

Taylor Park Parent Newsletter February 16, 2021

The Power of Compliments

Mark Twain, the famous writer, once said, "I can live for two months on a good compliment!" Along with many others, he realized that giving compliments takes our mind off negative ideas and ourselves as well as boosting the emotional energy and creativity of others. This week at Taylor Park we are giving students and staff the opportunity to make compliments. People can fill in a compliment form about a student or staff member and then the writer's name is taken off, the compliment is delivered, and the writer's name is put in a draw. Next Monday we will have a draw and give out prizes. In this time of Covid restrictions it can be easy to focus on ourselves and lose sight of the importance of giving compliments, so we are focusing on this important habit this week.

Updated Covid Information

As new updates are made by Fraser Health and the Province, our district updates the Covid guidelines. [The current procedures are posted online.](#)

School Meal Program – Menu Change

Please note, Feb.24th and March 3rd menu items have switched; Chicken Burger will be served on February 24th and Beef Lasagna will be served on March 3rd

PAC Meeting – Thursday February 25 – 7pm via Zoom

At our upcoming February meeting there will be an opportunity to look at and discuss the updated Covid guidelines. We will also have an update on purchases made by PAC for instruments. A zoom link will be sent out the week of the meeting.

Pink Shirt Day Assembly February 24 – 9:30 – 10:45 via Zoom

In 2007, two Nova Scotia students decided to take action after witnessing a younger student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. The students bought 50 pink t-shirts and encouraged schoolmates to wear them and send a powerful message of solidarity to the bully. Our school, along with many others across North America, will be celebrating pink shirt day. For Taylor Park, it will be on Wednesday, February 24 and will include Pink Shirt Mash Up Dance presentations by divisions 3, 11 and 14-27. The link will be sent out the week of the assembly.

Letting go of Uncomfortable Thoughts and Feelings (From our counsellor's Blog)

When negative thoughts and feelings seem to take over, they can be really hard to let go. It seems like those negative thoughts are the only thing you can think about and as a result you are living in uncomfortable feelings throughout the day. Recently, a psychologist I follow wrote a description of negative feelings and the inner battle we have with them. I thought the analogy they used was a great way to put it, so I wanted to share it with you all... (You can read the [rest of the article online](#))

Registration for September 2021

Applications for students who will be starting at Taylor Park September 2021 has started. We use this information to determine staffing and resources so your early registration is a big help. Students currently attending Taylor Park as well as those who registered at Taylor Park and are currently part of the Burnaby online or immunocompromised program will automatically be re-registered.

We are welcoming registration of students born in 2016 for September 2021 kindergarten – [registration is available online](#). Current grade 7 students are automatically enrolled in their catchment high school. Further information on high schools are in [video format and online](#).

If you are wanting to attend a school outside your catchment or any of the cross-district programs, please note that the cross district form is due in to the office for signature by the principal during the month of February – forms sent electronically are preferred. Acceptance into cross district schools for both elementary and high school as well as for special programs(French Immersion, Mandarin Immersion, etc.) is based on school board policy and details are available on the [district website](#). Registration and [cross district forms are available online](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 604-296-9034 or [email the principal](#).

Parent Survey from Ministry of Education

The ministry of education is looking for input on schools from parents and has provided an online survey at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm Parents may access the survey through the Parent Direct Access from the website listed above by selecting their child's district, school's name, and language of preference.

Welcome to New Staff!

Welcome to Ms. Smith, Educational Assistant, and Ms. Cao (pronounced "cow"), division four teacher!

Community Events

YWCA Youth Educations' Guide to High School – Spring 2021

Grade 7 students are invited to a free online afterschool program which aims to help students prepare for high school. Participants will connect with other Grade 7s to participate in games, group discussions, and activities about managing stress, making friends, peer pressure, media awareness and other topics related to the high school experience. Grade 7's who have taken the program find it's a fun way to learn more about high school and gain confidence. Registration closes March 4, or until spaces are filled. For more information visit ywcavan.org/grade7register or [CLICK HERE](#) to join right away.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday Feb 24th- Pink Shirt Day Assembly

Thursday, Feb. 25th – PAC Meeting via Zoom 7 – 8 pm

February 26, 2021 – District Pro-D Day – No School for Students

March 8 – 12, 2021 – Term 2 report cards going home this week

March 12th - Celebration of Learning Assembly by Zoom 1:10 – 1:45

March 15 – 26 Spring Break

Monday, March 29 – First Day Back after Spring Break

You have previously provided consent for the school to send you electronic information related to your child's educational experience. To unsubscribe please contact the school office at 604-296-9034.