)*

### Change of Address or School for September 2019

We have started to plan our school organisation for this coming year so we need to know if your child(ren) will be moving to a different school next year. Please send a note to your child's teacher or the office to inform them if you will be moving. 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](#).

Summer Session Morning Classes	Going into Grade(s)
Get Ready for Grade 1	1
Primary Art	1 - 3
Primary Exploration	2 - 3
Robotics - 2/3 Scratch/Sphero	2 - 3
Exploring Writing Primary	2 - 4
Hands On Science – Primary	2 - 4
ELL Primary	2 - 4
Primary Comic Creation	2 - 4
Get Ready for Grade 4	4
Robotics - 4/5	4 - 5
Fibre Arts and Design	4 - 7
Film Creation	4 - 8
Hands On Science - Intermediate	5 - 7
Sports and Recreation - Intermediate	5 - 7
Essay & Report Writing	6 - 7
Robotics & Design	6 - 8
Afternoon Classes	For Grades
Maker Space	1 - 3
Visual Arts	1 - 4
Rube Goldberg Machines 3/4/5/6	3 - 6
iPad Film Making 4/5/6/7/8	4 - 8
Electronics 5/6/7/8	5 - 8

### Last Chance For Yearbook Purchase

Our 52 page school yearbook is almost finished. It will include individual photos of each students as well as photos of our Christmas concert, lunchtime events and classroom activities. We order in advance and receive the books in the last week of June. Yearbooks are available for purchase online only for \$25 until the end of April.

### Parents as Partners Event - Thursday April 25th - 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Please join us for an informative evening discussing BC’s re-designed curriculum, assessment practices, and how educators and parents at Taylor Park can support students. We will meet in the gym and parents will be able to go to a variety of hands on sessions including:

- District Literacy Consultant on how to support young readers
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning: from content to competencies
- Technology and Thinking
- Role of self-assessment
- Use of proficiency standards and a shift away from letter grades

### Childcare

Finding childcare is a challenge for many parents. If you are providing childcare and have openings, whether you 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 2019

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.

### 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, Ms. Wilks and Ms. Panesar to oversee the skip clubs.

### Staff Updates

- Welcome Ms. McKee who is teaching Division 6 as Ms. Long is on a Leave of Absence.

### PAC Movie Night May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our PAC is hosting a movie night on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> The date has been changed from April 18<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts. If you are able to help, please contact our PAC at [taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com)

### School Book Fair and Indoor Dunk Tank...

Our School Book Fair from May 14 - 16 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 dunked at the end of May student assembly! Every student who makes a purchase can enter their name to be part of the dunking...

### Summer School

Registration for Summer Session begins Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Detailed information is available online at <https://burnabyschools.ca/summersession/> Registration is only available online. Taylor Park will again host both morning and afternoon sessions for July 8 - 25. All Taylor Park students are provided with one free morning summer school class. An afternoon class is an additional \$310 and can be paid for online only. Morning classes at Taylor Park are from 9 am – 12:15 and afternoon classes go from 12:45 – 4:00 pm. Students enrolled in both the morning and afternoon classes will have a supervised lunch from 12:15 to 12:45 so they will start at 9 am and stay until 4 pm. Students who receive Education Assistant support need to register by May 10 in order to provide time for organizing support for the summer session. Your child’s PEN number for registration is at the top of this newsletter as well as each report card. Last year some of the classes were full after seven minutes so we encourage parents to register early. Full course descriptions are available [online](#).

### Summer Session Classes at Byrne Creek – July 3 – 26 - 8:15 am – 12 pm

- Grade 7/8 Transitions
- Cook it up! International Cuisine – Going into Grade 8 - 12
- Fitness and Conditioning – Going into Grade 8 - 12
- Photography – Going into Grade 8 - 12

### July 8 – 25

- Dance Exploration – Going into Grades 5-7
- Rock Band - Going into Grades 6 - 8
- Volleyball For Girls - Going into Grades 7 & 8