

“Tiger News” - October 30 - Nov. 3

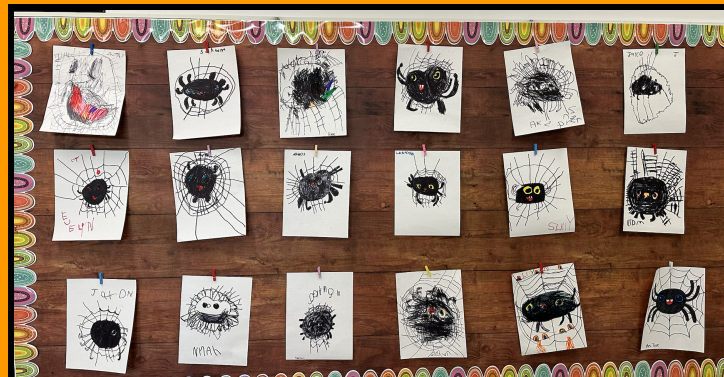
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“Spider Art by Mrs. Taillefer’s class!”



*“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/>

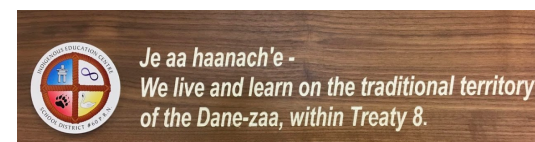
Website: <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/>

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 October 30	Tuesday October 31	Wed. November 1	Thursday November 2	Friday November 3
General			9:15-11:45 - Strong Start	Subway and Edo	

		1:15 - Halloween Parade in gym			
Activities	12:00 - Volleyball Practice	12:00 - Volleyball Practice		12:00 - Volleyball Practice 3:00 - Taylor @ Charlie Lake	

Weekly Updates - Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

- **Thanks** to PAC and the volunteers for helping out at the District of Taylor Halloween Party on the weekend.
- **Colder weather** is in the forecast, it's time to pull out the winter outdoor wear. Students will be outside on most days in the winter. Please ensure your child/children have the appropriate winter gear.
- **Halloween Notes:**
 - Students are invited to wear costumes on Tuesday, October 31st. If students are dressing up please following the guidelines below:
 - Costumes need to be school appropriate.
 - Costumes are not allowed to have any dangerous objects (ie. swords/guns)
 - Costumes should not be too scary (so that our younger students are not frightened)
 - Costumes that are offensive to religion, race, culture, gender or belief system are not permitted.
 - Please have your child come dressed in their costume.
 - We will have a costume parade around 1:15 in the gym. Families are welcome to attend.
 - Individual teachers will send home more information about Halloween activities specific to their classroom. It is fine if students do not want to dress up, they can still participate in the costume parade.
 - Following Halloween, please limit the amount of candy sent in your child's lunch.
- **Taylor School PAC presents "The Christmas Village" Craft Fair** on Saturday, November 18th in the Taylor School gym from 10-4. If you would like a table please contact Sheila Scott @ 250-793-2961 or sheila_scott@outlook.com All students will have a Christmas decoration for sale as well.
- **Morning Supervision** - There have been a number of students showing up early in the morning, so below is the information about the District BASC (Before and After School Care) Program. Supervision prior to 8:30 am is for early bus students only. The first bell rings at 8:43 am.
 - **Before and After School Care** - If you are interested in Before and or After School Care please contact the BASC co-ordinator.
 - There are spots available in this program. There are also subsidies available for families. 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.
- **Breakfast Program** - Students who are participating in the Breakfast Program do not need to arrive at school until 8:25/8:30. The first round of breakfast is served to our early bus students prior to this time. Huge thanks to Mrs. Law for running this program and to all our community sponsors.
- **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning** (School Plan) - Our school Framework can be found on our website at the following link. We will continue to update our goals throughout the school year.
 - <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/our-school/taylor-framework-for-enhanced-student-learning/>
- **Thanks** to Mrs. McDonnell and Mrs. Browett for coaching the volleyball team. For volleyball information watch the DOJO Volleyball page.
- **Student Verification forms** need to be returned as soon as possible. Families need to make any necessary changes, sign the bottom of the second page and return. Please sign and return even if no changes. It is important that these forms are accurate, as they contain information regarding medical alerts, parent contact information and other alerts.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - Thanks to Mrs. Turner-London, who will be organizing a Scholastic Book Fair for the week of November 20-24.
- **Hot Lunch** - Hot lunch ordering and milk is **closed for November**. Parents need to re-register for hot lunches as most students have a new teacher this year. Thanks!
 - [Taylor School Hot Lunch Letter](#)
 - taylor.hotlunches.net.
- **School Fees/Charges** - can be paid via MYED or taypayments as well as by cheque. Thanks to families that have already paid their school fees.
 - **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 - 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.

- For information about all our **School routines and processes** please view this slideshow - <https://bit.ly/2YC6fm1>

- 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.

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)*

School Photo Information - Hart Photography - October 2023

Your school photos are ready to view and order! To access your images, be sure you have your QR code, unique web link, or online code. This can all be found on your photo ticket which is being sent home with students today or tomorrow. If you have troubles with the QR code and the unique web link, click [HERE](#) to access the photographer's website. From here, you can also access your images by clicking on our school, and using the 10 digit online code which is found on the top of your ticket. All photos ordered by NOON on October 27th will receive free shipping and be delivered to the school in the first shipment. Print orders after this date will be subject to an \$8.90 shipping fee and shipped directly to your home address. If you are unable to order online, please ask the office for a paper order form. (There will be a second chance for free shipping after retake day is complete. This applies to all orders, not just those who have retakes)

Be sure to view your options carefully. If you have misplaced your online code or did not receive one, please contact the school or the photographer. If your child did not have their photo taken, they will have a second opportunity on November 8th. If there is an issue with your images, please be sure to hang on to your photo ticket to bring back on retake day.

If your family has 4 or more children who are all being photographed by Photography by Hart this year, use the discount code FAMILY25 to receive 25% off 4 or more photo packages. Orders can be placed for children who attend multiple schools in one order, once everyone's photos have been taken. If the code isn't working, please contact our photographer.

If you have issues accessing your images, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our photographer at photographybyhartfsj@gmail.com
Thank you for supporting this small local business.

	Monday November 6	Tuesday November 7	Wed. November 8	Thursday November 9	Friday November 10
General			Photo Retake Day 4:15 - PAC meeting in	Hotdog Day	10:50 - Remembrance Day Assembly Popcorn Day

			Maker Room		
Activities				12:00 - Volleyball Practice 3:00 - Finch @ Taylor	

	Monday November 13	Tuesday November 14	Wed. November 15	Thursday November 16	Friday November 17
General	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday			Burger King	
Activities				12:00 - Volleyball Practice 3:00 - Taylor @ Charlie Lake	

	Monday November 20	Tuesday November 21	Wed. November 22	Thursday November 23	Friday November 24
General	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK		Report Cards go home 1:30 - Practice Lockdown Drill 1:45 - Early Dismissal	Quiznos/Booster Juice 1:45 - Early Dismissal	Non-Instructional Day Parent-Teacher Interviews
Activities					

	Monday November 27	Tuesday November 28	Wed. November 29	Thursday November 30	Friday December 1
General				Neveah's Pizza	
Activities					

	Monday December 4	Tuesday December 5	Wed. December 6	Thursday December 7	Friday December 8
General					
Activities					

	Monday December 11	Tuesday December 12	Wed. December 13	Thursday December 14	Friday December 15
General			4:15 - PAC meeting in Maker Room		Popcorn Day
Activities					

	Monday December 18	Tuesday December 19	Wed. December 20	Thursday December 21	Friday December 22
General					Last day of school before Winter break
Activities					

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

	Monday January 8	Tuesday January 9	Wed. January 10	Thursday January 11	Friday January 12
General	First day of school after Winter break		4:15 - PAC meeting in Maker Room		
Activities					

	Monday January 15	Tuesday January 16	Wed. January 17	Thursday January 18	Friday January 19
General					Popcorn Day
Activities					

	Monday January 22	Tuesday January 23	Wed. January 24	Thursday January 25	Friday January 26
General					
Activities					

	Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wed. January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2
General					Non-instructional day
Activities					

Taylor School General Information

- **Before and After School Care** - If you are interested in Before and or After School Care please contact the BASC co-ordinator.
 - There are spots available in this program. 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.
- **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.
- **Taylor School Online Payments** - 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 - Ski Trip" or "John Smith - Hot lunch March" Thanks for making this a smooth process.
- **Communication with the office and Mrs. Maxfield** - When families need to contact either our office staff or Mrs. Maxfield, they can call the school or email Mrs. Maxfield or our Taylor School email for general inquiries.
 - nmaxfield@prn.bc.ca - Mrs. Maxfield
 - taylor@prn.bc.ca - Taylor Office
- **DOJO** - Mrs. Maxfield is both a teacher and a principal and you will see posts by Mrs. Maxfield in the classes she teaches and on the School Story. Mrs. Maxfield does not check DOJO daily, so if you would like to reach her please call or email. Thanks!
- **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 **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.
- **Strong Start** is on **Wednesday mornings at 9:15 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, Ashley True, 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.
- **Tiger Spirit Wear** - Latitude 56 is open ordering for Tiger Spirit Wear on September 22nd and the ordering window will close on October 3rd. We will do another ordering window before the Christmas break.
 - [Taylor Tiger Spirit Wear - Latitude 56](#)

- **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.
- **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/3IfTF3g>
 - 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/>
- **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/>