



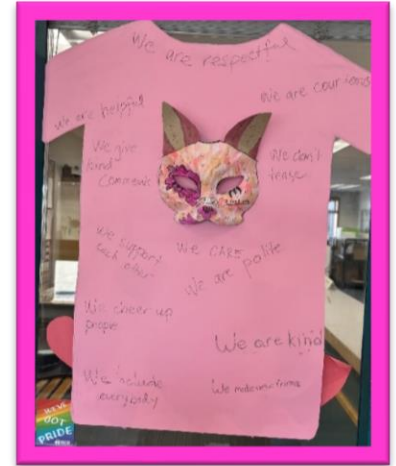
# Taylor Park Elementary School Newsletter

## March 2025

Principal: Christy Redmond Vice Principal: Denis Mealha  
Head Teacher: Scott Anderson School Secretary: Dayna Prest

February was a wonderful month filled with so much great learning! With events, lessons, and opportunities to explore Black History month, Lunar New Year, and Pink Shirt Day, our community was even more deeply focused on our commitment to, and focus on inclusion and acceptance.

An impactful Pink Shirt Day assembly celebrated and honoured the diversity of our students, staff and families, and showcased the care and respect we have and show towards all members of this community. From our school-wide read of *Pink is For Boys*, to our own rock band's beautiful rendition of "Just the Way You Are," we came together to acknowledge that this day celebrates diversity in all its forms, supports schools and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming, and inclusive of all people, and stands up against discrimination and bullying towards any person or group of people. The sea of pink was a strong and uplifting representation of our commitment, and we were proud to see the support and encouragement students had for one another.



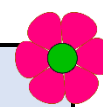
As we shift into March, we can see Spring on the horizon, with the onset of longer days, warmer weather, and the growth and renewal of our outside environment. Our students are also growing and changing, and as we head towards Spring Break, we celebrate their great second term learning and achievements. Learning Updates (report cards) will be published on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Reading these together is an opportunity for families to talk with their children about what they have been learning, acknowledge and validate the effort and work students have put into their work and understandings, and encourage continued learning and development as we move into our final term of the school year.

When we return from Spring Break at the end of March, we look forward to a couple of weeks of Capoeira! We are excited to welcome Axé Capoeira to Taylor Park for an infusion of martial arts, dance, and music. Student performances will be shared at the end of the two weeks, so please make sure to read the information about payment and performances that will be sent home.

And finally, our two-week Spring Break starts on March 17<sup>th</sup>, and we wish all our families a safe and enjoyable time together. However you spend your two weeks, we hope there is lots of time for family fun, and meaningful moments of togetherness.

Taylor Park Staff





## UPCOMING DATES:

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

**March 11** – Primary Day of Music

**March 12** – Report Cards Published

**March 17 – March 28** – Spring Break

**April 18** – Good Friday No School

**April 21** – Easter Monday No School

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

- Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Our calendar of events can be found [here](#)



Hello families & Taylor Park Community,

Division 4 and Division 9 are currently working on a service project, collecting supplies for those in need. We are hoping to collect the following items (must be new) for donation:

1. Gloves
2. Socks
3. Toothbrush/toothpaste
4. Sanitary Wipes/Feminine Products

If you are able to donate, please have your child bring them to school. We will be collecting until the end of Term 2 (March 14th). Thank you in advance for all your help!



### **Capoeira Martial Arts**

Taylor Park is excited to announce that students will get the opportunity to learn Capoeira Martial Arts. Capoeira ("kap-oo-ay-rah") is an Afro-Brazilian martial art form that combines music, self-defence, dance, acrobatics, and physical conditioning to create a unique, multidisciplinary experience. Capoeira is one of the most inherently diverse martial arts in the world today, with creativity, music, self-expression, and strategic thinking as much a part of the core curriculum as physical training and fitness.



Cost is \$10 per student and can be paid on School Cash online. All classes will be participating during school hours from **March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### **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](mailto:taylorpark.info@burnabyschools.ca) this is the best way to contact us as the phone lines get busy very quickly.






### **Scent Aware School**

We would like to remind our Taylor Park community that we are a "Scent Aware" building. We ask our students and community members to avoid using strong smelling scented personal products such as, colognes, body sprays, perfumes, lotions, hair products, and hand sanitizers when at our school. Our community includes a number of staff members and students who experience significant negative health reactions when exposed to these kinds of products. We all have a responsibility to help create and maintain a healthy and safe school community for all.

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**Welcome to Our Scent-Aware School!**




**No Scents Makes Sense**

Exposure to perfumes, colognes and other scented products can trigger adverse health reactions in some individuals with asthma, allergies, and other conditions.

Let's work together and avoid the use of scented products in our schools and workplaces.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)



### UPCOMING DATES

**March 13** - PAC Hot Lunch Fundraiser – Pizza & More!

**March 14** - Last day to Register for the Taylor Park Sun Run Team

**April 3 & 10** - School Emergency Kit Auditing

**April 14** - PAC Meeting (online)

**April 17** - PAC Hot Lunch Fundraiser

This month's **HOT LUNCH Fundraiser will be on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have an hour to spare, we need volunteers to help distribute the orders to the classroom. Please email [taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com) to sign-up.



We're working with administration and staff on a large school fundraiser event, the Walk-A-Thon scheduled for **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. More details to come but mark your calendars and save the date!

### 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)

## **EMERGENCY BACKPACK AUDIT**

Our student population has significantly grown over the last few years. We need parent volunteers to help audit each classroom's Emergency Kits to ensure it is fully stocked with necessary supplies for the safety and well-being of students and staff in the event of an emergency. Volunteer dates: April 3 and 10 (different times). Here's the link to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/Zy16RF2YmT6orZK86>




# **CLASSROOM EMERGENCY KIT AUDIT**

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## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Thurs. April 3 -- 9am to 10:30am • 3pm-4pm**  
**Thurs. April 10 -- 9am to 10:30am • 3pm-4pm**  
**Thurs. May 8 -- 9am to 10:30am • 3pm-4pm**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP!**





For full brochure of Spring Programs, click [here](#):

## 2025 Spring Activities

# SPRING ACTIVITIES AND SUMMER CAMPS

## registration starts soon!

Download our Spring Activity Guide to browse and short list your favourite activities.

There are plenty of fun and unique activities to choose from!

[Burnaby.ca/ActivityGuide](http://Burnaby.ca/ActivityGuide)

**WE TAKE Fun SERIOUSLY!**

**Recreation Centres**

BONSOR	604-297-4597
BONSOR 55+	604-297-4580
CHRISTINE SINCLAIR	604-320-2222
CONFEDERATION	604-294-1936
EDMONDS	604-297-4838
EILEEN DAILY	604-298-7946
ROSEMARY BROWN	604-421-3200
TEMPORARY CAMERON	604-297-4456
WILLINGDON	604-297-4526

**Arenas**

BILL COPELAND	604-297-4521
KENSINGTON	604-297-4535

**Cultural Facilities**

BURNABY ART GALLERY	604-297-4422
BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM	604-297-4565
SHADBOLT CENTRE	604-297-4440

REGISTRATION START TIME	PRIORITY REGISTRATION for Burnaby residents		GENERAL REGISTRATION for everyone
<b>10 am</b>	Monday, March 3	Tuesday, March 4	Friday, March 7
	Recreation Activities	Arts and Heritage Activities	Recreation, Arts and Heritage Activities

Rolling registrations for swimming and skating lessons continue to be in effect.  
Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/SwimLessons](http://Burnaby.ca/SwimLessons) | [Burnaby.ca/SkatingLessons](http://Burnaby.ca/SkatingLessons)

## Summer Camps

Keep your kids engaged with a variety of fun filled and action packed summer camps around Burnaby! Try Summer Art Camps at the Burnaby Art Gallery, Camp Madawaska or Riverway Sports Camp—just to name a few exciting offerings!

Add your favourite summer camps to your Wish List and get ready for registration which starts on March 3.

[Burnaby.ca/WebReg](http://Burnaby.ca/WebReg)

**Stay in the know**

Be the first to find out about programs and activities at our recreation facilities. Sign up for eNews at [Burnaby.ca/eNews](http://Burnaby.ca/eNews), or follow us on:

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[Burnaby.ca/Active](http://Burnaby.ca/Active)



**Family Thrift Store**

[www.basesburnaby.ca](http://www.basesburnaby.ca)

7825 Edmonds Street, Burnaby  
Open 10 am - 5 pm daily

We are a Burnaby based non-profit society. To date we have donated nearly \$900,000 to Burnaby public schools. We fund out-of-school and after-school programs for kids, youth and families, who could not otherwise afford such programming.

Come see what we have in store - drop off any donations and stay to shop!



Sign-up Now

17 - 23 March 2025

Introduction

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We are  
The dreamers



### Neurodiversity Week is March 17-23<sup>rd</sup>.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, organizations, and others around the world with the opportunity to recognize the many skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual. <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>



The **Amazing Things** project is an ongoing animation initiative aimed at promoting understanding and acceptance in future generations. This site showcases animations created by individuals representing the different disabilities and diversities

such as ADHD, Dyslexia, Down Syndrome and Autism. <https://amazingthingshappen.tv/>

## **2025 Junior Youth Conference**

This spring break Edmonds Youth Education Centre is hosting a conference for grades 6-9 students in Burnaby, Vancouver, Richmond and New West, with a specific emphasis on students who live in neighbourhoods like ours which already have a strong junior youth program that people could be connected to after the conference if they so wish. This is the first ever conference they have hosted for this age.

The conference will be two days long at SFU (March 15 & 16), and the theme is "Empowering a Generation to Transform their Communities."

Day one is "Unlocking the potential of junior youth for personal growth" and day two is focused on "using their potential to contribute to the betterment of society."

There will be games and arts and other fun things throughout the day.

For more information on this conference, please visit:

<https://www.jyconference.ca/>

and here is the link to the neighbourhood youth program's website:

<https://www.edmondsyouth.ca/>

Hosted by Edmonds Youth Education Centre

## **2025 JUNIOR YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**Empowering a generation to transform their communities**

- **Workshops, arts, sports, and music**
- **Day 1:** Unlocking the potential of junior youth for personal growth
- **Day 2:** Using their potential to contribute to the betterment of society



All participants will receive a certificate at the end of their participation

**Who:** Students grades 6-9  
**Date:** March 15 & 16  
**Time:** 11 AM - 6 PM  
**Location:** SFU Burnaby  
**Fee:** \$20



**Register: [www.jyconference.ca](http://www.jyconference.ca)**  
**Phone: 778-347-4527**



## Royal Soccer Club – Soccer Day Camp

Royal Soccer Club [website](#):



Since 1993...  
**SOCCER  
DAY CAMPS**  
...more than just a soccer camp! **2025**



Don't miss out on our **EARLY BIRD** discount, sign up by **March 31, 2025** to qualify.

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure!

- \* July & August weeks
- \* ages 5 to 13
- \* morning & full day sessions
- \* before & after care available

**Mornings** starting from **\$154\***  
**Full Days** starting from **\$239\***  
\*limited time offer, see website for details

**royalsoccerclub.com**  
**800-427-0536**

For location & registration details, visit our website.



We're looking for **Volunteers**  
**SOCCER  
DAY CAMPS**  
**2025**



Since 1993...

Sign up for any of 3 sessions:

- ⚽ **FULL DAYS** (9am - 4pm, 35 hrs/wk)
- ⚽ **MORNINGS** (9am - 12pm, 15 hrs/wk)
- ⚽ **AFTERNOONS** (1 - 4pm, 15 hrs/wk)

Any weeks in July or August

For location & application details, visit our website.

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**SFU**



# **MINI'S RUGBY IS BACK!**

**Register Now**

**Every Sunday from  
February 2-April 27**

**10:00AM - 11:30AM**

**\$45 for U6 to U12  
for 12 sessions**

**Send registration request to  
[nighinarahimi@gmail.com](mailto:nighinarahimi@gmail.com)  
with Subject line  
"SFU Rugby Minis"**

