



Taylor Park Elementary School Newsletter

February 2025

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Hello Taylor Park families!

With this beautiful Friday February 14th, where we celebrate kindness, friendship and love, we are excited to send out our first official newsletter and look forward to monthly ones in the future.

It is easy to see the care and support this community has for its families, children, and staff. From the many ways the PAC is engaging families in movie nights, pancake breakfasts and hot lunches, to the myriad of activities offered at the school by staff and outside groups, including sports, arts, games, et cetera. It is so appreciated, and the children benefit so much.



February is a month where we acknowledge, learn about and appreciate the history of Black people in our communities and beyond, the kindness and care associated with Valentine's Day, and the understanding that we are all unique and special individuals who are welcome here and are free to express themselves, be who we are, and have our identities recognized and celebrated. This will be honoured on **Pink Shirt Day** which is on February 26th. We look forward to seeing all the pink!

It is also a month where we celebrate family. Families come in all shapes and sizes and each of our families is different. And also, as Maya Angelou said:

"Family isn't always blood, it's the people in your life who want you in theirs: the ones who accept you for who you are, the ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what."

This weekend, as we look forward to Family Day on Monday, the hope is that you will all find time to spend with your families and all others you include as family. We wish you a weekend filled with many moments that bring you joy.

Taylor Park School Community



UPCOMING DATES:

February 17th – Family Day – No School

February 21 – PAC Movie Night | Doors open @ 5:45pm

February 26 – **Pink Shirt Day**

February 28 – Professional Day – No School

March 3 – 14 – Primary Days of Music

March 10 – 13 – Report Cards Published

March 17 – March 28 – Spring Break



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)



All parents of students attending Taylor Park can be members of the Taylor Park PAC (Parent Advisory Committee). We hold meetings each month to discuss issues of concern for our students' learning and how to support programs at the school through fundraising. The Principal, Vice-Principal and Head Teacher bring issues for parents to discuss and there is an opportunity to bring up school wide questions as well. Our meetings are informal and have lots of laughter combined with the satisfaction of contributing to the learning of our students. We will provide the exact date and time of our first meeting soon.

Dates to Remember ...

([See our website for the full year's schedule](#))

Professional Development Days for 2024-2025

- Friday, February 28th
- Monday, April 28th
- Monday, June 2nd
- Our calendar of events can be found [here](#)

Cold and Flu Season

As cold and flu season is among us, please keep your child home if they are showing any signs of sickness. This helps keep our school healthy and reduces the spread of germs.

If they are going to stay home, please inform the school by email taylorpark.info@burnabyschools.ca this is the best way to contact us as the phone lines get busy very quickly.



Traffic Concerns

Many people expect to find parking for drop off and pick up at a school, but that is not possible at Taylor Park. Our school is within walking distance for almost all our students, so we recommend that families walk – even in the rain. When students walk to school, the exercise and fresh air gets their brain ready and they are calmer and ready to learn when they enter the school.



When there are parents parking illegally in the turn-around area, emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances cannot get to our school. There is only a very limited drop off/pick up area that stretches along the school side of Mission Ave. Remember that the driver of the car must remain behind the steering wheel while stopped in a loading area. Our school welcomes the enforcement of traffic and parking rules for the safety of our students by the RCMP. Violators of traffic and parking rules will be ticketed. The city of Burnaby will be changing the turnaround area and also parking regulations on Southpoint to help with keeping our school safe at pickup-drop off time.

School Meals Program



Watch for monthly emails to pay for the up-coming cycle. As usual, no late orders can be accepted as we order a specific number of meals ahead of time. We cannot change our order once it is placed. Visit school cash online to make your payment - [SchoolCash](#). We will no longer be using the school meal envelope.

Online Payment of School Fees



We are pleased to offer parents a safe and secure way to pay all school fees online as well as providing a record of your purchases and receipts. You can pay for, kindergarten shared supplies, Hot Lunch, field trips, school yearbook, etc. directly to your child's account. Please go to our school website at taylorpark.burnabyschools.ca/ for directions on how to sign up for the [SchoolCash](#) program.

Burnaby Minor Lacrosse is Hosting



2025 FUN LACROSSE

For Burnaby boys & girls born 2016-2020
3 Sessions for \$90 – No equipment required; Free dry fit shirt included

Jack Crosby Outdoor Covered Box
(Riverway Park) Fridays
8605 Nelson Ave, Burnaby

Sohen Gill Outdoor Covered Box
(Confederation Park) Saturdays
250 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby

To register online go to
www.burnabylacrosse.com

Need more info? Email Susan Kirkby at
funlacrosseburnaby@gmail.com

SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER EARLY!

Fridays

Feb 21 & 28 & March 7

Sessions #1: 6:00-6:45pm

Sessions #2: 7:00-7:45pm

Jack Crosby Box

Saturdays

Feb 22 & March 1 & 8

Sessions #3: 11:00-11:45am

Sessions #4: 12:00-12:45pm

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BURNABY MINOR LAKERS BOX LACROSSE

CANADA'S NATIONAL SUMMER SPORT!
REGISTER AFTER DECEMBER 1ST!
WWW.BURNABYLACROSSE.COM

BOYS & GIRLS 2025 FEES

U7 (2019-2020)	\$200 / \$250
U9 (2017-2018)	\$275 / \$325
U11 (2015-2016)	\$325 / \$375
U13 (2013-2014)	\$350 / \$400
U15 (2011-2012)	\$350 / \$400
U17 (2009-2010)	\$350 / \$400
U22 Female (2004-2008)	\$350 / \$400
Full Time Goalies	\$75
	On or before January 21 / After January 21, 2025

Birth year is January to December; players may be 4 years of age when starting the season.

Family Rate - families with 3 or more players receive a \$100 refund.

All registrations include shorts, dryfit shirt, team photos, use of team jerseys, BCLA insurance, and free admission to Junior and Senior Laker games.

Refund Policy - Up to Jan 21, 2025, full refund less \$60 admin fee. Between Jan 21 at 11:59pm and April 1 at 11:59pm, 50% refund. After April 1st at 11:59pm, no refund.

Once players are placed on a team, a team fee will be required. The amount of the team fee will depend on costs of tournaments and other team activities.

CONTACT

Club President & Registrar: Susan Kirkby
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REGISTER ONLINE

- Go to www.burnabylacrosse.com after December 11, 2024
- Click on the "Register Here" button
- We accept credit card or e-transfer payments
- If you pay by credit card, a 3% processing fee will be added
- No cheques will be accepted

NEW PLAYERS

- New players ALWAYS PAY the early bird fee
- New players who register after January 21, 2025 e-transfer the lower rate
- New players who register after January 21, 2025 choose the "New Player Rate" package.

RETURNING PLAYERS

- Please register on or before January 21, 2025 to receive the early bird rate
- We accept credit card or e-transfer payments

THE SEASON

- U7 and U9 season starts in early April, and runs until near the end of June
- U11 and above season starts late March, and runs until middle of July depending on playdowns and provincials

PLAYER EVALUATIONS

- Evaluations for U11 to U17 co-ed divisions for A and B teams will commence in February 2025. Evaluations will NOT take place during spring break.
- Players must be registered and pay a \$40 fee when registering online to be evaluated. Full time goalies do not pay the evaluation fee.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- If you are applying for financial assistance with Jumpstart or Kidsport please email the registrar
- BMLC also offers the Emily Lavin and Ryan Nagy sponsorships funds; for more information email the registrar