

Taylor Park Newsletter – November 23, 2022

Pancake Breakfast With Santa and Pyjama Day

Taylor Park will be having its annual pancake breakfast and Pyjama Day on Wednesday, December 7th. Unfortunately, the firefighters will not be hosting this so our staff and our grade sevens will be cooking and serving the pancakes under the supervision of our Food Service Worker. Students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas as well as Santa hats or festive clothing. We will be providing compostable plates and cutlery for students. Because of serving so many people, we recommend students have a light breakfast before coming to school. We will start serving at 9 am but it will take until almost 11 am to serve everyone. In order to keep things safe, students will be eating in their classrooms instead of in the gym. We are also expecting a visit from Santa 😊.

Sun Run

Students at Taylor Park will again be organizing an elementary school team for the 2023 Vancouver Sun Run on April 16, 2023. In 2020, the team Taylor Park Builders won the award for the largest elementary school team, and we are again aiming to achieve that goal for the Oasis Youth Team Challenge. Early bird registration for either the 2.5K or 10K run starts now until November 15 (\$22 for students, \$35 for adults). Register at VancouverSunRun.Com under the team: "Taylor Park Builders" using the Team Access Code: 4252. If you have any questions, send an email to sunrun.taylorpark@gmail.com.

Remembrance Day Poppies

For Remembrance Day each student was provided with a poppy and we had many people donate to the Veterans fund through SchoolCash online. A total of \$830 was raised.

PASS ([Play Active School Soccer](#)) Soccer Program

Our soccer program has started, and students are excited. Due to the illness of the coaches we have postponed the second set of workshops until the week of Dec. 5 – 9. All of our students are participating in this activity. If you haven't already, please help us with the cost of this program by contributing \$8 through School Cash Online.

Purdy's Fundraiser

From now until November 30th, you can order Purdys treats for our PAC fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.

What you'll need to order:

1. Our campaign number: 16484
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/805293-101049>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to people you know! Happy chocolating!

Rainy Days and Inside Days

Going outside is important for everybody's health. Our students go outside for PE, for nature walks and for recess and lunch – even if it is raining, below zero or snowing. One of the things we have been developing at Taylor Park, as well as at many schools around the world, is the importance of learning about nature and being outside. Please make sure that your children have shoes and clothes so they can participate in our outdoor activities comfortably while keeping dry and warm.

Remembrance Day and Halloween Assemblies at Taylor Park

We had in person assemblies for our students for Halloween and Remembrance Day. Due to the size of our gym and our increased number of students, we will not be able to have parents join us. [Here is a link to the performances](#). Please note that these videos are for personal use only and not for posting or publishing.

Yearbooks

If you have not ordered a yearbook it is still possible. 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, November 24 – 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](#).

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

Thanks to all the orders placed, our school has raised just over \$1500 through the recent book fair. The money will be used to buy books and more shelving for the library.

Weather Related School Closure

Our district policy on weather related school closures as well as notice of when this occurs is [available online](#).

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, November 24 => Young Peoples Concert for grades 4-7
- Friday, November 25 => District Professional Development Day – school closed
- Wednesday, November 30 => Celebration of Learning Assembly 1:30 pm - students only
- Wednesday, December 7 => Pancake Breakfast with Santa
- Week of Dec. 12 => Term 1 Report Cards sent home this week
- Wednesday, December 14 => Celebration of Learning Assembly 1:30 pm – students only
- Friday, December 16 => Winter singalong for students – 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm
- December 19 – January 2 => School closed for Winter Break
- ([See our website for the full year's schedule](#))