

## Taylor Park May 2024 Newsletter

### **PAC Meeting (AGM) Thursday, May 30th 7 – 8 pm by Zoom**

Our PAC meeting this month is very important because our new principal, Ms. Redmond, will be joining us. We will also discuss the budget for the coming year and elect the executive members. All Taylor Park parents are welcome to join our PAC meetings by Zoom on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm. [Our PAC minutes and information is available on the PAC web site](#). The executive positions for next year including the: chair, treasurer, secretary (needed before receiving provincial grant) as well as possible co-chair, DPAC rep and members at large. The executive meets monthly to go over the agenda for the next meeting and any other opportunities or issues that are brought to their attention.

### **Registering for 2024/2025**

If you or someone you know has a child born in 2019 who is going to be starting Kindergarten and has not yet registered, we encourage you to complete and submit the registration form and documents as soon as possible. Our website has been updated with the steps to follow in order to register without coming into the school. You can register online at <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration>

### **Grade 6/7 Camp Zoom Meeting for all Grade 6/7 Parents – Tues. May 28, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Every two years it is our tradition to take our grade 6/7 students to camp. This is an important part of our program for our older students and one of the highlights of the year. It is our plan and also our experience that students develop significant social and emotional skills at camp beyond what is possible in a regular school setting. Our plan is to leave for [Camp Elphinstone](#) in the morning of Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and return on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to meet with all the grade 6/7 parents through a zoom meeting. At this meeting we will go over the program and schedule, sleeping and activity arrangements, rules and expectations for students, transportation, fundraising and the cost of camp. We will also be asking parents for approval for students to go on this trip along with a deposit. The school has arrangements for families that need financial help and we will also go over that at the meeting – the cost of camp should not mean any student cannot come.

### **Address Changes - Moving schools in 2024/2025**

We are in the process of planning for next year school year. Have you moved since the start of the year? Have an upcoming move? Will your students be moving to a new school starting in September? We would be grateful to know this information now. Please contact our office by emailing our office staff - [TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca)

### **Early Dismissal for Kindergarten Students only – Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12pm**

In order free up our Kindergarten teachers for the orientation meeting for our next year's kindergarten students, we will be dismissing our current kindergarten students at 12:00pm

### Early Dismissal June 7<sup>th</sup> – 2 pm

In order to have a second week of Spring Break, schools throughout Burnaby and many other districts add on seven or eight minutes to each day. When all this time is added up, it equals the amount of instructional time in one week. For each week of instruction, teachers receive 110 minutes of prep time. For teachers to receive the prep time for the extra instructional time they provide each day we require two early dismissals, one of which has already been taken. During this prep time, teachers will be working on class placement and a variety of other topics.

**Class Placement for September 2024** - Class Placement letters are available [online](#) for those who want 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 consider male/female ratio, 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](#).

### Pro-D Dates for Next Year

Taylor Park has chosen Friday, Oct. 4, 2024 and Monday, June 2, 2025 for our school based Pro-D days in addition to the district days of Friday October 25, 2024, Friday November 22, 2024, Friday February 28, 2025, Monday April 28, 2025. [Approved District Calendar with Holidays](#)

### Upcoming Dates:

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| MONDAY, MAY 20 => VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)   |
| TUES. MAY 21, 2024 => 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS   |
| THURSDAY, MAY 23 => 12:00PM DISMISSAL OF CURRENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS<br>1:45 – 3:00PM WELCOME TO NEW K'S (BIRTH YEAR 2019) |
| THURS. MAY 30 => THANK YOU TEA (COMMITTEE TARA, JENNIFER O, KRISTIN)   |
| THURS. MAY 30 => PAC AGM BY ZOOM   |
| MON. JUNE 3 => PRO-D DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)  |
| FRI. JUNE 7 => PRIDE PARADE  |
| FRI. JUNE 7 => 2 PM DISMISSAL  |
| FRIDAY, JUNE 14 => SPORTS DAY (12:30PM DISMISSAL)  |
| THURS. JUNE 20 => SCHOOL WIDE PICNIC   |
| FRI. JUNE 21 => NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY AND ASSEMBLY   |
| MON. JUNE 24 => GRADE 7 LUNCH  |
| WED. JUNE 26 => 9:30 – 10:30 GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY  |
| THURS. JUNE 27 => 10 AM DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS AND REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – HAVE A GREAT SUMMER        |

**Absence Phone Line**

Our absence line can be reached at 604-296-9034. Please leave your child's division, first and last name and days they will be absent. Please speak slowly. If your child is absent and we haven't heard from you, you will get a phone call. If reaching out to your child's teacher directly, please advise the office as well. You can also email the office at

[TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:TaylorPark.Info@burnabyschools.ca)

**Burnaby Parks'n Rec Summer camps**

Summer camps are now available for registration in [Webreg](#). To browse camps in [WebReg](#), click Advanced Search on the left menu and type 'camp' into 'containing keyword'.

<https://www.burnaby.ca/recreation-and-arts/programs-and-activities>

<https://burnabyschools.ca/summersession>

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.