



# Taylor Park Elementary School Newsletter

April 2025

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Hello Taylor Park families!

Welcome to May!

With two months left in this school year, we are looking forward to some great activities and celebrations as a community.

During the week of May 5-9, we have our **Student-Led conferences**. These occur during the afterschool times throughout the week, and your child or children's teachers have been, or will be, sending you information about when these will be happening in specific classes.

The purpose of these conferences is to provide an opportunity for students to share their learning with you, which may include everything and anything from projects, books, writing, experiments, reflections, etc. Your children are preparing what they will share and are eager to have this opportunity to lead you through their classrooms and their activities. This is not a teacher-led event but an opportunity for you to spend dedicated time with your child and celebrate all the great accomplishments and learning.

We also have our first **Walk-a thon** happening on May 16! This Walk-a-thon is a PAC organized event that looks to raise funds for classroom supplies and school equipment. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$5,000. All students will walk a designated route around the neighbourhood of 1 km to 4 km depending on the grade level. Classes will walk together with their teachers and our expectation is that every child participates in this school-wide event, whether or not they have any sponsors. Please make sure you read over the info that has been sent home.

May is also the time we look for your input in helping shape our plans for next year. There are two ways we are looking for your feedback and support and we welcome your thoughts and ideas.

*The first* is through providing your reflections and feedback with regard to our two **school goals**. At Taylor Park we have just made the shift to explore the academic goal of Reading, and a Social-Emotional Goal focused on empathy and kindness. As a staff, we have been observing our students, gathering our thoughts based on the work we see children doing and are looking to narrow down the focus of this goal. We invite you to click on the link: [school goal feedback](#) and let us know what you currently notice, hope to see, as well as your thoughts on supports, when it comes to your child or children.



You are your children's first and most consistent teachers, and your input is valuable. We ask if possible, that you provide your feedback in the form before the end of May as we will want to review your feedback in early June.

*The second way* to support our planning process is to provide some information and insights into your child or children as we look to begin the **class placements for September**. There are many considerations that staff keep in mind regarding class placements, and a lot of careful and thoughtful time is put into the organization of classes. Some of the factors we think about include: learning styles, social and emotional considerations including friendships, ELL and learning support requirements, students' strengths and needs, leadership skills, overall class size and configuration, and the type of classroom environment best suited to individual children. As educators, this process is one that we value and take very seriously and as we place your children, we balance their needs as individuals as well as the needs of the class as a whole. If you wish to send us information about your child or children, you feel would help us in this process, we value your insights. This is not a request for a grade specific class or teacher, but an opportunity to share with us about your child so we can make well-informed decisions. If you would like to provide your thoughts, please do so by completing the form by May 30<sup>th</sup>: [Parent Info about class placement](#)

Thank you for all you do to support your children's continued growth in learning and the Taylor Park community as a whole. We appreciate you.

Taylor Park staff



## UPCOMING DATES:

*(See our website for the full year's schedule)*

**May 2** – PAC Movie Night in the gym – showing “Dog Man”. Doors open at 5:30pm

**May 14** – Class Photo Day



**May 16** – Walk-a-thon Fundraiser (whole school)

**May 19** – Victoria Day No School

**May 22** – Kindergarten Orientation (12pm dismissal for current kindergarten students)

**May 29** – Volunteer Tea

### **Professional Development Days for 2024-2025**

- Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Our calendar of events can be found [here](#)

### **Taylor Park Walk-a-thon – Friday, May 16th**

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To further generate school spirit, parents are once again welcomed to join the walk! If you would like to join your child's class outside on their route, we kindly ask parents to confirm attendance with their child's teacher prior to May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Volunteer!**

If you'd like to partake in this event, we are looking for volunteers to be on course to help with traffic control and at the Start/Finish Line. Please click here to volunteer: <https://forms.gle/eUHy5FbHp7xLrujHA>



## Understanding Substance Use in Tweens and Teens An Evening for Parents

*This session is focused on substance use prevention:*



- Current substance use trends.
- The importance of decreasing stigma when discussing substance use and addiction.
- Increasing your confidence, competence, and comfort level in discussing drugs and alcohol with your child.

\*Optional (in-person) naloxone training will be offered from 7:45-8:00pm for those interested.\*

**Thur, May 15th 2025**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Hosted in-person at Canada Way Learning Centre  
5310 Woodsworth St., Rm 8**

**\*Virtual option will be made available via Zoom\***

**To register please email:**  
[shiara.dhillon@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:shiara.dhillon@burnabyschools.ca)



Boys & Girls Clubs  
of South Coast BC



# PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)



## UPCOMING DATES:

Movie and Pizza Night -Friday, May 2 Doors open at 5:30pm



Taylor Park School Gym  
Doors Open 5:30pm | Movie Start: 6pm

Free event - Donations are welcome!  
Bring a pillow or blanket for comfort. Popcorn  
& juice boxes sold on site - cash only



Place your MOVIE NIGHT  
pizza order by Thurs, April 24  
at [schoolcashonline](https://schoolcashonline.com)



Walk-A-Thon scheduled for **Friday, May 16th**. Donate here:

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/eUHy5FbHp7xLrujHA>



## CONTACT US

And in case you didn't know, here are the different ways to connect with us:

Email: [taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com)

Website <https://taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca/>



Facebook Group (Taylor Park Elementary School PAC)



Instagram (@taylorparkschoolpac)



# **SFU RUGBY FAMILY DAY & TRY RUGBY BBQ**

**SUNDAY, MAY. 25, 2025**

Join us for a **FREE** fun-filled day of  
rugby and community celebration!

**11am-12pm** TRY RUGBY for all ages  
U5 - U11  
Girls Only  
U12 & Older

**12pm onward BBQ & Family Mini-Games!**  
Parents, siblings & friends welcome to join the fun!

**Location: SFU Field 2**

**Contact: [nighinarahimi@gmail.com](mailto:nighinarahimi@gmail.com)**

