

Taylor Park April 23, 2021 School Newsletter

### **Summer Session At Taylor Park**

We now have about 650 registrations for Summer Session and a few openings left. If you are interested in enrolling, check out the seats available and courses at the [Summer Session website](#).

### **Covid Safety**

With the increased number of Covid cases we are reminding our students about following the guidelines. One of the biggest factors that has reduced the number of exposures at Taylor Park is keeping students home when they are sick or when someone else in the family is sick – especially when somebody has been tested and awaiting results. Please know that we appreciate the effort of parents, students and staff at following the guidelines for the safety of our community. [Our District maintains a website with the Covid information if you want further details](#).

### **Absence Phone Line**

Our absence line can be reached at 604-296-9034. Please leave your child's division, first and last name and days they will be absent. Please speak slowly. If your child is absent and we haven't heard from you, you will get a call home. If reaching out to your child's teacher directly, please advise the office as well. You can also email the office at [TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca)

### **April 26 Pro-D Day**

April 26<sup>th</sup> is one of our regularly scheduled professional days. Our staff will be participating in a variety of classes on indigenous learning, social emotional learning, literacy development and unit planning on Monday so there will be no school for students on this day.

### **Registering for 2021/2022**

If you or someone you know has a child born in 2016 who is going to be starting Kindergarten and has not yet registered, we encourage you to complete and submit the registration form and documents as soon as possible. Our website has been updated with the steps to follow in order to register without coming into the school. Please go to <https://taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca/registration-bc-residents/>

### **Address changed? Moving schools in 2021/2022?**

We are starting to plan for next year school year. Have you moved since the start of the year? Have an upcoming move? Will your students be moving to a new school starting in September? We would be grateful to know this information now. Please contact our office by emailing our office staff, [TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca)

### **Student Led Conferences – The week of April 27<sup>th</sup> - No Early Dismissal**

It's almost time for our student-led conferences! In previous years, parents have made appointments and conferenced with their child in our classrooms. This year, student led conferences will look a bit different. Students will select work samples, look at their strengths and stretches as a learner, and set possible goals for the remainder of the school year. Please set some time at home for your child to conference with you. Be prepared to listen, acknowledge their effort and growth, and ask questions of your child. Your child's classroom teacher will send more information closer to the date. There will be no early dismissal on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> or Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> because conferences will not be held at school or during school time.

### **Early Dismissal Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 pm and Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm**

In order to have a second week of Spring Break, schools throughout Burnaby and many other districts add on seven or eight minutes to each day. When all this time is added up, it equals the amount of instructional time in one week. For each week of instruction, teachers receive 110 minutes of prep time. For teachers to receive the prep time for the extra instructional time they provide each day we will be having two early dismissals. During this prep time, teachers will be working on class placement and a variety of other topics.

### **Lockdown Drills**

Our school practices how to respond to a variety of emergency situations. So far this year we have practiced the following: Fire Drill, Earthquake Drill, Shelter in Place and Hold and Secure. This coming week we will be practicing in the event of a Lockdown. Basic information about the [types of emergency drills and procedures is available online](#).

### **Jeans Day**

This May, we're helping kids at BC Children's Hospital get out of their hospital gowns and back into their jeans. Last year, more than 96,000 patients visited BC Children's Hospital—that's almost one student in every classroom. With your support, we can challenge this status quo and help safeguard the health of kids in our province. Plus, your donation will be generously matched by Odium Brown\*, so don't miss this chance to double your impact and help support us by making a secure online donation to our fundraising page. Thank you for your support. [Donations can be made online](#).

*\* Gifts will be matched from May 1-31, up to a cumulative total of \$30,000.*

### **Class Placement for September 2021**

We are starting to work on potential class placements 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 [online](#) if you are wishing to provide the school with additional 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 so they are balanced as much as possible. We will cheerfully ignore requests for specific teachers but carefully consider requests based on your child's learning needs and style. Placement requests should be [emailed to the Principal, Mr. Hal Wall](#).

### **PAC Meeting Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> 7 – 8 pm by Zoom**

Our monthly PAC meeting will be held by Zoom – Link was included in the email version of the newsletter.

### **April 30 Celebration of Learning**

Parents are welcome to join us for our April assembly via zoom. This assembly will feature presentations on Earth Day by division nine and a dance video by division eleven. The link was included in the email version of the newsletter.

### **Community Events**

#### **Pro D Day Soccer camp (April 26)**

[South Burnaby Metro Club](#)

#### **City of Burnaby Free Fun Activities**

[Youth Matters Youth Week \(May 1-7, 2021\)](#)

#### **Canada Youth Robotics Online Weekend Camps (Spring 2021)**

Canada Youth Robotics Club is a non-profit club focused on robotics and STEM education. Every year they promote and host a STEM weekend camp for kids that love science and robotics. This gives students the chance to apply their knowledge and their interest in robots and coding. For more information see the [online registration site](#). There is a \$100 grant to students who register for Weekend Camps when buying the Robotics U from Canada Youth Robotics Club directly for a limited time. To register camp, please click the following link: <https://www.roboca.org/2021-weekend-camp>

**Burnaby Recreation Centres are open (Spring 2021)**

For more information on upcoming Spring Programs, here is a link to their flyer:

[2021 Spring Programs flyer](#)

**Summer Soccer Day Camps (Summer 2021)**

[Royal Soccer Club](#)

**Girls Burnaby Baseball Program (Summer 2021)**

[Burnaby Valkyries](#)

**Burnaby Spring and Fall Soccer Programs (Fall 2021)**

For more information, please follow the link: [WesburnFC](#)

**Upcoming Dates:**

April 26 Pro-D Day – school is closed for students

April 28-29 – Early Dismissals Cancelled

April 29 – PAC Meeting 7 pm

April 30 – Celebration of Learning Assembly 9:30 – 10:15

May 21 – Early Dismissal 2:00 pm

May 21 – Kindergarten Orientation – new date and time coming soon

May 24 – Victoria Day Holiday – School is closed for students

June 3 – Early Dismissal 2:00 pm

June 4 – Pro-D Day – school is closed for students

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