

Taylor Park Elementary School Newsletter

November 2025



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October and the beginning of November have come and gone with many fun-filled activities and wonderful learning opportunities. We have also enjoyed some lovely Fall weather and beautiful days outdoors, surrounded by all the colours nature shares with us at this time of year.

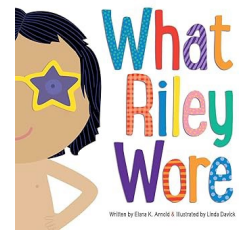


Volleyball has been happening, and both our girls and boys' teams have represented Taylor Park well at their various games. We have many clubs up and running that offer exploration and learning in a variety of interesting areas: Chess, Ball Club, Photography, Rainbow Club, Badminton, Gamers, Soccer Club, Leadership, and Drawing Club. We also have a Hockey League, Intermediate Choir, and Rock band happening for students.



Halloween arrived on a spooky Friday, and fun was had throughout the school as students were able to wear costumes, have rainbows painted on their faces, and enjoyed an assembly together. During our assembly, we danced and heard the story, What Riley Wore, where we honoured the individuals in our school and continued to recognize acceptance for every member of our community with the message that "Many of us might wear costumes and dress differently on Halloween, but every day is

an opportunity to be and celebrate all the wonderful things that make you uniquely "you." Whether you wear clothing that makes you stand out, or makes you feel safe...we welcome and appreciate everything that makes each person special."



At the beginning of November, we had Indigenous dancers in to teach all our classes about Indigenous culture and the importance of dance and story-telling. Students learned a variety of steps and were able to perform in small groups to their peers. We appreciated the time Juanita, Pavel and Tanisha gave to us and the expertise and knowledge they shared.



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.

Recently, we have had several drivers parking cars on the new paved red centre of the round-a-bout. **This is an emergency access area, and it is important that it be left clear at all times. This area allows fires 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.



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.

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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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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.



UPCOMING DATES:

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

- November 14 – PAC Movie Night
- November 21 – Pro D Day – No School
- November 26 – PAC Meeting 7-8pm
- November 27 – PAC Hot Lunch
- December 2 – Grade 6 Immunization (Make-up)
- December 3 – Pancake Breakfast with Santa
- December 17 – Term 1 Report Cards Published
- December 19 – Last day of school for Winter Break



Professional Development Days for 2025

- Friday, November 21



The **City of Burnaby** is hosting a caregiver evening on November 20th about online safety. The presenter is Dr. Kaitlynn Mendes, a team member of the Digitally Informed Youth website. See links below to the website and for registration.

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

The **DIY: Digital Safety website** is an open-access knowledge hub that provides educational resources and recommendations for best practices to keep young people safe online and in person. Our goal is to provide relevant, timely educational resources to foster digital literacy, address TFSV, and facilitate safer and more meaningful connections among young people.

<https://www.burnaby.ca/recreation-and-arts/events/safe-community-series>

Online Harms Affecting Youth

Thursday, November 20, 2025: 6-7 pm
Online via Zoom

Discover practical tools and insights on how to keep youth safe in today's digital world. From managing screen-time boundaries and understanding age-appropriate phone use, to navigating apps, privacy and online interactions, young people face unique risks in a tech-driven age. Dr. Kaitlynn Mendes, an expert on digital safety and youth well-being, will share practical tools to help parents and caregivers recognize online harms, understand legal rights and support youth in building healthy digital habits. This session will provide actionable strategies to protect and empower the next generation.





PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

UPCOMING DATES:

- November 1:** Purdy's Fundraiser opens
- Friday, November 14:** PAC Movie Night
- Wednesday, November 26:** PAC Meeting 7-8pm
- Thursday, November 27:** PAC Hot Lunch Fundraiser
- Wednesday, December 3:** Pancake Breakfast with Santa



PAC MOVIE NIGHT: FRI. NOV 14



School Gym
Doors Open 5:45pm
Movie Start: 6:30pm

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

PAC Fundraiser: Pre-order your MOVIE NIGHT PIZZA! Order by Thurs, Nov 6 at schoolcashionline



PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER is now open to take your holiday chocolate order. Place your order by **November 22nd** and pick them up after-school on Wed. December 3rd. Click [here](#) or scan QR code to order:



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)



TAYLOR PARK FUNDRAISER

This holiday season, gift friends, family or yourself some premium and locally made chocolates, while helping raise funds for our school. Up to 30% of your purchase goes directly to Taylor Park Elementary! **ORDER TODAY!**



Go to purdys.com/fundraising or Scan QR

Enter customer # **2024767-131962** to shop & support.

Place your order by **Sat. November 22**

Contact **Taylor Park PAC** at taylorparkschoolpac@gmail.com

for more details.

 CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

Supporting a Cause Never Tasted so Good.



HOLIDAY WREATHS: ADULT PARTICIPATION

3+ years with adult participation

Spend some quality time with your family while creating fun and exciting projects! This workshop's theme is a holiday wreath, all supplies will be provided. Children need to be accompanied by a participating adult. **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS WITHIN 7 DAYS FOR A ONE DAY WORKSHOP.**

Saturday, 1 session, \$30.00

Edmonds Community Centre

Location: Multi-Purpose Room 1

November 29, 10am-12pm

Activity Number: 93022

Registrations now open!

Burnaby.ca/webreg

Call 604-297-4838 or visit any Burnaby recreation centre

For more information please contact: Brett Boland
Program Coordinator | Southeast Community Programs
604-297-4831 | brett.boland@burnaby.ca



JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

EDMONDS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Saturday, November 29, 2025

2:30-5:30 pm

Edmonds Community Centre

7433 Edmonds Street

Come visit with Santa!

Come watch as we light up the huge tree, and enjoy festive music, hot chocolate and holiday crafts with your family.

One lucky child will help the Mayor light the Big Tree at 5:15 pm!



The Vancouver Sun Run **YOUTH TEAM CHALLENGE** Sunday, April 19, 2026

8am start for 2.5K • 9am start for 10K



JOIN OUR TEAM:

www.vancouversunrun.com

TAYLOR PARK BUILDERS

ACCESS CODE: UZXBBF

STEPS TO JOIN:

1. Scan the QR Code or go to www.vancouversunrun.com
2. Choose your 2.5K or 10K distance in the Youth Team Challenge
3. Search "Taylor Park Builders" and enter our Access Code: UZXBBF
4. Fill out the form!

WALK or run with our school team and help make this our biggest team yet! For any questions, email sunrun.taylorpark@gmail.com

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WWW.BURNABYLACROSSE.COM



13U/14U BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TEAMS TRYOUTS November 9-30

We're proud to field five youth volleyball teams:

- 13U Boys & Girls (12U's can join these teams too!)
- 14U Boys & Girls

Where there is more than one team, each team will be tiered by ability, with high-performance options for top athletes ready to compete at the highest level.

🔥 Proven Track Record Our 13U/14U program is a powerhouse—boasting over 40 provincial medals and a national championship title. Our 13u/14u boys have consistently medalled at provincials. In just the past two years, our 13U/14U boys have an unmatched 4 provincial golds and 10 total medals, making us one of the largest and most successful boys programs in the province.

All Athletes Welcome whether you're just starting out or aiming for the podium, we invite athletes of all skill levels to be part of our programs.

Visit our website for more details:
www.FocusVolleyball.ca

Focus offers girls and boys teams from U13-U18

