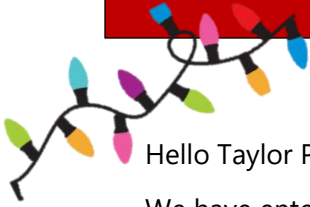


Taylor Park Elementary School Newsletter

December 2025

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



Hello Taylor Park families!

We have entered December and the final weeks before our winter break. Many of you are looking forward to holidays or special moments and events coming up. With December, many cultural celebrations and days will be honoured amongst our community, such as: Bodhi Day, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Quviasukvik, and possibly more. Our wish for our families during these upcoming days and weeks is for you all to find those moments of rest and joy for yourselves, in whatever way you celebrate or spend your time.



While this month of December in schools is a cheerful time as we celebrate the end of a good term and look forward to a holiday, the weeks leading up to the break often come with dysregulated students, conflicts, and challenges. You may see the same thing at home, with bigger emotions and behaviours as children navigate the excitement and energy along with changes that occur in routines and schedules. We also recognize that the upcoming holiday time is not always a joyful time for all our families. Members of our community may be dealing with challenging, unexpected, and even sad situations, and children are responding to these and managing as well as they can.

Some ideas to help families:

- maintain familiar routines and boundaries to help provide emotional grounding - When children know what to expect, they feel more in control of their environment and are better equipped to handle changes and stress
- openly discuss plans you are making, who will be there, and what to expect at gatherings or events, to reduce anxiety and avoid surprises
- set realistic expectations- Be honest that not everything goes perfectly and that it's okay to feel overwhelmed sometimes
- build in quiet time for decompression and teach simple coping skills like deep breathing, while validating children's big feelings, to create security and help kids find the fun

We look forward to our final two weeks of school with your children and will be excited to welcome them back in January with their many stories and adventures.

Christy Redmond

Principal



Written Learning Updates (Report Cards)



On Wednesday, December 17th, Written Learning Updates (report cards) will be published for families. This document is designed to give families insight into how your child or children have adjusted to classroom routines and expectations, how they are developing socially and emotionally, and their progress in academic areas.

When reviewing this Learning Update with your child, we encourage you to ask:

- What did you enjoy learning the most this term?
- What are you most proud of?
- What goals would you like to set for next term, and how will you work toward them?
- How can we support you at home to reach those goals?

We are in the process of setting up the My EducationBC Parent Portal. Information about how to access the Written Learning Updates online will be sent home next week by email. Please check your email regularly for important information and instructions.

UPCOMING DATES:

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

- December 17 – Term 1 Written Learning Updates Published
- December 19 – Last day of school for Winter Break
- December 20 – January 4 – School Closed for Winter Break
- January 5 – First day back after Winter Break
- January 28 – PAC Meeting 7-8 pm
- January 29 – PAC Hot Lunch

Professional Development Days for 2026

- February 27
- April 27
- June 8



Parking and Stopping in the cul-de-sac

We know that the drop-off and pick up times are busy outside our school and we appreciate it when you and your children are able to walk or carpool to minimize the traffic that accumulates on Mission Ave.

Reminder that the red, raised centre of the round-a-bout is an emergency access area, and it is important that it be left clear at all times. **This area allows fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles access and maneuverability in front of the school.**

Parking in the emergency zone is **dangerous** as this area is critical for quick responses by emergency personnel. Parking or stopping in this area may result in a ticket, and we ask that you please stop or park in the designated areas on Mission Ave or on Southpoint. Student safety is most important.



To ensure accessibility for all members of our school community, we also kindly remind families not to park in the designated handicap parking spaces. These areas must remain available for visitors and families who rely on them. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.



Arriving Late to School

It is important that your child arrives to school on time. Students miss important instruction at the beginning of the day and interrupt the learning of others if they arrive late. The teacher will mark your child late after 8:55. If your child does arrive later than 9:00am, they need to report to the front of the office to 'sign in'. This informs the secretary that your child is safe at school.

Reminder that our school is scent-aware.

Burnaby Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT #43

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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EXTRA CLOTHES

NOTE TO FAMILIES FOR CHANGE OF CLOTHES



Just a reminder that students will be going outside at recess and lunch time this year, regardless of the weather. Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately. **We would also suggest a change of clothes be left at school** for what we know will be those wet days ahead of us. Please remember to label your child's clothing.



Spring Break Camp Opportunity – Coming Soon!



Dear Families,

As part of our efforts to provide opportunities for students, the Burnaby School District will be launching new Spring Break camps for children in Grades 4 to 8. While registration won't be available until the middle of February, we wanted to provide families with lots of notice of this new opportunity.

The choices will allow children to try a new skill and have fun, with many of the classes offered during Summer Session – such as Rock Band, cooking, art, and sports – available to try. Camps will last one week, with the option available to book both weeks, if desired. The cost will be \$400 per week with programming running from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday (March 16-20 and March 23-27). The camps will be located at Burnaby Mountain, Burnaby North, Byrne Creek and Moscrop Secondary schools.

Further details will be available in the new year, with registration anticipated to open mid-February.

Regards,

The Burnaby School District

BALLOHOLICS
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BASKETBALL
WINTER
SESSION 2026

Winter Session our classes on skills and FUNdamentals will continue at the same locations and times.
The team skills classes will not run again until the 2026 Spring session.
We look forward to kicking off 2026 with many new faces and our old friends.
Register early and save your spots.

REGISTER @ WWW.BALLOHOLIC.COM

MONDAY
KITCHENER
Classes begin
Jan 12 - March 2

TUESDAY
PARKCREST
Classes begin
Jan 13 - Feb 24

THURSDAY
BUCKINGHAM
Classes begin
Jan 15 - Feb 26

FRIDAY
TWELFTH AVENUE
Classes begin
Jan 16 - Feb 27

Get ready to score some hoops and have a blast with the Balloholics. See you on the court!
604.800.3539 info@balloholic.com www.balloholic.com balloholicbasketball



What is Digital Literacy and Citizenship?

Digital literacies are the skills and knowledge we need to use digital tools and access online information. Digital Citizenship involves values and behaviours that guide appropriate, responsible and safe use of technology.

Much like other health and wellness topics, it is important that students receive consistent messaging about technology use starting at an early age. By reinforcing concepts of device balance, digital kindness, information literacy, and online safety, we hope to set our students up to be responsible digital citizens throughout their lives.

Digital Literacy and Citizenship Week: Privacy & Security

The theme for next week is online privacy and security. As your child learns about the importance of protecting their personal information and data online, we invite you to join in these conversations at home.

Here are some resources that you may find helpful:

- [Cyber Security for Kids](#) - *Get Cyber Safe* from the Government of Canada
- [Cyber Security Family Rules](#) - *Get Cyber Safe* from the Government of Canada
- [Teaching Kids to Protect Their Data and Privacy](#) - Common Sense Media
- [What to do if Your Kid's Device or Account has Been Hacked](#) - Common Sense Media

Additional family resources are found on our website: [Parents-Caregivers – Burnaby Schools](#)

If you have questions about our Digital Literacy and Citizenship program, please contact your school administrator.

City of Burnaby Winter Programs – For full brochure, click [here](#).

2026 Winter Activities

Winter registration starts soon!

Download our Winter Activity Guide to browse and add your favourite activities to your Wish List.

There are so many fun activities to choose from!

Burnaby.ca/ActivityGuide



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
	Monday, December 1	Tuesday, December 2	Friday, December 5
10 am			
START CREATING YOUR WISH LIST TODAY	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 | Burnaby.ca/SkatingLessons





PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

PAC NEWS!

It's been a fantastic first half of the school year so **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our PAC by volunteering, purchasing and participating at our events and fundraisers!

Mark your calendars for next year's (Jan-May) events:

- **PAC Meetings** (last Wed of each month): Jan 28, Feb 27, April 29 & May 27 AGM
- **Hot Lunch** (last Thurs of each month): Jan 29, Feb 26, April 30 & May 28.
- **Movie Nights:** Feb 6 & May 8
- **Walk-A-Thon:** May 15

Our PAC events and fundraisers are only possible with parent volunteer support - [click here TO VOLUNTEER!](#)

For the latest PAC news and updates, **follow us on socials:** [INSTAGRAM](#) and [FACEBOOK](#).

We wish you all a fun and happy holiday season!

Christopher, Cindy, Shreya, Piyush, Andrew, Rodrigo, Lisa and Rose

-PAC Executive Committee

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

CONTACT US

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

Email: taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com

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



Facebook Group (Taylor Park Elementary School PAC)



Instagram (@taylorparkschoolpac)

