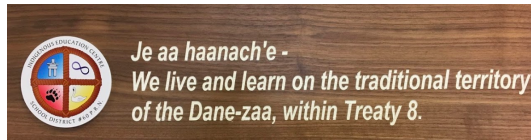


“Tiger News” - October 4-8

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“Healthy Walk to Breakfast” Thanks District of Taylor



*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@prn.bc.ca

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

Taylor PAC: taylorsschoolpac@gmail.com

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

Please see the District website for any District updates - www.prn.bc.ca

	Monday, October 4th	Tuesday, October 5th	Wed., October 6th	Thursday, October 7th	Friday, October 8th
General	<p>School Photo Day</p> <p>Anne Roberts hosts District X-Country run @ 3:00 pm (Team bus leaves school @ 2:10 & returns around 4:15)</p>		<p>6:00-7:00 pm - Open House</p>	<p>Hot Lunch - Edo Japan/Subway</p>	<p>PAC Popcorn Day - \$2.00 bag</p>
Activities					

Communication October 4-8

- **Thanks to the District of Taylor and Lone Wolf Golf Course staff for the “Healthy Walk to Breakfast”** event. Check out our school Facebook page for photos.
- **Thanks to Mrs. Olson** for organizing the Hot Lunch Program for October. By November we will be online, so payment will also be online. If needed families can order online, but still send payment to school with cash or cheque. Paper forms will still be available and you can request a printed form by contacting the office.
- **Thanks** to Julie Roach-Burns @ Latitude 56 for their donation of “Orange Shirt Day” Resources
- **Communication from Superintendent** regarding the **New Provincial K-3 Masking mandate**:
 - Dear Parents,
The provincial health officer along with the Ministry of Education announced a change to mask requirements in K-12 schools. Effective Monday, October 4th, mandatory face masks will now be extended to include students in K-3 in school and on buses. Further information on the update can be found [here](#). We ask that you send your K-3 child with the appropriately-sized mask next week but we understand that it may take some time to procure them. The School District is also working on sourcing a supply. All children will be welcomed regardless of whether or not they are wearing a mask. As with the other grades, it is also possible to request an exemption. Schools remain one of the safest environments during this pandemic and it is critical that education continues uninterrupted for students and families. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work through this pandemic together.
- **COVID-19 Exposure Notification Process** - The notification process has recently changed. In the event of a potential school exposure, Northern Health will be posting information on their website at <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/public-exposures-and-outbreaks#covid-19-school-exposures> General letters to the entire school will be replaced by the website notifications similar to what occurred during winter and spring breaks last year. Letters may be sent home to select close contacts as determined **by Northern Health**. For example a letter may be sent to a specific classroom and the notice posted on the NH website.
- **School Photo Day** is Monday, October 4th, there are no pre-order forms, following photo day, each student will receive a code and families will be able to order photos online. **Photo retake day is October 27th.**
- **Open House** - We will be hosting an Open house on Wednesday, October 6th between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. We will also be sharing a slideshow so that families can meet all our staff in a virtual manner. The Open House is an opportunity to see your child’s classroom and meet their teacher. The following guidelines will be in place:
 - Only students of Taylor School and their parents/guardians can attend (no younger or older siblings that don’t attend Taylor School).
 - Families will enter via the playground doors.
 - All visitors must follow the visitor guidelines:
 - complete a daily health check, sign-in, wear a mask and sanitize/wash hands. See the visitor poster at the bottom of Tiger News.
 - We will have two Open House sessions to decrease the number of families in the school at one time.
 - **6:00-6:30 pm** - Families with last names beginning with A-M.
 - **6:30-7:00 pm** - Families with last names beginning with N-Z
- **School Team Meetings** - Some families will be meeting with the school team in October to set up individualized learning plans for their child. These meetings will take place throughout the month of October.
- **X-Country Running** - Congratulations to all the students that participated in the District Cross Country Run that took place at Lone Wolf Golf Course on September 27th.

- We had two first place finishes; Taya Creamer was first in the girls Grades 1-3 category and Justin Schroeder was first place in the boys Grades 4-6 category.
- Thanks to all the staff and community volunteers; Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Mcdonell, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Burdock, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Creamer, Ms. Campbell, Mrs. Kearns, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Lafleur, Mrs. Wards, Mrs. Birkett, and Mrs. Neils.
- Thanks to Lone Wolf Golf Course for supporting this event!
- Our next run is at the Sureus Fields in Fort St. John on Monday, October 4th @ 3:00 pm. The team will take a bus to this event.
- **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/>
- **PAC News** - The PAC will begin holding Popcorn days once a month. It will be \$2.00 per bag with 100% of the proceeds going to the teachers for resources for their classroom. Thanks PAC!

Information from Previous Weeks

- **Provincial Health & Safety updates** -
 - Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings - updated August 24th, 2020 <https://bit.ly/3mk3Hk0>
 - COVID 19 School Protocols District Administrators and Staff - <https://bit.ly/3jqYp6s>
 - K-12 Health Check - <https://bit.ly/3odITi>
- **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/3ijxNnS>. 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.
- **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
- **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
- **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/>

- **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, 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
- **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 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

Robert Ogilvie: rostrongstart@prn.bc.ca

Hudson's Hope: hhstrongstart@prn.bc.ca

Taylor: taystrongstart@prn.bc.ca

Buick Creek: bcstrongstart@prn.bc.ca

Prespatou: 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**

Grades	School Supply Charge	Cultural Charge	Field Trip Charge	Ipad Charge	Total
Kindergarten	\$45.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	None	\$65.00
Grades 1-5	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	None	\$70.00
Grade 6	\$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.



Healthy Walk to Breakfast

Friday, October 1st

Mayor and Council invite the children of Taylor to learn about physical activity and healthy eating with the annual Healthy Walk to Breakfast!

Students will walk from Taylor Elementary School to Taylor Community Hall for breakfast!

9am—12pm

Provided by
Mayor and Council
&
Cooked by
Lone Wolf Golf Club





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 or at the office)
- ✓ **FOLLOW ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

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