**The Taylor Park PAC needs you!**

**What is the Taylor Park PAC?**

The Taylor Park PAC (Parent’s Advisory Committee) represents all the families of Taylor Park Elementary in discussions with the school. We are the unified voice of the parents for the school administration. We work together to help make Taylor Park a great place to be.

**Who is a member of the PAC?**

All parents or guardians of a child attending Taylor Park are automatically members of the PAC. That means you have a vote at all the meetings!

**What is the PAC Executive?**

The PAC Executive is a group of parents who build the PACs budgets, hosts meetings, and organizes PAC events and fundraisers. The PAC Exec presents the budget and all spending resolutions throughout the year at regularly scheduled PAC meetings.

**What are some of the things the PAC has funded?**

Here are some of the things your PAC has done over the past couple of years:

* Three movie nights to have fun and build community (and next year we'd like to do more)
* Fundraising events to allow for school events and initiatives such as:
  + Contributing $12,000 towards the school-wide Indigenous Art project
  + Helping fund grade 7 leaving events
  + Helping pay for guitars, drums and audio equipment in the gym ($6000)
  + Providing $100 for each classroom for expenses
  + Providing field trip funding ($10 for each student each year)
  + Contributing $16,000 for playground improvements (Swings in front of school including an accessible swing set – installation in August!)
* Distributing local fruit and vegetables to the students regularly as part of Agriculture in the Classroom
* Providing input on school events, school goals, current issues and ensuring there are lots of opportunities for our students to participate in clubs, music and sport programs
* And much, much more!

**We need your help!** The PAC needs volunteers to function. Currently we only have a small handful of people on the PAC Exec, and we desperately need to fill out our ranks. Without more people the PAC won’t be able to do any significant fundraising and be able to continue to do support many events such as the ones listed above.

**How to join**: If you’d like to join the PAC Exec or simply learn more about it, come to the PAC General Meeting [via Zoom](https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62294444942?pwd=Q2hFOUZ2ck5NVTlJN3ZlS2dVMUN4QT09) on Thursday, May 30th at 7pm. It’s a great way to meet other parents, get the inside track about what’s happening at your school, and most importantly help Taylor Park continue to be a great place for kids to grow!

What are the positions on the PAC Exec:

CHAIR

* Chairs P.A.C. meetings
* Calls and chairs executive meeting
* Ensures that an agenda is prepared
* Makes sure that meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion
* Ensures that Council activities are aimed at achieving the purposes set out in the constitution

VICE-CHAIR

* Assists the Chair where necessary
* Chairs P.A.C. meetings when the Chair cannot attend

SECRETARY

* Keeps accurate minutes and attendance records at meetings
* Makes minutes available prior to monthly council meetings

TREASURER

* Keeps accurate records of funds, receipts and expenditures
* Follows guidelines for finances outlined in the constitution
* Provides a report at each PAC meeting

District PAC (DPAC) REPRESENTATIVE(S)

* Attends meetings of Burnaby DPAC and, speaks and votes on behalf of our PAC

MEMBER(S) AT LARGE

* The title says it all! No specific portfolio but helps steer the ship with the rest of the PAC Exec.

**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](https://www.taylorparkpac.ca/file-share/4059aad9-2517-4619-ae72-1346d25a7728). 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.

**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](https://www.gv.ymca.ca/sites/gvymca/files/2024-02/2024%20School%20Information%20Guide%20-%20YMCA%20Camp%20Elphinstone%20Outdoor%20Education%20Centre.pdf) in the morning of Tuesday, October 1st and return on Thursday, October 3rd. 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 can not come.

Zoom Meeting Details: May 28, 2024 05:30 PM Pacific Time

**School Pride Parade Celebration on June 7th - 9:45am-10:15am**

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a Pride Parade on June 7th, and we invite all families to join us in this celebration! This event is an opportunity for our school community to come together, dress up, and cheer on our parade as we show our support for diversity, inclusion, and human rights. Pride parades are valuable as they promote acceptance and celebrate the diversity of our school community. Let's come together to embrace and celebrate the uniqueness of each individual and the families in our community.

The Parade will start at 9:45 and go until 10:15am. The parade will circle the school twice, picking up then returning students to their classes. Families are welcome to gather at the front of the school, then join their child’s class after it passes by. Join the festivities by wearing colorful clothing and costumes, bringing signs with words of support, and noisemakers. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information about SOGI in Burnaby Schools, please visit <https://burnabyschools.ca/sogi/>

**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>

**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?subject=Address%20Change)

**Early Dismissal June 7th – 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](https://taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ClassPlacementParentRequest.pdf) 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](mailto:hal.wall@burnabyschools.ca?subject=Class%20Placement%20Request%20for%20September%202021).

**Upcoming Dates:**

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| Thurs. May 30 => Thank You Tea |
| Thurs. May 30 => PAC AGM by zoom |
| Mon. June 3 => School Pro-D Day – No School for students |
| Fri. June 7 => Pride Parade |
| Fri. June 7 => 2 pm dismissal |
| Tues June 11 => Band Performance for Grade Seven Parents (More info coming soon) |
| Friday, June 14 => Sports Day (12:30 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 => 10:00 am dismissal of students and report card distribution.  Have a wonderful summer! |

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