

# Taylor Park December Newsletter

## **Moody Park Skating – Please note times depend on your last name!!**

We are looking forward to our school skate on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. Thanks to one of our parents, Delia Li, for organizing this. The rink has a maximum of 200 people at a time and we have almost twice that amount that have signed up. As a result, we will need to divide the ice time into two groups. We realize this may be later than some families anticipated and we This is the only way to accommodate the 200 person limit and also have enough rental skates.

**7:00 pm - 7:50 pm Students and families with a last name starting with A-K**

**8:00 pm – 8:50 pm Students and families with a last name starting with L-Z**

Please arrive a bit early if you are wanting to rent skates (\$2.60 – subject to availability).

We will have hot chocolate, a visit from Santa and candy canes for all students. As we expect many people to be attending, we appreciate your patience.

## **Pancake Breakfast**

We are looking forward to another great Pancake Breakfast and Pyjama Day on December 19<sup>th</sup>! Our cooking team will be led by our retired Food Service Worker, Ms. Pucci and Vice-Principal Mr. Mealha. Our grade sevens will be serving the pancakes under the leadership of Ms. Dunnnett (head teacher). The school will provide paper plates along with compostable wooden forks and knives. Students should have a water bottle as we will not be serving any refreshments. Thank you staff and students for making this possible as the firefighters are not available. Our thanks also to “Santa” for visiting and bringing Candy Canes for all our students.

## **Holiday Wishes**

On behalf of all the staff at Taylor Park – Happy Holidays!! We hope you have a safe and refreshing holiday time. Our last day of school is Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> and our first day back in the new year will be Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **SunRun – Taylor Park in the Vancouver Sun**

Taylor Park has had an amazing SunRun team led by one of our parents, Ms. Delia Li. [The Vancouver Sun article highlights the popularity and impact of our runners.](#)

You can join the team and hopefully help us to be the largest elementary team. [Registration and fees along with further information is online at our school website.](#)

### **Upcoming HipHop Concert in April**

We want to let you know that we are planning to have a school wide HipHop workshop from April 2-15, 2024. Our plans currently are to have a primary presentation in the morning of April 15<sup>th</sup> and an Intermediate concert in the afternoon. Because the number of students has grown since last year, when we have an assembly the students fill the whole space and we don't have room for parents at an assembly unless we break it into two performances.

### **Registration for September 2024**

Applications for students who will be starting at Taylor Park in September 2024 begins February 1st. Students currently attending Taylor Park will automatically be re-registered for September 2024. We are welcoming registration of students born in 2019 for September 2024 kindergarten – [registration is available online as of February 1st](#).

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](#).

We will be holding a zoom based information session for parents in January. We will send out information on this in January 2024

### **Lunch Information**

For students that bring their lunch we would like parents to send it in a thermos or container that keeps it warm. For safety reasons, we don't have student access to microwaves for warming nor hot water for cup-of-noodles.

### **Food Insecurity**

Throughout the year we support families that are facing financial challenges. We are able to provide families that are in this situation with gift certificates for local grocery stores. If this kind of support would help your family or you know of someone else who this could help in our community, we want to know and support you – please contact our principal, [Hal Wall](#).

### **Donations to Taylor Park**

At this time, we often have families asking about donations to the school. The district has provided an online link and information about this. If a donation is more than twenty dollars the district can give a tax receipt. We use donations to: help families in need with food, clothing, transportation, medical appointments/supplies as well as supporting families who cannot afford field trips. We have also used donations to support performance equipment such as instruments, staging, lighting, etc. for our student productions. If you want more information on this, please contact the principal, [Hal Wall](#).

### **Clothing When It's Wet**

Our students go out rain or shine and sometimes children slip in the mud or get wet or muddy. For this reason, we recommend parents provide extra clothes, especially for younger students. We do have some extra clothes but we do not have all sizes and we do not have socks or underwear for children that get wet.

### **Report Cards Distributed Dec 18 - 21**

This week teacher's will be sending parents the report card for our students. We thank you for being partners in your child's learning. We want you to know how your child is doing and have input on their learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

### **PAC Update**

We are excited to announce that we are in the process of getting an accessible swing set for the front of the school. Funding will come from the PAC through the school's gaming grant.

All Taylor Park parents are welcome to join our PAC meetings on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Our next meeting is:

- January 25th: 7pm General Meeting

[Our PAC minutes and related information are available on the PAC web site.](#)

### [Upcoming Events - Please see our Online School Calendar for further details:](#)

Week of December 18-21	=>	First term Reports sent out
Thursday, December 21, 2023	=>	Last day of school for 2023
December 22 – January 7, 2024	=>	Christmas/Winter Holiday – school closed
Monday, January 8, 2024	=>	First Day of School for 2024
Friday, February 24, 2024	=>	Professional Development Day – school closed

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