

“Tiger News” - January 22-26

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“Cup Stacking Challenge”

GO TIGERS!



*“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/>

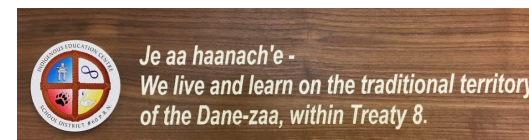
Website: <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/>

Taylor School email - taylor@prn.bc.ca

Facebook Page:

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

Taylor PAC: taylorchoolpac@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://attitude56custom.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 January 22	Tuesday January 23	Wed. January 24	Thursday January 25	Friday January 26
General		Reading Log Week # 1 due		Chopped Leaf Read and Feed - AM Pancakes & Pyjamas	Hot lunch ordering for February ends on January 28th

					12:00 - Leadership Club
Activities		12:00 Basketball	2:45 - Basketball	12:00 Basketball	

	Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wed. January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2
General				Subway & Edo	Non-instructional day
Activities		12:00 Basketball 3:00 A team @ MMMCS	2:45 - Basketball	12:00 Basketball 3:00 B team @ Duncan Cran	

Communication - January 22-26

- **Thanks** to families for ensuring their children have all their winter gear. It was great to get outside last week. We have extra winter gear if needed at the school. Please reach out to Mrs. Maxfield if you need winter gear for your child.
- **School Board Strategic Planning** - Thanks to community members that attend this planning meeting last week. All families/community members can have input to the update of the School Board Strategic Plan by completing this survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/SD60StrategicPlan>
- **The Cup Stacking Challenge** was a fun way to kick off the New Year!
 - Check out our Facebook page for all the videos <https://www.facebook.com/sd60taylor>
 - The winners will be receiving some new Tiger Spirit wear swag in a couple of weeks. Thanks to Deb Campbell for recording the videos.
- **DOJO Communication** - Mrs. Maxfield does not check DOJO regularly for messages about attendance and pick-ups, please call the school or email the school - taylor@prn.bc.ca
- **Hot Lunch** - **Hot lunch ordering for February will open on Friday, January 12th and close on Sunday, January 28th.** 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.
 - For information about all our **School routines and processes** please view this slideshow - <https://bit.ly/2YC6fm1>
 - Please ensure your hot lunch account is paid, if not you will be unable to order for February.
- **Winter Reading Challenge** will begin on **Tuesday, December 16th**. The information package and reading log sheets were sent home last week.
 - “Slide into Reading!” Reading Challenge - The wonderful students at Taylor Elementary School are challenged to read at home for four weeks to earn points for their class. The reading challenge will begin on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and will end on Thursday, February 15, 2024.
 - Each day that a student reads at home, he/she needs to fill in the amount of time spent reading that day on their weekly calendar. A parent or guardian must sign the weekly total to verify that the reading record is accurate. At the beginning of each week, on Tuesdays, the weekly calendars will be collected and the points will be added to the class’s weekly total.
 - There is a large sliding hill on the wall in the hallway outside the library. Each class has a sled and the points earned by each student will help their class’s sled to slide further down the hill.
 - Kindergarten to Grade 2 students may count the time that they are read to and are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes per week.
 - Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are encouraged to read at least 30 minutes per week.
 - THREE WAYS TO WIN PRIZES:
 - PRIZE FOR THE TOP TWO READERS IN EACH CLASS: The two students in each class who have the highest total number of reading minutes will win a prize.
 - PARTICIPATION DRAWS IN EACH CLASS: Every student who participates in the reading challenge will be entered into a draw to win prizes. There will be two participation prizes awarded by random draw for each class per week.
 - PRIZE FOR THE CLASS WITH THE MOST MINUTES READ: The class with the most reading minutes will win a prize.
 - All students who participate in the reading challenge will receive a certificate recognizing their efforts and achievements.

- **Supervision** - There is supervision @ 8:00 am for **bus students only**. The rest of the students can arrive around 8:30 am. Students attending breakfast will still receive breakfast @ 8:30. Our first bell rings at **8:43**. All students except bus students should be picked up or be walking home by 3:00 pm. Our dismissal bell rings at **2:45** pm. Thanks for respecting our supervision guidelines, for any exceptional situations, please reach out to Mrs. Maxfield by phone or email (nmaxfield@prn.bc.ca).
- **Thanks** to our families, who have paid their school fees, invoices were sent home and next week we will be following up with a phone call. Please pay your remaining school fees as soon as possible.
 - **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 - 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.
- **Winter has arrived!** Please ensure your child/children have all their winter gear. Students will be outside on most days. Please see our cold weather guidelines listed below:
 - We do not have a temperature cut-off for inside days, we look at the ambient temperature, wind chill and the amount of time that students will be outside.
 - We assess this throughout the school day and try to get students outside even on colder days for short amounts of time. Whenever possible we want students to get fresh air throughout the day.
 - We reference the Environment Canada Wind Chill Chart - <http://bit.ly/2XQRyHP>
 - Thanks to families for their help in ensuring students have appropriate winter gear.
- The **BASC (Before School Care Program)** is a paid program SD # 60 program that provides care prior to 8:30 am and after school. Please see the following link for more information and pricing.
 - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/programs/before-and-after-school-care/>
- 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.
- **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/>

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)*

	Monday February 5	Tuesday February 6	Wed. February 7	Thursday February 8	Friday February 9
General				Pita Pit	
	12:00 - Leadership Club				
Activities		12:00 BB Practice 3:00 - A team @ RO	2:45 - BB Practice	12:00 BB Practice 3:00 - B team home game	

	Monday February 12	Tuesday February 13	Wed. February 14	Thursday February 15	Friday February 16
General				Quiznos & Booster Juice	Popcorn Day 12:00 - Leadership Club
Activities		12:00 BB Practice 3:00 - A team home game	2:45 - BB Practice	12:00 BB Practice 3:00 - B team @ MMMCS	

	Monday February 19	Tuesday February 20	Wed. February 21	Thursday February 22	Friday February 23
General	Family Day			Hot Dog Day	
Activities		12:00 BB Practice	3:00 - A team @ Anne Roberts	12:00 BB Practice 3:00 - B team home game	

	Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27	Wed. February 28	Thursday February 29	Friday March 1
General				Burger King	Non-Instructional Day
Activities		12:00 Basketball	2:45 - Basketball	12:00 Basketball	

	Monday March 4	Tuesday March 5	Wed. March 6	Thursday March 7	Friday March 8
General				Subway & Edo	
Activities					

	Monday March 11	Tuesday March 12	Wed. March 13	Thursday March 14	Friday March 15
General		Learning Updates go home.	1:45 - Early Dismissal	Nevaeh's Pizza 1:25 - Lockdown practice 1:45 - Early Dismissal	Last day before Spring break
Activities					

Enjoy your Spring Break!

	Monday April 1	Tuesday April 2	Wed. April 3	Thursday April 4	Friday April 5
General	Easter Monday	First Day back			
Activities					

	Monday April 8	Tuesday April 9	Wed. April 10	Thursday April 11	Friday April 12
General					
Activities					

	Monday April 15	Tuesday April 16	Wed. April 17	Thursday April 18	Friday April 19
General					
Activities					

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

	Monday April 29	Tuesday April 30	Wed. May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3
General	NID				
Activities					

	Monday May 6	Tuesday May 7	Wed. May 8	Thursday May 9	Friday May 10
General					NID
Activities					

	Monday May 13	Tuesday May 14	Wed. May 15	Thursday May 16	Friday May 17
General					
Activities					

	Monday May 20	Tuesday May 21	Wed. May 22	Thursday May 23	Friday May 24
General	Victoria Day				
Activities					

	Monday May 27	Tuesday May 28	Wed. May 29	Thursday May 30	Friday May 31
General					<i>Saturday June 1st - Pizza party @ Nancy's house</i>
Activities					

	Monday June 3	Tuesday June 4	Wed. June 5	Thursday June 6	Friday June 7
General					District Track and Field Meet
Activities					

	Monday June 10	Tuesday June 11	Wed. June 12	Thursday June 13	Friday June 14
General					
Activities					

	Monday June 17	Tuesday June 18	Wed. June 19	Thursday June 20	Friday June 21
General					
Activities				Grade 6 Farewell Dinner	

	Monday June 24	Tuesday June 25	Wed. June 26	Thursday June 27	Friday June 28
General		Peace Island Park		Last Day for students Learning Updates go home 11:45 - Dismissal	Last day for staff
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
- **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/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/>
- **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/>

