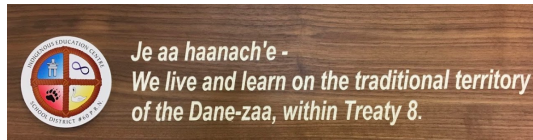


## “Tiger News” - Sept. 20-24

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*“It’s the Pride of the Tiger”*



*The mission of our school community is to educate, inspire and empower all students.*

Tiger News: <https://bit.ly/3zbAVHc>

Archived newsletters -  
<https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/newsletters/>

Website: <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/>

Taylor School email - [taylor.school@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taylor.school@prn.bc.ca)

Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/sd60taylor>

Taylor PAC: [taylor.school.pac@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.school.pac@gmail.com)

K-12 Health Check - <https://bit.ly/3jpNV7e>



Please see the District website for any District updates - [www.prn.bc.ca](http://www.prn.bc.ca)

	Monday, September 20th	Tuesday, September 21st	Wed., September 22nd	Thursday, Sept. 23rd	Friday, September 24th
<b>General</b>	Upper Pine X-Country run cancelled		Strong Start 9:30-11:30	1:20 (approximate time) Terry Fox Run	Non-Instructional Day
<b>Activities</b>	12:20 X-Country practice		12:20 X-Country practice		

### Communication Sept. 20-24

- **Thanks** to families for getting their consent packages in so quickly and for using the online payment portal! Please scroll down for information from previous weeks in regards to the online payment and school fees.
- **Friday, September 24th** is a non-instructional day, no school for students. As well **Thursday, September 30th** is a statutory holiday, "*National Truth and Reconciliation Day*"
- Thanks to families for emailing or calling in **absences**. At this time we do not have an answering machine or a voicemail system for messages. Mrs. Olson works from 8:30-3:00, so we are aware we may be missing some phone calls. Please email absences when possible to our school email, [taylor.school@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taylor.school@prn.bc.ca) We are working on getting a voice mail system set up for the school, thanks for your patience!
- **Allergy alerts** will be specific to each classroom and the types of allergies in each classroom will be shared in a confidential manner by each teacher to their families. We are not a peanut free school and will continue with our daily hand hygiene practices and no food sharing policy to keep students safe. As well, for students with severe allergies or other medical concerns all staff have access to student medical safety posters. If you have any questions please email [nmaxfield@prn.bc.ca](mailto:nmaxfield@prn.bc.ca)
- **Terry Fox Run** - Fundraising forms will come home this week and families can make donations online as well - <https://bit.ly/3CsiNut> Thanks to Mrs. Austin and her class for organizing the Terry Fox run. This will take place at the Lone Wolf trail and if families plan to attend this outdoor event please respect physical distancing guidelines.
- **School Photo Day** is Monday, October 4th, order forms will come home later this week and will be shared next week in Tiger News as well.
- **X-Country Running - The Upper Pine Cross Country Run that was scheduled for September 20th has been cancelled.** The first District run will take place at the Lone Wolf Golf Course trail on Monday, September 27th @ 1:00 pm. Thanks in advance to Mrs. Austin and Melanie Rose for organizing this event, as well as the other community volunteers.
- **Breakfast Program** - Thanks to Mrs. Law for organizing and running the Breakfast Program. The Breakfast Program began last week and is open between 8:15 and 8:40 am and is primarily for students that did not have breakfast at home. Signed consent forms are needed for participation in this program.
- **Verification forms** went home last week, it is important that families update these forms and return, so we have the most current contact information as well as any medical/custody updates. Feel free to call the school if you have any questions about the verification forms.
- **Strong Start** will be running this year and this will be every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 am. Thanks Miss Susanne! Families will need to follow visitor guidelines. See the poster at the bottom of Tiger News for more details. Please register at the District early learning site - [earlylearning@prn.bc.ca](mailto:earlylearning@prn.bc.ca)
- **Before and After School Care** - As part of a Kindergarten pilot project, Taylor families will have access to BASC programming this year. There are still some spots available for students in grades beyond just Kindergarten and the BASC services are set to start later this week or early the following week. Alysha Southam, the District BASC co-ordinator or Nancy Maxfield can be contacted for questions. Please see the information on the school district website, at the following link. If you are interested you will need to fill out the registration form at this link - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/programs/before-and-after-school-care/>
- **Volunteers and criminal record checks** - As per other school years, all volunteers will need to have a criminal record check completed. As September settles in, we will look at having volunteers closer to October. **CRC checks are valid for 5 years** and if you are unsure if your CRC is still good, you can contact the school office.
  - **PARENT -Volunteer CRC- Online** application <https://bit.ly/3lftF3g>
  - **Parent - Volunteer CRC - paper version** - This PDF paper version can be found on our school website @ <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/parents-students/parents/>

- **Provincial Health & Safety updates -**
  - Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings - updated August 24th, 20201 <https://bit.ly/3mk3Hk0>
  - COVID 19 School Protocols District Administrators and Staff - <https://bit.ly/3jqYp6s>
  - K-12 Health Check - <https://bit.ly/3jpNV7e>
- **Visitors** - At this time visitors are welcome but will need to wear a mask and sign in at the office. Please see the visitor poster for all the visitor guidelines that are posted on each entrance door and listed at the bottom of Tiger News.
- **Online Payment** - School District 60 is pleased to announce that starting in September 2021 there is the availability to make payments online via MyEducation BC Family Portal. This is a secure platform to pay for your child's school fees. Payments can be made using Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Visa Debit and Mastercard Debit.
  - Online payment Family Portal Information - <https://bit.ly/2Xf8JG4>
- **School Charges for 2021-2022** - <https://bit.ly/3jixNnS>. Online payment will be available this year, more details to follow next week.
- **Consent forms** - Signed consent packages are due at the office. This year there will be a community consent permission form, which will allow students to go on walking field trips within the Taylor community. This form will be kept on file and will be current for this school year. Teachers will inform families of a walking field trip at least one day prior via email. Paper permission form must be returned to the school for all other field trips, verbal consent will not be accepted.
- **Taylor School Routines and Processes** - We are working on a slideshow for families that will be shared out next week with all our school routines and processes. As we settle into the school year, we will continue to update and share with families. A few routines have been listed below:
  - Morning and after school supervision - Students can be dropped off no earlier than 8:30 am and there is no after school supervision with the exception of late bus students. Students are welcome to stay on the playground after school with parent supervision.
  - Visitors are welcome, but all visitors must check in at the office and wear a mask.
  - We will be asking families and community visitors to enter via the playground doors and district staff to enter via the parking lot door. The visitor sign-in will be at the office. All visitors have to sign in at the office.
  - **End of the day student pick-up will be outside.**
  - Appointments will need to be made to set up meetings with teachers or the principal. Please call the school or email to set up meetings.
  - Please send a lunch that does not need to be heated, microwaves will not be available in classrooms for student use, due to Health and Safety guidelines.

#### **PAC News**

- The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 10th, at the school. The meeting will be held at the school, following visitor guidelines. The PAC Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/Taylor-Elementary-School-PAC-232359646821433>

	Monday, September 27th	Tuesday, September 28th	Wed., September 29th	Thursday, Sept. 30th	Friday, October 1st
<b>General</b>	Taylor hosts X-Country run @ 1:00 pm			<i>Truth &amp; Reconciliation Day</i>  <i>Statutory Holiday</i>	

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	Monday, October 4th	Tuesday, October 5th	Wed., October 6th	Thursday, October 7th	Friday, October 8th
General	<p><b>School Photo Day</b></p> <p><b>Anne Roberts hosts District X-Country run @ 3:00 pm</b> (students will be bussed to this event and families will need to pick up following the event).</p>				

	Monday, October 11th	Tuesday, October 12th	Wed., October 13th	Thursday, October 14th	Friday, October 15th
General	<i>Thanksgiving Monday - Statutory holiday</i>				

### Parent Resources & Links

- **RAZ kids** - <https://www.raz-kids.com/> - Some students can access this online reading program if their classroom is signed up. Students need a login user name and code.
- **EPIC** - <https://www.getepic.com/>
- **Taylor Tiger Song** - The lyrics can be found at this link - <https://bit.ly/3BHP802>
- **Splash Learning** - <https://www.splashlearn.com/features/parents>
- **Mathletics** - <https://login.mathletics.com/>
- **Open Learning** - <https://www.openschool.bc.ca/k12/>
- **Prodigy Math** - <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/>
- **ERASE** Bullying site - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/bullying>
- Our new **EASE 'At Home'** activities are now live on our [EASE website](#).
- **WITS** is a program that teaches K-3 children to make safe and positive choices about peer conflict and **LEADS** teaches problem-solving strategies to help Grade 4-6 children deal with conflict and stay safe.
  - <http://bit.ly/2EyrL01>

### District Links:

- School District **calendar** information can be found at the following link - [https://www.prn.bc.ca/?page\\_id=5](https://www.prn.bc.ca/?page_id=5)
- **Bus Status** - link - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/district/facilities-transportation/>
- **Indigenous Education** - Information about Indigenous Education and the recently signed Local Education Agreements can be found on this site -
  - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/district/departments/indigenous-education/>



# StrongStart is Back.... Here's What You Need To Know

## New Families

If you are wanting to attend StrongStart this year and are not yet registered, you will need to:

- Go to our website [earlylearning.prn.bc.ca](http://earlylearning.prn.bc.ca) and download a registration form.
- Scan and email the completed form along with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate to the email of your neighbourhood centre.

Masks will be mandatory for all adults

**StrongStart will be Sign-In/Appointment for the time being. Facilitators will follow up with each family for scheduling**

## StrongStart Emails

Duncan Cran: [dcstrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:dcstrongstart@prn.bc.ca)

Robert Ogilvie: [rostrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:rostrongstart@prn.bc.ca)

Hudson's Hope: [hhstrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:hhstrongstart@prn.bc.ca)

Taylor: [taystrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taystrongstart@prn.bc.ca)

Buick Creek: [bcstrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:bcstrongstart@prn.bc.ca)

Prespatou: [presstrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:presstrongstart@prn.bc.ca)

## Returning Families

Please email the centre that you are wanting to attend with:

- Your name and child's name
- Phone number
- Email
- The days of the week that would work best for you.



**Taylor Elementary  
School Charges 2021-2022**

<b>Grades</b>	<b>School Supply Charge</b>	<b>Cultural Charge</b>	<b>Field Trip Charge</b>	<b>Ipad Charge</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$45.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	None	\$65.00
<b>Grades 1-5</b>	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	None	\$70.00
<b>Grade 6</b>	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$100.00

- Some classes may also have an agenda charge of \$7.00. Those classes requiring an agenda will be notified by the teacher/office.



# ALL VISITORS



**PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL HEALTHY & SAFE**

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO...**

- ✓ **COMPLETE A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE ENTERING. IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS - DO NOT ENTER**
- ✓ **WEAR A MASK WHEN INSIDE SCHOOL**
- ✓ **SANITIZE YOUR HANDS UPON ENTRY**
- ✓ **CHECK IN / OUT AT THE OFFICE**
- ✓ **REVIEW SD60 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN**  
( Located online [www.prn.bc.ca](http://www.prn.bc.ca) or at the office )
- ✓ **FOLLOW ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

**SHOULD YOU REQUIRE A MASK WEARING EXCEPTION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS**