

## “Tiger News” - September 11-15

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*“Welcome back to school hill climb!”*



*“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/>

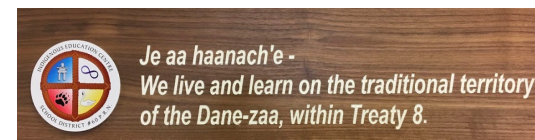
Website: <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/>

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

Facebook Page:

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

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



### IMPORTANT LINKS

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

School Routines and General Information - <https://bit.ly/2YC6fm1>

Taylor Hot Lunch - Online Ordering - [taylor.hotlunches.net](http://taylor.hotlunches.net).

Online payments - [taypayments@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taypayments@prn.bc.ca)

Tiger Spirit Wear - <https://latitude56custom.ca/taylor-tigers-spirit-wear/>

SD # 60 Bus Status - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/district/facilities-transportation/>

SD# 60 3 year calendar - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/district/district-calendars/>

	Mon. September 11	Tues. September 12	Wed. September 13	Thurs. September 14	Friday September 15
General		Gradual Transition to Kindergarten begins today. <b>8:45-12:00</b>  Orange Shirt Forms due	Kindergarten - <b>8:45-12:45</b>  <b>4:15</b> - PAC meeting in Room 9	Kindergarten - <b>8:45-1:45</b>	Kindergarten - Full day <b>8:45-2:45</b>

Activities	12:00 - X-Country Practice	12:00 - Soccer	12:00 - X-Country Practice	12:00 - Soccer	12:00 - X-Country Practice
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### Weekly Updates - September 11-15

- **Thanks** to all our staff for all their work to make the first week back a great one! Check out our school Facebook pages for some photos from our hill climb.
- For information about all our **School routines and processes** please view this slideshow - <https://bit.ly/2YC6fm1>
- **PAC meeting** - The first PAC meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 13th in Room 9 at the school. All parents are welcome! If you cannot attend you can still volunteer. Please call the school if you can volunteer this year or email the PAC - [taylorsschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:taylorsschoolpac@gmail.com)
- **Orange Shirt** order forms are due Tuesday, September 12th to the office. You can find an order form at this link - [Orange Shirt Order Form](#)
- **Welcome** to our new Kindergarten students and families!
  - **Kindergarten** begins the week of September 11-15, with a gradual transition. Please see the document at the following link for the Kindergarten
    - Family Start-up information - <https://bit.ly/47F3Zch>
- **Sports** - All students participating in school sports will be required to follow our Athletic Code of Conduct - [Tiger Athletic Code of Conduct](#)
  - **Cross Country Running** is for students in grades 3-6 and Mrs. Maxfield will be the coach. Students in grade 2 can attend practices. There are 3 District Cross Country runs and a consent form will come home by mid next week.
    - Wednesday, September 20th @ MMCS @ 3:00 pm - Students will be transported by bus and will leave the school by 2:15 pm and will return around 4:30 pm. Parents may pick up their children from the race, ensuring they notify Mrs. Maxfield.
    - Wednesday, September 27th @ Upper Pine @ 1:00 pm - Students will be transported by bus and will leave the school by 11:50 am.
    - Wednesday, October 4th @ Lone Wolf Golf Course @ 1:00 pm - Students will walk to the race @ 12:15 pm and will walk back to the school.
  - **Soccer** - Mrs. McDonell will be coaching Soccer and practices will be posted in Tiger News and on DOJO. There is no league play for Soccer. The tournament is on Saturday, October 7th.
- **Consent packages** - A package of consent forms along with the school fee invoices will come home on Monday, Sept. 11th. Please complete all forms and return as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the forms please call the office or email the school. Included is a community consent form. This allows classes to go on walking field trips within the Taylor community throughout the school year.
- **Before and After School Supervision** - If families need before and after school care please see the BASC information below.
  - Morning supervision begins @ **8:30 am** with the exception of early bus students
  - There is no after school supervision, with the exception of late bus students.
  - Students need to head home after school but are welcome to stay with parent supervision
  - When checking out your child early, please call the office or stop by the office. The office will page your child down to the office or we can send them out to you.
  - We ask families to wait outside for their child/children at 2:45 pm dismissal. This ensures a smooth dismissal process.
  - Families are welcome to join students on the playground at the end of the day.
- **School Fees/Charges** - can be paid via MYED or taypayments as well as by cheque.\
  - **Online Payment for school fees via MYED** - 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>
  - **Taylor School Online Payments** - School fees can also be paid via etransfer - [taypayments@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taypayments@prn.bc.ca) - Please remember to add your child's name and what the payment is for, as we have payments coming in for multiple items/events - Example - "John Smith - School Fees" or

*"John Smith - Hot lunch March"* Thanks for making this a smooth process.

- **Breakfast Program** - This program is for early bus students and other students that do not eat breakfast at home. This program is funded via community donations and the Ministry's "Feeding Futures" fund. A consent form needs to be signed to participate in Breakfast Program. Breakfast Program will begin September 11th. Thanks to Mrs. Law for running this program!
- **School supplies** are purchased by the school and the included in the yearly school charges.
  - See the school charges for 2023-2024 school year at the following link - [Taylor Elementary School Charges 2023-2024](#)
    - **Please label all your child's personal belongings.**
    - **Each student will need a pair of indoor shoes.**
- **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) **Please ensure the office and classroom teacher is informed of any severe allergies.**
  - An allergy alert poster will also be posted in the classroom for any visitors to the school.
- **Lunches** - Please send lunches that do not need reheating, there is no access to microwaves or hot water for lunches. Hot lunch and milk will not start until October sometime.
- Please email the school at [taylor@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taylor@prn.bc.ca) if you cannot reach the school by phone. Absence messages and general inquiries can also be sent to this email.
- **Before and After School Care** - If you are interested in Before and or After School Care for September 2023, please contact the BASC co-ordinator, Susanne Currie, as soon as possible. Priority will go to Kindergarten students and their siblings, but there are spots available.
  - There are spots available in this program for September 2023. Please see the BASC information, including the fees, at the following link. <https://www.prn.bc.ca/programs/before-and-after-school-care/>
  - For more information, please contact Susanne Currie, BASC Coordinator, at 250-264-7186 or [basc@prn.bc.ca](mailto:basc@prn.bc.ca).
- **Volunteers** are always welcome at our school. If you are interested in volunteering at the school or coaching a team, please contact the office. All volunteers are required to have a current criminal records check completed prior to commencing any activities with students. Please contact the office for further information. A volunteer CRC is good for 5 years.
  - PARENT -Volunteer CRC- online application <https://bit.ly/3lTF3g>
  - Parent - Volunteer CRC - paper version - This PDF paper version can be found on our school website <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/parents-students/parents/>
- **District 3 year calendar** - The 3 year calendar has been approved and can be found at this link - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/district/district-calendars/>

### **PAC & Community News**

- The PAC Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Taylor-Elementary-School-PAC-232359646821433>

**Parent Resources & Links** *(Click on this to scroll down to these links)*

	Mon. September 18	Tuesday September 19	Wed. September 20	Thurs. September 21	Friday September 22
General				Terry Fox Run	NID - School Planning Day

Activities			3:00 pm - X-Country run @ MMMCS		

	Mon. September 25	Tues. September 26	Wed. September 27	Thurs. September 28	Friday September 29
General					Orange Shirt Day
Activities			1:00 pm - X-Country run @ MMMCS		

	Monday October 2	Tuesday October 3	Wed. October 4	Thursday October 5	Friday October 6
General	Truth and Reconciliation Statutory holiday				
Activities			1:00 pm - Taylor X-Country District Run @ Lone Wolf Golf Course		

	Monday October 9	Tuesday October 10	Wed. October 11	Thursday October 12	Friday October 13
General	Thanksgiving Monday			Student Photo Day	Walk to Breakfast

Activities					

	Monday October 16	Tuesday October 17	Wed. October 18	Thursday October 19	Friday October 20
General					NID - School Planning Day
Activities					

### **Taylor School General Information**

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- **Strong Start** is on **Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am**. Pre-registration is required and all safety protocols must be followed - please sign up at [taystrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taystrongstart@prn.bc.ca)
  - Do you have a child 0-5 but not in school yet? Try Strong Start. Strong Start is an effective pre-school program to support literacy and social skills. There is a qualified Early Childhood Educator on site to support learning and answer questions. A School District 60 partnership with your community. For more information contact, Suzanne Currie ECE Facilitator.
  - Strong Start Outreach - Taylor Elementary school - [taystrongstart@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taystrongstart@prn.bc.ca) - School number: 250-789-3323
- Due to the **smoke** in the area we will be following the air quality index and if needed we will keep students inside at break times. Since the air quality can change quickly we will reference the BC Air Quality Index throughout the day - <https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/data/aqhi-table.html> We are thinking of any families that may be affected by the evacuation alerts and orders.
- **Thanks** to all our families for either calling the school or using the [taylor@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taylor@prn.bc.ca) for sending absence messages.
- **Spirit Wear Order** - Families can place orders at anytime using the link below:
  - [Taylor School Tiger Spirit Wear Letter](#)
  - <https://latitude56custom.ca/taylor-tigers-spirit-wear/>
- **Office Updates:**

- **Please ensure when sending etransfers** that in the memo section you put your name and what the payment is for, as it is challenging for office staff if this is not included.
- Thanks to families for calling or emailing when your children are absent. There may be times when the phone is not answered if our secretary hours have not started and Mrs. Maxfield is not at the office. Absence emails can be sent to [taylor@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taylor@prn.bc.ca) as well.
- **TIGER NEWS - INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS** Archived newsletters by the week can also be viewed on our school website at the following link - <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/newsletters/> (This link is also at the top of Tiger News in the right hand box)

### Parent Resources & Links

- **EPIC** - <https://www.getepic.com/>
- **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/>
- **Taylor Tiger Song** - The lyrics can be found at this link - <https://bit.ly/3BHP802>
- **Parent Reporting Information**
- **ERASE** Bullying site - <https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/bullying>
- **Home Reading Tips for Parents** - <https://bit.ly/3PC05bx>
- **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)
- **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/>