

“Tiger News” - September 5-8

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“Welcome Back!”



*“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/>

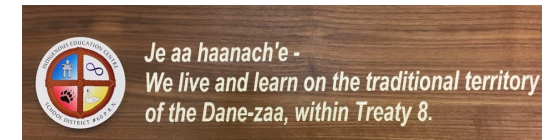
Website: <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/>

Taylor School email - taylor@prn.bc.ca

Facebook Page:

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

Taylor PAC: taylorschoolpac@gmail.com



IMPORTANT LINKS

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

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

Taylor Hot Lunch - Online Ordering - taylor.hotlunches.net.

Online payments - 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/>

	Monday, Sept. 4th	Tuesday, Sept. 5th	Wednesday, Sept. 6th	Thursday, Sept. 7th	Friday, September 8th
General		First Day for Grades 1-6 8:43 - Warning Bell 8:48 - Classes start	First full day for Grades 1-6 8:43-2:45		

		10:48 - Dismissal			
Activities					12:00 - Hill Climb - X-Country Running Practice (Grades 3-6)

Weekly Updates - September 5-8

- Welcome back to all our families and staff. We are looking forward to another great school year!
- **TIGERS RULE** - We would like to encourage Tigers to wear orange or their Tiger Spirit wear on the first day back! We will be giving away some Taylor Tiger shirts as well.
- The **first day of school** for grades 1-6 for the 2023-2024 school year is **Tuesday, September 5th**. Classes begin at **8:48 am** (warning bell @ 8:43 am). Students are dismissed on this day @ **10:48 am**.
 - Students will meet in the front soccer field and will be organized by grade level cones. Teachers will meet their students on the field. Classes will be draft for the first week of school, until we can confirm numbers and new registrations.
- **Kindergarten** begins the week of September 12-16, with a gradual transition. Please see the document at the following link for the Kindergarten
 - Family Start-up information - <https://bit.ly/47F3Zch>
- **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.
- Thanks to Miss Tsi and Mia for cleaning our school during the summer break!
- Mrs. Rose will be our administrative assistant to start off September.
- **Before and After School Supervision:**
 - 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.
- **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.
- **Breakfast Program** will begin the second week of school. A consent form will be sent home and need to be signed prior to students participating in the Breakfast Program.
- **Bell Schedule** - [Bell Schedule - Taylor Elementary - 2023-2024](#)
- **Thanks to the SD #60 facilities staff** for all their work at our school during the summer. Room 4 had a renovation and our gym floor got refinished.
- Please email the school at taylor@prn.bc.ca if you cannot reach the school by phone. Absence messages and general inquiries can also be sent to this email.

- **Taylor School Online Payments** -School Fees can be paid via etransfer - 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.
- **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.
- **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 11	Tues. September 12	Wed. September 13	Thurs. September 14	Friday September 15
General		<i>Gradual Transition to Kindergarten begins today.</i>	4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		
Activities					

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

Activities					

	Mon. September 25	Tues. September 26	Wed. September 27	Thurs. September 28	Friday September 29
General					Orange Shirt Day
Activities					

	Monday October 2	Tuesday October 3	Wed. October 4	Thursday October 5	Friday October 6
General	Truth and Reconciliation Statutory holiday				
Activities			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				
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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 - For more information, please contact Alysha Southam, BASC Coordinator, at 250-264-7186 or basc@prn.bc.ca.
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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
 - 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 - 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 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 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
- **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/>