

Taylor Park June 17, 2021 School Newsletter

Ending the Year Well and Thanks

On behalf of our staff, I want to thank all our parents for the extra work you have put into the safety and learning of our students during Covid restrictions. Thanks for continuing to support and follow the district guidelines up until the end of the year. It is because of family effort that we have been able to minimize the amount of Covid exposures - the daily health check and keeping students at home has had a huge impact on the safety of our students and staff and we very much appreciate those efforts! Through the support of our PAC in purchasing extra music equipment and the extra effort of staff our students have been able to participate well during this year of restrictions. One of the positive impacts that we have seen is the increased level of personal responsibility our students are taking – particularly in areas such as handwashing, wearing masks, being mindful of others and taking responsibility for their learning. Because of the efforts of students, their families and our staff, overall, we have actually seen better than typical literacy results in our young students – something that you wouldn't necessarily expect given the type of year we have had. We look forward to celebrating the growth and successes of our students in the last week of school.

Sports Week

The week of June 14th - 17th was filled with joy and excitement as Taylor Park participated in Sports Week! Each day cohorts were assigned to a designated area to partake in various athletic games. Activities included; relay races, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, lawn bowling, soccer, tossing, throwing, balancing, etc. To add to the excitement, each day we celebrated a team colour!

- Monday- Red
- Tuesday - Yellow
- Wednesday- Green
- Thursday- Blue
- Friday- Rainbow.

Students and staff arrived wearing the colour of the day to show their school spirit. In addition to these activities, prizes were won each day. Over our morning announcements, students were asked to check under their chairs for a coloured sticker. The lucky individuals received a prize from the office, a small sweet treat. Finally, on Friday students received Freezies sponsored by the PAC!

A big THANK YOU to all the people involved in making this year's Sports Week special– PAC, Ms. Vlastic, Ms. Parke, Ms. Varley, Ms. Perkins, Ms. Downie and Ms. Dunnett.

Every Child Matters – Feathers

The past few weeks have been challenging. To learn that the remains of 215 children were found on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School was devastating. This event only re-ignited the importance of our job as a community to support the reconciliation of those impacted by this horrific history. With the permission of the Gitksan artist, Michelle Stoney, Taylor Park has created a memorial for the children whose lives were lost and for all those who have yet to be found. Michelle Stoney's feather design was created in memory of the 215 children and all others affected by residential schools. Below is an image of the memorial and the original feather. For more information about the history behind residential schools please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher and/or visit

<https://legacyofhope.ca/wherearethekids/> and https://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca/the_residential_school_system/ .

Please visit the artist's Instagram @mstoneyart.

Report Card Pick Up for Students Not Attending

Report cards not picked up the last week of school will be held at the office until a student/parent comes for pick up.

Thanks for all the Book Returns but We're Still Missing a lot of Library Books!

We need to collect and inventory all our school library books and textbook! If you have library books or textbooks, please send them to school. Library charges for books that have been lost will be posted through SchoolCashonline.

Join the Summer Reading Club. Online registration starts Friday June 12.

Our Burnaby public libraries are now open for visits up to 45 minutes. Summer Reading Club starts on June 18. This is a great and popular program that we encourage all students to join. You can find details and register online at www.bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club for fun and exciting weekly challenges. Your entries could be featured on Burnaby Public Library's website, Facebook page or Twitter! You'll also find great booklists and reading suggestions.

Lost and Found on display in front of the school

We will be putting lost and found items on tables in front of the school for pick up on Tuesday and Wednesday June 22 and 23rd. Items that are not picked up will be given to charity.

June 24 – 9:30 Year end assembly via Zoom (link in the emailed version of this newsletter)

We will be holding our final regular assembly by zoom on Thursday, June 24 from 9:30 – 10:15 am. There will be a variety of musical presentations by students as well as a recognition and farewell to staff members and PAC members leaving.

June 28 – 9:30 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony via Zoom(link in the emailed version of this newsletter)

We will be holding our Grade seven Leaving ceremonies by Zoom this year. Family and friends of grade sevens are welcome to attend. We will be honouring our grade sevens with several presentations from students including: valedictorian speech, valedictorian song and dance performances, slide show and the presentation of our principal's awards. In order to cut down the length of our ceremony, grade seven are having an award presentation in their classes on Friday June 25. There will be photo backdrops for students to take pictures with their friends. Due to Covid restrictions, parents cannot attend in person.

June 29 – Last Day of School

Our last school day will be Tuesday June 29. Students should come at the regular time and will be dismissed with report cards by 10 am. Students with a last name starting with A-L will be dismissed at 9:50 and students with a last name starting with M-Z will be dismissed at 10:00 am.

PAC Update – new PAC Executive

Congratulations to our new PAC Executive voted in at the [May PAC meeting](#)
Chair: Julie Birett, Treasurer: Christopher Scott, Secretary: Michael Tanaka, Member at Large: Angela MacEachern. The PAC is still looking to fill the Vice Chair and DPAC Rep positions. The PAC recognized and thanked Michelle Krywolt and Amelia Lai for their service as their children are going to high school and they will no longer be on our school PAC. Please contact the PAC if interested. [Taylor Park PAC email](#)

Address Changes - Moving schools in 2021/2022

We are continuing to plan for next year school year. If you will 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. We can then send student files to the new school so that they arrive before September.

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. Youth 12 – 17 are also now eligible to book their vaccine.

School Meal Program – Parent/Guardian letter regarding 2021/22 program

Covid Safety - Please know that we continue to 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>

Jeans Day - We surpassed our goal!

\$520 was donated by our school community. Donations were generously matched by Odlum Brown so our contribution to BC Children's Hospital is \$1,040.00! Thank you for your support!

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 (2021-2022 School Supplies) – 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 Order Form Please note that there is a separate group supplies order for Kindergarten (\$25 per student) Grade One(\$30 per student) that parents may choose that will be available in September 2021 through SchoolCashonline.

Community Events – Please click on the links below to find more information about each of these community opportunities for Summer and Fall 2021.

Summer Camp 2021-South Burnaby Metro Club

Burnaby Public Library Summer Reading Program

BMHA Wildcats - Fall Registration (Burnaby Girls)

CoB Community Better Challenge

Burnaby Minor Hockey

City of Burnaby Summer Programs

Upcoming Dates:

- June 21** – Indigenous People’s Day-Book reading via Zoom by our Librarian
- June 24** – Celebration of Learning & Farewell Assembly via Zoom
- June 28** – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony via Zoom at 9:30 am
- June 28** – Last full day of school
- June 29** – 10 am Dismissal
- July 6** – First Day of Summer Session

Taylor Park School Calendar 2021-2022

Tuesday, September 7Welcome Back – First Day of School!
Friday, September 17 School Photo Day
Wed./Thurs., September 22/23 (2:00 pm dismissal) ..Meet the Teacher
Monday, September 20 Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 24Pro- D Day – school closed
Thursday, September 30 Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 4 – Nov. 12 FSA Assessments
Monday, October 11Thanksgiving Day – school closed
Friday, October 22Pro- D Day – school closed
Wednesday, November 10 – 10 am Remembrance Day Assembly
Thursday, November 11Remembrance Day – school closed
Friday, November 26Pro- D Day – school closed
Thursday, December 2Pancake Breakfast With Santa
Monday, December 13 Term 1 Interim Report Cards sent home this week
December 20 – January 3..... School closed for Christmas Break
Monday, February 21..... Family Day – school closed
Friday, February 25.....Pro- D Day – school closed
Wednesday, February 23.....Pink Shirt Day
Monday, March 7 Term 2 Report Cards sent home this week
March 14 – 25 Spring Break – school closed
Fri., April 15 / Mon., April 18 Good Friday/ Easter Monday – school closed
Monday, April 25Pro- D Day – school closed
Thursday, May 12Student – Led Conferences (2:00 Dismissal)
Tuesday, May 17 International Day against Homo/Transphobia
TBA Kindergarten Orientation
Monday, May 23Victoria Day – school closed
Friday, June 3 2 pm dismissal for Spring Break NIS
Monday, June 6Pro- D Day – school closed
Friday, June 10Sports Day – 12:30 pm dismissal
Mon. June 20- 9:30 am Celebration of Learning & Recognition Assembly
Tuesday, June 21 National Indigenous Day
Friday, June 24School Picnic
Tuesday, June 28 – 9:30 amGrade 7 Leaving Ceremony
Wed., June 29 Dismissal at 10:00 am with report cards for Summer Break

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