

## **Taylor Park Parent Newsletter February 29, 2024**

### **HipHop**

We are excited to have a professional dance instructor providing HipHop lessons for all our students from kindergarten to grade seven from April 2 – 15. We will have an assembly with parents invited on Monday, April 15. We will announce the times in April.

### **Swings**

We are excited to be ordering swings for the front of our school. [Our PAC is buying four swings and a partner swing for the front of our school.](#) This will provide an accessible playground for all our students, including those who use wheelchairs. Thanks PAC for supporting this.

### **BC Lions**

The BC Lions is providing an “Energy Champions” presentation for our students on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We appreciate the community support and leadership of the Lions in encouraging our students to care for the environment.

### **Yearbook – Still \$35 for this year!**

Our students have a lot of great photos they have taken this year and we are in the process of putting together the yearbook. [Here is a link to our front cover.](#) If you haven't already, you can order a yearbook for \$35. They will be delivered the last week of June. We also have about 25 yearbooks from the past three years that have been used by our photography club but are in great shape – we are no longer needing these so we are offering them for \$5 each.

### **Parent Financial Support Request**

We would like to ask parents for help in paying for our upcoming HipHop and other performance materials for our students. The cost for HipHop is about \$10 per student so our secretary is adding this optional \$10 cost to the school cash account for all our students. We appreciate your help so that we can provide opportunities like this.

In the past few years we have also used money raised to help pay for:

- school supplies,
- musical performances (we had a professional musical group perform for our students),
- presentation from a black actor about racism for our older students (a few weeks ago),
- musical instruments and sound equipment for performances
- therapy and support for families with financial challenges
- clothing for families with financial challenges

Typically, some of the financial support for these expenses has come from donations. Unfortunately, this past school year we have not had any donations but we have continued to provide financial support for a variety of school and family needs. If you would like to provide a donation to the school you can get a tax receipt for amount above \$20. [Further information is on line](#) if you wish to provide a donation..

## SunRun

Our school SunRun team, the Taylor Park Builders, is one of the largest elementary school teams for this event. The registration deadline is Mar 15th so if you're interested, please register soon! We are proud to have been the largest elementary school team in 2020 and the third largest in 2023. [Details for registering are online.](#)

Our team, "Taylor Park Builders" consists of a supportive and diverse community of students, parents, and teaching staff. The campaign to build the team each year is led by students and parents with the support of the teaching staff. Special thanks to Ms. Berg who is overseeing practices and Ms. Delia Li, our parent who is coordinating this.

## SPCA Support

Division 8 discussed during one of their class meetings how they would like to make a change in the world. They would like to help animals supported by the Burnaby BCSPCA. They will be going around to classes until Spring Break asking for donations of unused towels, blankets, pillowcases, unopened and non-expired dog and cat food, and dog harnesses. These items will go to sick animals in need at the animal hospital and will be delivered in April. Thank you for your support!

## PAC Meeting

Next General Meeting is February 29, 2024 at 7:00pm over Zoom

At our upcoming meeting we will be receiving presentations from the school about literacy levels for students at Taylor Park and an update on our school plan. All Taylor Park parents are welcome. All Taylor Park parents are part of our PAC and are welcome to join us. [The agenda, minutes from previous meetings and our budget for the year are available online.](#)

## Registration for September 2024

Cross District Requests Accepted Starting Feb 1

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 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.](#)

## Calling in For Student Absences and Late

Thanks to the many parents who are calling in or emailing their teacher or the office when they know their child will be absent. Please note that you don't need to call if your child will be less than half an hour late. 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](mailto:TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca)

## Upcoming Dates:

- March 1 => BC Lions Energy Champions Assembly 1:15 – 2:15pm
- March 12 => 10am Primary Days of Music field trip at Edmonds School
- March 18 - April 1 => Spring Break
- April 2 => First Day Back
- April 2 – 15 => HipHop
- April 12 => Pink Shirt Day Observed (No assembly due to HipHop)
- April 15 => Parent Hip Hop presentations x 2 (Time TBA)
- April 18 => Chicken Eggs/Incubator Delivered
- April 26 => class, club, team, and school panorama photos taken.
- April 29 => School Pro-D Day ~ No School for Students
- May 20 => Victoria Day Holiday ~ No School
- May 23 => 12:00 Early dismissal of current K's
- May 23 => 1:45 – 3:00 Welcome to new Ks (Birth Year 2019)
- May 30 => Thank You Tea
- June 3 => School Pro-D Day ~ No School for Students
- June 14 => Sports Day
- June 20 => School Picnic
- June 24 => Grade 7 lunch
- June 26 => Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony at 9:30am
- June 27 => Last Day of School 10 am dismissal of students

You have previously provided consent for the school to send you electronic information related to your child's educational experience. To unsubscribe please contact the school office at 604-296-9034.