

“Tiger News” - September 9-13

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“Thanks to this amazing staff for a great first week back!”



“The mission of our school community is to Educate, Inspire, and Empower all students.”

Tiger News: <https://bit.ly/3zbAVHc>

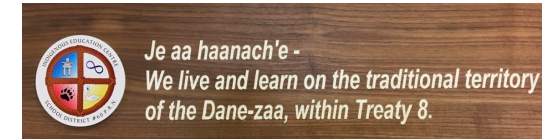
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Taylor PAC: taylor@prn.bc.ca



<https://www.firstvoices.com/tsaa-dane-beaver>

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/>

SD # 60 Emergency Preparedness - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/safety/plans-info/emergency-preparedness/>

	Monday, September 9	Tuesday, September 10	Wed. September 11	Thurs., September 12	Friday, September 13
General		<i>Gradual entry for Kindergarten starts</i>	9:15 am Strong Start		

		Kindergarten 8:45-12:00 (bring a snack)	Kindergarten 8:45-12:45 (bring a snack & a lunch) 4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9	Kindergarten 8:45-1:45 (bring a snack & a lunch)	Kindergarten - First Full Day 8:45-2:44 Hot Lunch Ordering Opens
Activities			12:00 - X-Country run practice		12:00 - X-Country run practice

Communication - September 9-13

- **Thanks** to students and staff for a great first week back.
- **Welcome** this week of our new Kindergarten students!
- The **first day for Kindergarten** is Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - Scroll down to the calendar view to see the gradual entry schedule.
- **PAC meeting** - The first PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th @ 4:15 pm in Room 5. All parents are welcome.
- **Crosswalk Safety** - Thanks to our families for using the cross walk. Mrs. Scott is our am crossing guard and Miss Peters is our pm crossing guard.
- **Sports:**
 - **Cross Country Running** began last week. There are 3 District runs. We will be looking for volunteers for our District run on Wednesday, October 2nd @ Lone Wolf Golf course. Please watch for a consent form to come home this week and a DOJO invite to this team.
 - September 18th and 25th @ Sureus field @ 3:00 pm - Students are bussed there and back. Parents can pick up after the race as well. The bus does not usually return until between 4:30 and 5:00 pm.
 - October 2nd @ 1:00 pm @ Lone Wolf Golf Course
 - **Soccer** (Grades 4-6) - Thanks to Mrs. McDonnell and Mr. Huillery for coaching. Watch for a DOJO invite. There is no league play, but a tournament on Saturday, October 5th.
- **Wasps** - Thanks to SD#60 facilities staff for their work on dealing with our wasp issue last week.
- **Evacuation Drill** - Our school will be participating in the District of Taylor full-scale emergency training event on the morning of Tuesday, September 17th.. We will practice an evacuation by bus to our designated relocation school of Bert Ambrose and will return via bus. Please see full details in this letter - [Family letter - Evacuation Drill](#) - Students will be aware of the drill ahead of time.
- **Volunteers** - We welcome volunteers. If you would like to volunteer this year, you must have a current criminal records check. The information went home with the consent form package.
- **Consent Forms** - The regular yearly consent form package came home on Friday. Mrs. Taillefer's package will come home this week. Please read carefully and return in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please call the school or email taylor@prn.bc.ca
- **School supplies** are purchased by the school and are included in the yearly school charges.
 - See the school charges for the 2024-2025 school year at the following link - [Taylor Elementary School Charges - 2024-2025](#)
 - **Please pay school fees by October 15th** - Fees can be paid by logging into MYED, e-transfer (taypayments@prn.bc.ca), cash or cheque. Thank you for your prompt payment.
- **Spirit Wear Order - Latitude 56** will be placing a bulk Spirit Wear order. Orders need to be in by September 20th, 2024. Their website will be under construction after September 20th, so please place your order by the deadline. Orders can be expected by early to mid October. Please place your order via this website. <https://latitude56custom.ca/taylor-tigers-spirit-wear/> Big thanks to Julie at Latitude 56 for all her donations of spirit wear to our students last year!
- **Bell Schedule** - see the full schedule at this link - [Taylor Elementary Bell Schedule 2024-2025](#)

- Warning Bell - 8:40 am
- Classes start - 8:45 am
- Dismissal - 2:44 pm
- **Before and After School Supervision:**
 - Morning supervision begins @ 8:30 am except for early bus students
 - There is no after-school supervision, except for late bus students.
 - Students need to head home after school but are welcome to stay with parental 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.
- **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/](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.
- **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.
- **Breakfast Program** will begin the second week of school. A consent form will be sent home and needs to be signed before students participate in the breakfast program.
- For information about all our **School routines and processes** please view this slideshow - <https://bit.ly/2YC6fm1>

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 16	Tuesday, September 17	Wed. September 18	Thurs. September 19	Friday, September 20
General		Emergency Response Evacuation Drill - AM			Non-instructional Day - School Planning Day
Activities			3:00 - X-country run @ Sureus fields		

	Mon. September 23	Tuesday, September 24	Wed. September 25	Thurs. September 26	Friday, September 27
General				Terry Fox Run (TBD)	Orange Shirt Day

					Hot Lunch Ordering Closes Sunday Sept. 29
Activities			3:00 - X-country run @ Sureus fields		

	Mon. September 30	Tuesday, October 1	Wed. October 2	Thurs. October 3	Friday, October 4
General	Truth and Reconciliation Day	Hart Photography student photos			Walk to Breakfast
Activities			1:00 pm Lone Wolf Cross Country Run		

	Mon. October 7	Tuesday, October 8	Wed. October 9	Thurs. October 10	Friday, October 11
General					
Activities			4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		


	Mon. October 14	Tuesday, October 15	Wed. October 16	Thurs. October 17	Friday, October 18
General	Thanksgiving - Statutory holiday				
Activities					

	Mon. October 21	Tuesday, October 22	Wed. October 23	Thurs. October 24	Friday, October 25
General					Non-instructional day
Activities					

	Mon. October 28	Tuesday, October 29	Wed. October 30	Thurs. October 31	Friday, November 1
General				Halloween	
Activities					

	Mon. November 4	Tuesday, November 5	Wed. November 6	Thurs. November 7	Friday, November 8

General					10:45 am - Remembrance Day Assembly
Activities					

	Mon. November 11	Tuesday, November 12	Wed. November 13	Thurs. November 14	Friday, November 15
General	Remembrance Day 		4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		
Activities					

	Mon. November 18	Tuesday, November 19	Wed. November 20	Thurs. November 21	Friday, November 22
General					
Activities					

	Mon. November 25	Tuesday, November 26	Wed. November 27	Thurs. November 28	Friday, November 29

General			1:44 pm - Early dismissal	1:44 pm - Early dismissal	Non-instructional day Parent-teacher interview day
Activities					

	Mon. December 2	Tuesday, December 3	Wed. December 4	Thurs. December 5	Friday, December 6
General					
Activities					

	Mon. December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wed. December 11	Thurs. December 12	Friday, December 13
General			4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		
Activities					

	Mon. December 16	Tuesday, December 17	Wed. December 18	Thurs. December 19	Friday, December 20
General					Last day before Winter break

Activities					

Winter Break - December 23, 2024 - January 5, 2025

	Mon. January 6	Tuesday, January 7	Wed. January 8	Thurs. January 9	Friday, January 10
General	First day back after Winter break				
Activities					

	Mon. January 13	Tuesday, January 14	Wed. January 15	Thurs. January 16	Friday, January 17
General			4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		
Activities					

	Mon. January 20	Tuesday, January 21	Wed. January 22	Thurs. January 23	Friday, January 24
General					

Activities					

	Mon. January 27	Tuesday, January 28	Wed. January 29	Thurs. January 30	Friday, January 31
General					Non-instructional Day
Activities					

	Monday, February 3	Tuesday, February 4	Wed., February 5	Thursday, February 6	Friday, February 7
General					
Activities					

	Monday, February 10	Tuesday, February 11	Wed., February 12	Thursday, February 13	Friday, February 14
General			4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		

Activities					
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	Monday, February 17	Tuesday, February 18	Wed., February 19	Thursday, February 20	Friday, February 21
General	Family Day - No School				
Activities					

	Monday, February 24	Tuesday, February 25	Wed., February 26	Thursday, February 27	Friday, February 28
General					Non-instructional Day
Activities					

	Monday, March 3	Tuesday, March 4	Wed., March 5	Thursday, March 6	Friday, March 7
General					
Activities					

	Monday, March 10	Tuesday, March 11	Wed., March 12	Thursday, March 13	Friday, March 14

General			1:44 - Early Dismissal 4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9	1:44 - Early Dismissal	
Activities					

March 17 - March 30th - Spring Break

	Monday, March 31	Tuesday, April 1	Wednesday, April 2	Thursday, April 3	Friday, April 4
General	First day back after Spring break				
Activities					

	Monday, April 7	Tuesday, April 8	Wednesday, April 9	Thursday, April 10	Friday, April 11
General			4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		Non-instructional day
Activities					

	Monday, April 14	Tuesday, April 15	Wednesday, April 16	Thursday, April 17	Friday, April 18
General					Good Friday - No school
Activities					

	Monday, April 21	Tuesday, April 22	Wednesday, April 23	Thursday, April 24	Friday, April 25
General	Easter Monday - No school				
Activities					

	Monday, April 28	Tuesday, April 29	Wednesday, April 30	Thursday, May 1	Friday, May 2
General					
Activities					

	Monday, May 5	Tuesday, May 6	Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, May 8	Friday, May 9
General					Non-Instructional Day

Activities					

	Monday, May 12	Tuesday, May 13	Wednesday, May 14	Thursday, May 15	Friday, May 16
General			4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		
Activities					

	Monday, May 19	Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 21	Thursday, May 22	Friday, May 23
General	Victoria Day - No school				
Activities					

	Monday, May 26	Tuesday, May 27	Wednesday, May 28	Thursday, May 29	Friday, May 30
General					

Activities					
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	Monday, June 2	Tuesday, June 3	Wednesday, June 4	Thursday, June 5	Friday, June 6
General					District Track and Field Meet - School closed
Activities					

	Monday, June 9	Tuesday, June 10	Wednesday, June 11	Thursday, June 12	Friday, June 13
General			4:15 - PAC meeting in Room 9		
Activities					

	Monday, June 16	Tuesday, June 17	Wednesday, June 18	Thursday, June 19	Friday, June 20
General					
Activities					

	Monday, June 23	Tuesday, June 24	Wednesday, June 25	Thursday, June 26	Friday, June 27

General				Last day of school 11:44 - Dismissal	Staff only
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.
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 - Morning supervision begins @ **8:30 am** except for early bus students
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 - Students need to head home after school but are welcome to stay with parental supervision
 - When checking out your child early, please call 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 2:44 pm dismissal. This ensures a smooth dismissal process.
- **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
- **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 preschool program to support literacy and social skills. A qualified Early Childhood Educator is 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
- **Tiger Spirit Wear** - [Taylor Tiger Spirit Wear - Latitude 56](#)
- **Volunteers** are always welcome at our school. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering at the school or coaching a team. All volunteers must have a current criminal records check completed before 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/>

- **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.
- 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.
- **Visitor Check-in** - Thanks to all our families for checking in at the office when you come to the school. This is a District policy and ensures student safety. If you need to pick up your child early you can also email or call the office ahead of time and we will have them ready at the office. We can also send them out to you if you call when you arrive. If you need to drop something off for your child please bring it to the office. Students can only be released to contacts listed in MYED. When emailing please use the Taylor School email - taylor@prn.bc.ca Messages on DOJO are not always checked regularly.
- [Taylor School Athletic Code of Conduct](#)
- District Elementary Sports Spectator Expectations - <https://bit.ly/3ONWxUt>
- **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
- [Taylor School Hot Lunch Letter](#)
- taylor.hotlunches.net.
- **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/>
- **All families need to review the following document - School District 60 Emergency Preparedness Information** - <https://www.prn.bc.ca/safety/plans-info/emergency-preparedness/>
 - The District will be using the BC Air Quality Index (AQHI) - <https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/data/aqhi-table.html> to guide decisions about school actions related to smoke.
 - When air quality risk is high we will be limiting the doors that we use for entry and exit, to reduce smoke in the building.
 - **Please have a look at our site-specific Double Gated Evacuation Process for Parent Reunification** - [Taylor Elementary - Double Gate Evacuation Process](#)
 - **Students will only be released to an individual designated as the legal parent/guardian or emergency contact on the MYED student contact information form. Contact forms will come home this week so that families can ensure this information is updated.**

Parent Resources & Links

- EPIC - <https://www.getepic.com/>
- [Taylor School Athletic Code of Conduct](#)
- Splash Learning - <https://www.splashlearn.com/features/parents>
- Mathletics - <https://login.mathletics.com/>
- 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](#)
- BC's ERASE (Expect Respect and Safe Education) - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>
 - ERASE Sessions for families - <https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>
 - [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth](#) Document for families
- 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/>