



# Taylor Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A happy, caring learning community

## Newsletter

May 2019

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### Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9am – 3 pm.....Final Awards Track Meet at Swanguard Stadium  
 Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ralph Breaks the Internet ..... 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<sup>th</sup> ..... Victoria Day – No School  
 Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am .....Kindergarten Dismissal (Div 23 – 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 – 1pm – 2pm ..... 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<sup>st</sup> ..... School Picnic  
 Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am..... Grades K – 7 Student Recognition Assembly  
 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)

### Mental Health at Taylor Park

We will be recognizing Mental Health Awareness Week with an assembly on Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30 am. We will also be having daily challenges for our students and staff:

- Monday May 6th: Gratitude- write down five things that you are grateful for today
- Tuesday May 7th: Healthy Eating- eat four servings of fruit and vegetables today
- Wednesday May 8th: Exercise- do an activity that gets your heart pumping for at least 15 minutes today
- Thursday May 9th: Random Acts of Kindness- do something kind for someone else today
- Friday May 10th: Limit Screen Time- connect with someone instead of playing on technology today ex. Have a conversation, play a game, go for a walk

Throughout the year, staff have spent time focusing on developing positive mental health. Many of our primary classes have used the We Thinkers series and many of our Intermediate classes are using the Seven Habits by Covey to teach positive habits and skills. Our grade sevens each made a plan at the start of the year about how they could contribute to their peers and to the school. We will be taking time May 6 – 12 to focus on Mental Health and hope that families will join with us. We welcome guests for our assembly on May 8. *Mr. Wall (Principal)*

**Book Fair** Message from our PAC Chair Jaclyn Kirby - Hello parents! It's the kids' favourite time of year again: BOOK FAIR TIME!!! The book fair is a wonderful fundraiser for the school and especially for the library as we are able to get books at cost through Scholastic. This is a great opportunity to stock up on some summer reading books while supporting the school!

We are in search of parent volunteers to help with the cash and stock the shelves during the fair. If you are available at any of the following times we would really appreciate your help! No experience necessary!

The dates are May 14th, 15th and 16th. The shifts are as follows:

8:30 am to 9:00 am - 11:15 am to 12:30 pm - 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Please email the PAC at [taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

We thank all of you for your support either through volunteering or coming to the fair. Money raised through this book fair will be going right back into the library and to help fund a water fountain in pod 2. The book fair has a special place in my heart from when I was little, and now seeing my own kids get excited is a wonderful thing to see!

### PAC Annual General Meeting and Budget Planning for 2019-2020 – May 28

Another year has come and gone! The PAC would like to thank all the parents that donated their time and money this year! The following improvements and events could not have happened without the help of you and the many other parents who donated their time and came to our events!

Together we were able to assist in the purchase of musical instruments, technology in the classroom, and cost reduction for all field trips. Our multi-cultural night was the best ever and family skating was as popular as ever!

Next year we will be looking to improve the kinder garden area, a water fountain for pod 2, more technology, field trip funding, speakers, and more musical instruments. We are looking forward to planning a school wide Family Fun Friday in early October with craft booths, face painting, and games.

We hope to continue hosting community building events such as the movie nights and multi-cultural night. These events are not fundraisers but are hugely important to building community at Taylor Park.

If you have any ideas on fun events or activities for the PAC to host, please join us at the Annual General Meeting on May 28th at 7pm in the staffroom. We will be going over the budget for next year and electing the PAC representatives for the 2019/2020 school year.  
*from PAC chair Jaclyn Kirby*

### Grade 7 Year End Events

We will be celebrating the end of the grade seven year with a leaving assembly on Wednesday, June 26 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. 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.

**Track Team**

We had over 50 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 at Swangard stadium. Thanks to the many parent drivers as well as to our coaches, Ms. Delore, Ms. Downie, Ms. Vlasic, Ms. Lukianiuk and Ms. Daychief.

**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, May 31 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

**Early Dismissal June 7**

The school district, in consultation with parents extended Spring Break from one week to two weeks. In order to meet the province's instructional time requirements, we extend the school day by seven minutes and need to provide the contractual requirement of an hour of preparation time. In order to provide that time, we will be dismissing an hour early on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Dunk The Principal**

For our upcoming book fair, if total sales are higher than \$4500, students will get a chance to "dunk" the principal. Participants will be chosen based on a draw of all those who made purchases. 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. Our grade 6/7 team from division three, with Owen, Lulu, Mia, Isabel C, Kayden, Richard, Tim, Justin and Jhanine represented our school very well in the competition for our zone! Thanks to Ms. Zimmerschied, Mr. Petroski, Ms. Bathurst, Mr. Cockram and Ms. Arden 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 14th 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

**Pui Ying Chinese School at Taylor Park - Register now for 2019-2020 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 Bill Zeng at 604-710-7389 Email: [puiying.taylorpark@gmail.com](mailto:puiying.taylorpark@gmail.com), Website: [www.puiyingcentre.org](http://www.puiyingcentre.org)

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**7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Hats Off Day Family Fun Dash - Saturday, June 1**

Presented by the Heights Merchants Association this 550m dash kicks off the Hats Off Day event, and celebrates how Burnaby Heights embraces health, wellness, families and fun. With Hastings Street closed, children will 'dash' down the wide-open street to collect their medallions. Registration is open to all children, including strollers and wheelchairs. Each participant needs to have a team captain (over age 15), to accompany them on the run. Each team captain can accompany up to four children, and is responsible for ensuring all team participants cross the finish line. \$5 entry fee per child participant (no fee for team captain): proceeds go to the Burnaby Fire Fighters Charitable Society Don't delay - sign up today! No day-of registration. <https://hatsoffday.com/family-fun-dash/>

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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 2019.

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Next year's school(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_