

## November 2023 Newsletter

### **Learning from Failure**

If we're not making any mistakes, then we're not learning. If we're not taking any risks, then we're not growing. One of the reasons we give our students opportunities to try new things like leadership in the class or the school, performing in front of a class or the school, learning to play an instrument or play with the Rock Band is that it is something new and something that is important for others – and we learn that none of us is perfect! Through trying these new things, we can learn to support other people, have patience with ourselves and accept our mistakes and the mistakes of others. We all need to let go of our fear of failure, because it can keep us from reaching our potential. When we run into problems, it can help us learn to be patient if we have the right mindset. Patience develops strength of character. Failure has a way of softening our hearts. It helps us grow up and become more mature. It makes us sensitive to others. It makes us less judgmental and helps us be a little more sympathetic to people around us. Failure doesn't automatically grow our character. Sometimes we unfairly define ourselves or others by our failures instead of looking at our growth and success. Failure only builds our character when we look at it with the right perspective. So... applying this to our students, the next time our students make a mistake, don't do well on a test, make a mistake while playing sports or performing let's acknowledge what has happened let's celebrate their growth with them, show how to support each other, accept our failures and look forward to the next opportunity knowing we can forgive ourselves and have the support of others. *by Mr. Wall*

### **Purdy's Fundraiser – Ends Nov 20!**

From now until November 20th, 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, neighbors, 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. Details and links are on the Taylor Park Website.

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!

### **Movie Night is Back! – Nov 23 6:30 pm - The Super Mario Bros Movie**

Movie night is back! Families of Taylor Park Elementary, please join us on November 23rd in the gym for our Family Movie Night.

Doors open at 6:30pm and the show will start at 7pm.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note this is not a drop off event. Children must be accompanied by a guardian throughout the evening. Thank you! Entrance is by donation.

Popcorn and juice will be available for purchase (tickets at the front door which you can exchange for yummy popcorn and refreshing juice boxes). You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks, but we ask for you to do your best to help keep our gym clean. We will be sitting on the gym floor or in folding chairs so you may want to bring some mats or pillows to make your stay comfortable. This is not a fundraising event, but rather the PAC's way to give back to our school community and help introduce families to each other. We are excited to be showing The Super Mario Bros. Movie! Run time is about one hour and thirty minutes. Hope to see you there! Taylor Park Parents Advisory Committee

### **Missing Hat**

One of our students has lost a grey baseball cap with the word Alaska in white on the front. The hat has significant importance to the student and family so if you find it or know where it is please contact Mr. Wall

### **Dec 11 Skating**

One of our parents has organized a family skate party at Moody Park Arena on Monday, Dec 11 from 7-9 pm. We hope you can join us for this community event. Admission is only \$2 per family and can be paid through SchoolCash online. Skate rentals are \$2.75 each available from the rink. We will also have snacks and a visit from Santa.

### **Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Pajama Day**

Taylor Park will be having its annual pancake breakfast and Pajama Day!

Tuesday, December 19th

Our staff and our grade sevens will be cooking and serving the pancakes. Students are encouraged to wear their pajamas 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. 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 hosting an elementary school team for the 2024 Vancouver Sun Run on April 21, 2024.

In 2020, the team Taylor Park Builders won the award for the largest elementary school team, and we are again aiming to achieve that for the 40th Vancouver Sun Run.

**Date:** April 21, 2024

**Race Category:** OASIS Youth Team Challenge

**Registration Deadline:** March 15, 2024

**In Person Fee:**

Student (18 years and under) 2.5K/10K:

- Now – Oct 31: \$22
- Nov 1 – Feb 16: \$25
- Feb 17 – Mar 15: \$35

Adults (19 years+) 2.5K/10K:

- Now – Oct 31: \$35
- Nov 1 – Feb 16: \$40
- Feb 17 – Mar 15: \$45

*For the 2.5 K race, each youth can be accompanied by one (1) Adult Escort at no charge; however, Escort does not receive a shirt.*

**Registration Information:** [click here](#)

### **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 \$336 was raised.

### **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. Keeping inside shoes in the class helps keep down the dust and also helps keep feet warm in the school.

### **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 were not be able to have parents join us. Here is a link to the performances. (Videos will be uploaded on Nov. 17, 2023) 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 up to December 31 are at a reduced rate. In January the cost goes up. We were able to add more pages this year because of the number of orders and are offering eight pages more than last year because of the number of orders. Payment details are posted to school cash and yearbooks are optional.

### **PAC Meeting Thursday, November 30 – 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. Join Zoom Meeting:

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thanks to all the orders placed, our school has raised just over \$4000 through the recent book fair. The money will be used to buy books for classes and the library. Congratulations to Kasper and Division 18 for winning the book fair prize. Thanks to Ms. Freeman our librarian from September to November 17 for all the time she has put into making this so successful.

### **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:**

Wed. Nov 22 => ArtStarts Assembly 1:15 – 2:15 (Motown Music – Black History)  
Thurs. Nov 23 => Movie Night 6:30 pm  
Fri. Nov 24 => District Professional Development Day – school closed  
Mon. Nov 27 => Young People's Concert for grades 4-7 Bus arrives at 12:45pm  
Mon. Dec 11 => 7-9pm skating at Moody Park Arena (\$2 per family, staff welcome)  
Fri. Dec 15 => 1:15 – 2:00pm ~ December Celebration of Learning  
Mon. Dec 18 =>Thurs Dec 21 ~ Report Cards Sent Home  
Tues. Dec. 19 => Pancake breakfast / Pajama day  
Thurs. Dec 21 => Last Day and Christmas Sing-a-Long ~ 1:30 – 2:15pm  
Fri. Dec. 22 – Jan 5, 2024 => Winter Holidays  
Mon. Jan 8 => First day of school for 2024  
(See our website for the full year's schedule)