

Taylor Park May 13, 2021 School Newsletter

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The effect we have on other people is often based on what we say. The intentional, caring and positive comments we make can inspire and brighten the day of all the people we meet. At Taylor Park our school rules are: Be safe and friendly. The question that is often asked in solving a student's problem or thinking about our actions at Taylor Park is, "Is that safe and friendly?" Bernard Melzer was a radio host for the call-in show, "What's your Problem?" for several decades and he shared some wise advice to his listeners that we also give our students... "Before you speak ask yourself if what you are going to say is true, is kind, is necessary, is helpful. If the answer is no, maybe what you are about to say should be left unsaid" – [Bernard Melzer](#). (You can read [more of his comments online](#)).

T = is it true?

H = is it helpful?

I = is it inspiring?

N = is it necessary?

K = is it kind?

Student Led Conferences – Thanks to our community for getting involved in our student led conferences! We have heard many comments from students and parents about how good it was to share and hear about the learning that is going on. Thank you parents for taking the time to go over student work and then praise and help make goals for our students.

Summer Session - There are currently over 600 registrations for summer session at Taylor Park and we are excited about the great programs we will have. There are a few openings still for summer session at Taylor Park as well as openings in nearby schools. [Summer Session website](#)

Vaccination Appointments - Fraser Health includes Burnaby Southeast as a current high-transmission neighbourhood People born in 2003 or earlier (18+) who live in high-transmission neighbourhoods are eligible to register now to book a vaccine appointment. [Government of BC vaccination information](#)

Covid Safety - Many schools, including Taylor Park, have had Covid exposures. We have been fortunate to have had only a few exposures here. 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 phone call. 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

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. You can register online at <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration>

Address Changes - 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

Early Dismissal Friday, May 21st 2:00 pm and Thursday June 3rd 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. Students with a last name starting with the letters A to L will be dismissed starting at 1:40 and students with a last name starting with M to Z will be dismissed at 1:50 on these days.

Early Dismissal for Kindergarten Students only – Thursday, May 20th at 1:45pm

In order free up our Kindergarten teachers for the orientation meeting (via zoom) for our next year's kindergarten students, we will be dismissing our current kindergarten students at 1:45.

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 Odlum 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 - Class Placement letters are available [online](#) for those who want 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 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 (AGM) Thursday, May 27th 7 – 8 pm by Zoom (link sent via email May 13th)

All Taylor Park parents are welcome to join our PAC meetings by Zoom on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm. [Our PAC minutes and information is available on the PAC web site](#). At our May Annual General Meeting we will be electing the executive for next year including the: chair, treasurer, secretary (needed before receiving provincial grant) as well as possible co-chair, DPAC rep and members at large. The executive meets monthly to go over the agenda for the next meeting and any other opportunities or issues that are brought to their attention.

Pro-D Dates for Next Year

Taylor Park has chosen Friday, September 24 and Monday, June 6 for our school based Pro-D days in addition to the district days of October 22, 2021, November 26, 2021, February 25, 2022, and April 25, 2022. [Approved District Calendar with Holidays](#)

Creative Packs – As a service to our families and for your convenience, our PAC has researched and arranged for supply packages to be purchased for families of next year's grade 2 to 7 students.

You may order student's school supply pack for next school year online <https://creativepacks.ca/collections/packs/taylor-park-elementary-school+> Please note that there is a separate group supplies order for Kindergarten (\$25 per student) Grade One(\$30 per student) that parents may choose to participate in, available in September through schoolcashionline.

May Celebration of Learning - Parents are welcome to join us for our May assembly via zoom.(link sent by email May 13th) This assembly will feature musical presentations by a number of students.

Community Events – Please click on the links below to find more information about each of these community opportunities.

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) [WesburnFC](#)

Girls U5 to Women's Soccer (Fall 2021) [Burnaby Girls Soccer club](#)

Burnaby Fall Soccer Program (Fall 2021) [Cliff Avenue Soccer Club](#)

Welcome an international student!

For more information on the Langara homestays Program, please follow the link: [Langara Homestay](#)

Upcoming Dates:

May 20 – Early Dismissal (Kindergarten only) 1:45pm

May 20 – Kindergarten Orientation – 2pm (via Zoom)

May 21 – Early Dismissal (All) 2:00 pm

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

May 27 – Celebration of Learning Assembly by Zoom 11 – 11:45 am

May 27 – PAC AGM meeting – 7pm (via Zoom)

May 28 – Jeans Day

June 3 – Early Dismissal (All) 2:00 pm

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

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.