

Taylor Park Elementary – April 2024 Newsletter

HipHop – Parents Invited to Watch Our Performances

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 two performance assemblies for parents on Monday, April 15 – you are welcome to attend the performance(s) where your children attend. To be respectful of all the parents attending and to make it easier for filming, we will hold two rows at the front of the audience for only the parents of each performance. After each performance, the parents taking photos/videos in the front rows can return to their seats or to leave. Due to fire regulations, we cannot have parents blocking the side aisles and stand there for filming. Videos and photos taken of performances are for personal use and cannot be posted publicly. This program costs the school \$10 per student so we thank the parents who have contributed through [SchoolCash](#) online and ask that other parents help with this. So far we have less than half of our student cost covered.

Morning Assembly – Doors open at 10:15. Performance is from 10:45 – 11:30 am.

In the following order of classes:

1. Ms. Delore & Ms. Osiris (Divisions 27 & 28)
2. Ms. Dunnett/Stermann & Ms. Stonehouse (Divisions 20 & 21)
3. Ms. Wong & Mr. Panangamu (Divisions 15 & 16)
4. Ms. Wilks & Ms. Turnbull (Divisions 10 & 11)
5. Ms. Lu, Ms. Philp & Ms. Berg (Divisions 5, 6 & 7)
6. Mr. Petroski & Mr. Ram (Divisions 1 & 3)

Afternoon Assembly – Doors open at 1:45 pm. Performance is from 2:00 – 2:45 pm.

In the following order of classes:

1. Ms. Almonidovar & Ms. Campbell (Divisions 25 & 26)
2. Ms. Dunnett/Stermann & Ms. Stonehouse (Divisions 22, 23 & 24)
3. Ms. Boyle/Romano, Ms. Chan/Colussi & Ms. Phillips (Divisions 17, 18 & 19)
4. Ms. Haw-Humphries/Malito, Ms. Malito/Sim & Ms. Tanahara (Divisions 12, 13 & 14)
5. Ms. Barrera & Ms. Vance (Divisions 8 & 9)
6. Ms. Black & Ms. Lyons (Divisions 2 & 4)

Lunar Eclipse

There will be a solar eclipse on Monday April 8. From Burnaby, the sun will only be about 17% covered at maximum. The eclipse will happen from about 10:40 to 12:20, with the maximum around 11:20. [The district has sent out information to parents.](#) At this time our plan is for teachers to talk with students about the danger of looking at the sun at any time but especially during an eclipse. The current forecast is for overcast skies so it does not seem, at this point, that people in our area will be able to see the sun or the eclipse. Based on this information, our current plan is to have students go outside for recess at our regular time of 10:30 – 10:45 and go outside for lunch starting at 12:15 pm. Classes can best watch the eclipse online as we do not have safe equipment nor a good view in our location.

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.](#) Our swing are just finished being made at the factory and we are hoping for installation in June or July of this year. This will provide an accessible playground for all our students, including those who use wheelchairs. Thanks PAC for supporting this.

Summer Session

Registration for summer session for students currently in grade seven is on Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 am and for students currently in kindergarten, registration is on Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00 am. Summer session in Burnaby and at Taylor Park is overwhelmingly popular so we highly recommend being ready for registration with your child's PEN number (on their report card) and the course number. Last year, many of our classes at Taylor Park were filled within the first minute and it seemed like the website wasn't working because there were so many people in the process of registration. [Further details and course numbers are on the district's summer session website.](#)

Class Placement for September 2023

We are starting to work on potential class placements for the next school year. If your child will be moving or changing schools, please notify the office as soon as possible. Class Placement letters are available [online](#) if you are wishing to provide the school with additional information for your child's placement. Please note that our staff spends a great deal of time working on class placement. Wishes from parents go into the mix but aren't guaranteed as we have to consider class size, ELL, special needs, etc. for each class so they are balanced as much as possible. We will cheerfully ignore requests for specific teachers but carefully consider requests based on your child's learning needs and style. Placement requests should be [emailed to the Principal, Mr. Hal Wall.](#)

Our Librarian is Retiring!

We want to congratulate our librarian Ms. Zimmerschied on a great career as a librarian. She has been at Taylor Park since 2012 and has inspired many of our students in their reading! She has been away since the start of the year and has now chosen to retire. We are in the process of hiring our librarian coverage for the rest of this year.

Class and Group Photo Day – Friday, April 26

Each division will have their photo taken which will be printed and offered at no charge to families. The image will also be used in the yearbook. Each club and team will also have their photo taken. Those photos will be available for a fee and also used in the yearbook.

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.

SunRun

Our school SunRun team, the Taylor Park Builders won third largest elementary school! Congrats to our team of over 100 participants! Registration is now closed and the run will be held on April 21st. Special thanks to Ms. Berg who is overseeing practices and Ms. Delia Li, our parent who is coordinating this.

PAC Meeting – Next General Meeting is April 25, 2024 at 7:00pm over Zoom

At our upcoming meeting we will be receiving presentations from the school about our school plan and trustee visit on May 14th. 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

Upcoming Dates:

- April 2 – 15 HipHop
- Friday April 12th Pink Shirt Day Observed (No assembly due to HipHop)
- Monday, April 15 – Parent Hip Hop presentations (See above for times)
- Thurs. April 18 Chicken Eggs/Incubator Delivered (Hosted by Div. 22 for all classes)
- Friday, April 26, class, club, team, and school panorama photos taken.
- Monday, April 29 School Pro-D Day – school is closed
- Monday, May 20 Victoria Day Holiday – school is closed
- Thursday, May 23 1:45 – 3:00 Welcome to new Ks (12:00 Early dismissal of Ks)
- Thursday May 30 Thank You Tea
- Mon. June 3 – School Pro-D Day
- Friday, June 14 Sports Day
- Thurs. June 20 School Picnic
- Mon. June 24 Grade 7 lunch
- Wed. June 26, 9:30 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- Thurs. June 27, 10 am dismissal of students – last day

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.