

Taylor Park Parent Newsletter January 13, 2022

Covid 19 Safety – Thanks Parents for Doing the Updated [Daily Health Check!](#)

The Omicron wave has resulted in increased restrictions to provide a higher level of safety. For the past year and a half while we have been going through Covid we have had excellent success at maintaining a safe place for students and staff. One of the big reasons for this has been the attention to Daily Health Checks for students and staff. Many parents have carefully watched the symptom checklist and kept their children home and this is hugely appreciated – particularly with the updated guidelines to keep children home if they have a cough or sore throat. We also appreciate the support for vaccinations and mask guidelines by families for the safety of their child and our community. Let's continue to be diligent in what we can do to maintain safety – I realize it is hard, but it is keeping us safer and it is appreciated. – Hal Wall(Principal)

Calling in For Student Absences and Lates

Thanks to the many parents who are calling in or emailing their teacher or the office when they know their child will be absent. It is our practice to phone parents when a child is absent and the parent hasn't contacted us so calling in saves the teacher and office valuable time. The information is also used to monitor illness for Fraser Health. When you call in, please provide the day or days they will be absent, the child's name and their division. Our office can be reached at 604-296-9034 or by email: TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca

Updated [Taylor Park Website](#)

Our secretary, Lora Delorme, has updated our Taylor Park website with information about Covid (health checks and what to do if your child has Covid) along with registration information for the fall and current information for our families. We recommend [bookmarking our website](#) and referring to it for information about our school.

Black Excellence Day – January 14

The Anti-Racism Coalition of Vancouver believe a small action can make a difference. In British Columbia, thousands of students wear pink shirts in support of anti-bullying. Orange Shirt Day has also been introduced across Canadian schools, where students wear orange shirts in solidarity with Indigenous victims of the residential school system. We recognized Black Shirt Day last year in Taylor Park and many other schools in BC, in recognition of the struggle for civil rights fought by Black and racialized Canadians. The name has been changed to Black Excellence Day because the image of Black shirts is also associated with the Nazis by Jewish people. A regular Black Excellence Day for January 15th is in the process of being considered as it is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the great civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner. We believe this will be an important step in raising greater awareness of the ongoing struggle for civil and human rights faced by Black and racialized Canadians and help to foster solidarity against all forms of racism and hate." You can find more information from the [Black Excellence Day CBC Article](#)

Indigenous Artist in Residence

We are excited to start carving our wall plaque and totem starting Tuesday, January 18th! We have received the wood thanks to a donation from Fraserwood Industries in Squamish. The pieces for the wall plaque have been laminated by the woodworkers at the district shop and delivered to the school this past week. Our Artist in Residence, Simon James, will be leading the carving with students in pod two. He will be coming in to the school on Mondays and Tuesdays and individual classes will be coming to pod two to carve. All students from

Kindergarten to Grade 7 will be participate in the carving of this project. We expect to be finished in approximately April.

Save the Date - Free Online Safety and Digital Citizenship Workshop

On **Feb 23rd at 6:30pm** Taylor Park will be hosting a free 45 min virtual workshop for parents. "Children of the Street" from PLEA Community Services will speak to parents about digital citizenship, healthy and unhealthy relationships, sexual exploitation, as well as privacy settings on various apps. This interactive presentation will use real life examples and is intended to help parents safely monitor and guide their children's online activities.

Zoom Link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496147?pwd=dEJwUGFhdXJqdHpZUzFBsm44L1c5QT09>

Meeting ID: 835 7849 6147 Passcode: 758211

The workshop is running in coordination with classroom presentations PLEA will be holding in grade 5-7 classes in March at Taylor Park. More information can be found on the PLEA website: <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/safer-space>

Registration for September 2022

Applications for students who will be starting at Taylor Park begins February 1st. Students currently attending Taylor Park will automatically be re-registered for September 2022. We are welcoming registration of students born in 2017 for September 2022 kindergarten – [registration is available online as of February 1st](#).

Burnaby School District will provide an information session for 2022 Kindergarten Parents of children with Special Needs. Please see the [invitation](#) for more information and contact the school should you require additional information.

Current grade 7 students are automatically enrolled in their catchment high school based on the address we have on record. Further information on high school open houses will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Any grade 7 students wanting to attend a school outside their catchment or any of the cross-district programs, require a cross district application. Please note that cross district forms are due 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](#).

Welcome to New Staff!

Please join us in welcoming: Ms Michelle Toor, our new Div 25 Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Claire Pagnucco as our Div 20 grade one teacher, Ms. Alyssa Lukianiuk who is returning as our Div 11 teacher and our new primary music teacher, Mr. Daniel Nguyen.

PAC Meeting – Thursday January 27 – 7pm via Zoom

We will be looking at a variety of Covid safety issues as well as an update on the Indigenous Art project.

Next Assembly – Monday January 31 – 1:15 pm by Zoom

Our January assembly will feature musical and student learning presentations. We will be holding the assembly by Zoom

Upcoming Dates:

January 14 - Black Excellence Day (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday).

January 27 – PAC Meeting – 7 pm by Zoom

February 21 - Family Day Holiday (School Closed)

February 23 - Pink Shirt Day

February 24 - PAC Meeting

February 25 - District Pro-D Day (No school)

March 7 – 11 - Term Two Report Cards sent home

March 14 – 27 - Spring Break