

“HAutumn” is Coming to an End!

What an amazing autumn we have had. Some people have renamed our experience this year as “Hautumn” or “Augtober”. One of the things our staff wanted to do this year was build a sense of community among our students and their families and this weather has really helped to accomplish this. A reminder that we will be going outside for recess and lunch even if it is raining or below zero so if you haven’t already you may want to get cold and rainy weather clothes for your children so they can be comfortable outside with their friends at recess and lunch.

PASS ([Play Active School Soccer](#)) Soccer Program Coming October 24 – November 4

One of the ways students develop friendships and community is by participating in active sports together. In keeping with our plan to help students develop community we have arranged for the PASS Soccer program to come to our school this year. Each of our classes – all of our students – will have an opportunity to develop their soccer skills and build teamwork through the joy of playing sports together. The cost for this program is \$8 per student and can be paid through School Cash Online.

Shakeout BC – Earthquake Drill Thursday, October 20 at 10:20 am

Taylor Park is joining “Shake Out BC” and participating in a “Drop, Cover and Hold On” drill this Thursday at 10:20 am. There are [videos and information on recommended earthquake safety actions online](#) to show what we are teaching our students.

When to Keep Kids Home from School

We have continued to have good success at keeping our school healthy because parents, students and staff are continuing to follow [Covid guidelines](#). It is the responsibility of parents to do a daily health check to make sure that their child(ren) are not experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to [COVID-19 symptoms](#)). Thanks for continuing to keep our community safe!

Photo Day – October 7 – Retakes October 25

We have once again had Photo Express as our school photographer. They brought four photographers here on October 7th and took several poses of each student. Each student received a card with their code and a QR code to be able to order photos. If your child did not have their photo taken or would like a retake, they will be able to do this on October 25th. You can access your proof and [place your orders online](#). Orders placed by October 23, 2022 will be delivered back to our school with the first round of orders. Orders placed after October 23, 2022 will be delivered back with the retake photo orders.

Yearbooks

We were planning on providing a 52-page, full colour yearbooks in late June for those who order them but because we had so many orders, we are able to take advantage of our supplier’s quantity discount and offer a 60 page yearbook at the same price! As a result, we are extending our yearbook early bird rate of \$28 to the end of October. Orders placed from November – January will be \$35, Feb. – March \$45 and any extras in June will be \$55. Payment details are posted to school cash and yearbooks are optional.

PAC Meeting Thursday, October 27 – 7:00 pm by Zoom

All Taylor Park parents are welcome to join our PAC meeting which are scheduled for the last Thursday of each month. Our meetings are currently by zoom to enable more parents to attend. [The agenda, minutes from previous meetings and our budget for the year are available online.](#)

Student Verification and Completing District Forms Online

Thank you, parents, for your quick attention to this. Our secretaries have sent out an email about this and we really appreciate your help in getting this completed.

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to the many parents for your donations to the Terry Fox Organization. We raised almost \$1900! This year, we again gave our students a sticker to indicate who they were running for, and we dedicated the school run to Mr. Blazeovich, a teacher at Taylor Park who died as a result of cancer this past summer.

Carnival

We had a great time at our carnival. Some of the highlights included: over 300 students participating in the events, over 100 student leadership volunteers, 25 parent volunteers, Ms. Sakic being dunked 15 times and Mr. Wall being dunked 20 times – Mr. Wall reports that his hair is so much softer and complexion so much smoother after being in the dunk tank so he is grateful for all those who participated in dunking him. Thanks to the many student and parent volunteers that made this possible! We raised just over \$3000 for our grade 6/7 camp trip.

Parent Volunteers wanted for Hot Lunch and Fruit and Vegetable Program

Our PAC needs volunteers. [Please sign up online to help.](#) Hot lunch helpers help with ordering and distributing special lunches that are used as a fundraiser. Our fruit and vegetable program gets fruit/vegetables from the BC Ministry of Agriculture and distributes items to each of the classes. Having your foodsafe certification is a big help for the fruit and vegetable program.

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

Where: Taylor Park Library

Why: To purchase great books. Start Christmas shopping early. Money raised will go towards MORE great library books! Students will tour the book fair during their library time. Please note that our policy is that students should not give money to other students nor buy something for another student without written parent permission.

When: Tuesday October 25 to Thursday October 27, Before school: 8:30 – 8:50, lunch time: 12:14 – 12:55, Tuesday: 3:03 – 5:00 (only late night), Wednesday/Thursday 3:03 – 3:45

Halloween

For many people in our school communities the fun and magic of dressing up is an important tradition. Part of creating a safe school community for ALL students on Halloween is making sure racially, ethnically, and culturally based costumes are not part of our festivities. Please note also that no weapons should be part of costumes. As students will be active and staff will not be able to help with changing into costumes, students should come to school in their costumes and be able to participate in all the regular activities in their costume.

To make sure the costume is not culturally offensive our district suggest you reflect on the following questions:

1. Is the costume racially, ethnically, or culturally based?

If so, it will make most folks from those racial/cultural/ethnic group feel unsafe and disrespected.

2. Does the person (staff or student) belong to this group of people?

If the answer is no, this is not okay. Reflect on what it means to borrow someone else's culture, race or religion for a day- because for many people it is not a costume, it's their everyday lives.

3. If the costume is meant to be funny, why is it funny?

A costume that is meant to be funny because it is making light of a religious, cultural, ethnic, gender or racial group is a caricature and hurtful.

4. How would everyone feel if someone wore the costume around this group of people?

If the impact is harmful on any given day, then Hallowe'en is no exception.

5. Is the costume treating gender as a novelty?

The very idea that being a woman (or a trans woman) as a costume is not OK. That femininity on males should become a novelty, or something humorous, is not okay.

Upcoming Dates:

- October 21 (Fri) = Professional Development Day – school closed
- October 24 – 28, November 1-4 = PASS Soccer Workshops for All Students
- October 25 (Tuesday) = Photo Retake Day and Photo Day for Kindergarten Student
- October 25 – October 27 = Book Fair in the Library
- Monday, October 31 – Halloween = 11 am assembly for students only
- Thursday, November 10 – 10 am = Remembrance Day Assembly
- Friday, November 11 = Remembrance Day – school closed
- Friday, November 25 = District Professional Development Day – school closed
- Wednesday, December 7 = Firefighters Pancake Breakfast With Santa
- Week of Dec. 12 = Term 1 Report Cards sent home this week
- December 19 – January 2 = School closed for Winter Break

[\(See our website for the full year's schedule\)](#)