

## “Tiger News” - December 16-20

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### “Card Making for the Seniors”



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

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

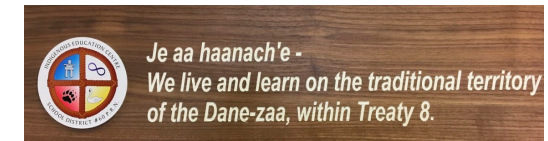
Website: <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/>

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

Facebook Page:

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

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



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

### 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://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/>

Taylor School Bell Schedule - [Taylor Elementary Bell Schedule 2024-2025](#)

|         | Mon. December 16 | Tuesday, December 17                          | Wed. December 18                 | Thurs. December 19               | Friday, December 20          |
|---------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| General |                  | <b>Hot Lunch ordering closes for Jan 2025</b> | <b>9:15-11:45</b> - Strong Start | <b>Hot Lunch -Nevaeh's Pizza</b> | Last day before Winter break |

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|                          |  | <p><b>Christmas Spirit Day</b></p>  <p>Special hot lunch donated<br/>by Lou's Contracting<br/>(Nevaeh's Pizza)</p> |  | <p><b>1:15 - Christmas Concert Rehearsal</b></p> <p><b>6:00 - Christmas Concert</b></p> |   |
| <p><b>Activities</b></p> |  |   |  |   | <p><b>McDonell - Field Trip</b></p> <p><b>Austin &amp; Browett - Carolling @ Senior's lunch</b></p> |

### Communication - December 16-20

- **Wishing** all our families a wonderful holiday season. Friday, December 20th is the last day of school before the Winter break. The first day back is Monday, January 6th. The calendar view of Tiger News is complete until the end of the school year, if you want to see other upcoming dates.
- **Christmas Spirit Day** - Students can wear Christmas attire on Tuesday, get creative and have some fun dressing up for this fun day.
- **Thanks to Lou's Contracting** - For providing all students and staff with a special free hot lunch on Tuesday, December 17th. They have sponsored a Nevaeh's Pizza lunch for all. Each student will receive one piece of pizza, their usual order.
- **Christmas Hamper Fund** - The school will be collecting non-perishable food items, new toys, pyjamas for the community Hamper fund. Students can bring donations to the school.
- **Christmas Concert** - The Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 20th @ 6:00 pm. Students need to be dropped off at 5:30 pm. Students will go to their classes and families can find seating in the gym.
- **End of day pick-up** - When the weather is very cold, we will be asking students that usually wait outside for their ride to wait in the boot room. Students will watch for their parents to pull up, but at times parents may need to get out of their vehicle to grab their child. Thanks for your support.
- **Early student pick-up** - Thanks to our families for letting the office know when they need to pick up their child early. Please check in at the office by phone or in person when picking up your child early. The office staff will get your child prepared and ready at the office if we know the expected pick-up time. We can also send your child out to you if you like.
  - Messages can be called in and or emailed to [taylor@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taylor@prn.bc.ca) DOJO is not checked for early pick-up messages. Please leave a voicemail message on our school phone if the line is busy when you call.
- **Hot lunch** - **Ordering for Jan opens on Dec 6 and will close Dec 17th.**
  - [taylor.hotlunches.net](http://taylor.hotlunches.net)
  - Please e-transfer hot lunch payment to - [taypayments@prn.bc.ca](mailto:taypayments@prn.bc.ca)
- **SD # 60 - Before and After School Care Program (BASC)** - 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](mailto:basc@prn.bc.ca).
- For information about all our **School routines and processes** please view this slideshow - <https://bit.ly/2YC6fm1>
- The PAC Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Taylor-Elementary-School-PAC-232359646821433>

#### **PAC & Community News**

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

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

|                | Mon. January 6                    | Tuesday, January 7 | Wed. January 8 | Thurs. January 9 | Friday, January 10 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>General</b> | First day back after Winter break |                    |                |                  |                    |

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| <b>Activities</b> |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                   | Mon. January 13 | Tuesday, January 14 | Wed. January 15              | Thurs. January 16 | Friday, January 17 |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>General</b>    |                 |                     | 3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5 |                   |                    |
| <b>Activities</b> |                 |                     |                              |                   |                    |

|                   | Mon. January 20 | Tuesday, January 21 | Wed. January 22 | Thurs. January 23 | Friday, January 24 |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>General</b>    |                 |                     |                 |                   |                    |
| <b>Activities</b> |                 |                     |                 |                   |                    |

|                   | Mon. January 27 | Tuesday, January 28 | Wed. January 29 | Thurs. January 30 | Friday, January 31    |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>General</b>    |                 |                     |                 |                   | Non-instructional Day |
| <b>Activities</b> |                 |                     |                 |                   |                       |

|            | 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    |                     |                      | 3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5 |                       |                     |
| Activities |                     |                      |                              |                       |                     |

|            | 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   |
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| General |                     |                      |                   |                       | Non-instructional Day |

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| <b>Activities</b> |  |  |  |  |  |

|                   | Monday, March 3 | Tuesday, March 4 | Wed., March 5 | Thursday, March 6 | Friday, March 7 |
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| <b>General</b>    |                 |                  |               |                   |                 |
| <b>Activities</b> |                 |                  |               |                   |                 |

|                   | Monday, March 10 | Tuesday, March 11 | Wed., March 12  | Thursday, March 13            | Friday, March 14 |
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| <b>General</b>    |                  |                   | <p><b>1:44</b> - Early Dismissal</p> <p><b>3:00</b> - PAC meeting in Room 5</p> | <b>1:44</b> - Early Dismissal |                  |
| <b>Activities</b> |                  |                   |   |                               |                  |

**March 17 - March 30th - Spring Break**

|                | Monday, March 31            | Tuesday, April 1 | Wednesday, April 2 | Thursday, April 3 | Friday, April 4 |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>General</b> | First day back after Spring |                  |                    |                   |                 |

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| <b>Activities</b> |       |  |  |  |  |

|                   | Monday, April 7 | Tuesday, April 8 | Wednesday, April 9           | Thursday, April 10 | Friday, April 11      |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>General</b>    |                 |                  | 3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5 |                    | Non-instructional day |
| <b>Activities</b> |                 |                  |                              |                    |                       |

|                   | Monday, April 14 | Tuesday, April 15 | Wednesday, April 16 | Thursday, April 17 | Friday, April 18        |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>General</b>    |                  |                   |                     |                    | Good Friday - No school |
| <b>Activities</b> |                  |                   |                     |                    |                         |

|                | Monday, April 21          | Tuesday, April 22 | Wednesday, April 23 | Thursday, April 24 | Friday, April 25 |
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| <b>General</b> | Easter Monday - No school |                   |                     |                    |                  |

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| <b>Activities</b> |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                   | Monday, April 28 | Tuesday, April 29 | Wednesday, April 30 | Thursday, May 1 | Friday, May 2 |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>General</b>    |                  |                   |                     |                 |               |
| <b>Activities</b> |                  |                   |                     |                 |               |

|                   | Monday, May 5 | Tuesday, May 6 | Wednesday, May 7 | Thursday, May 8 | Friday, May 9         |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>General</b>    |               |                |                  |                 | Non-Instructional Day |
| <b>Activities</b> |               |                |                  |                 |                       |

|                | Monday, May 12 | Tuesday, May 13 | Wednesday, May 14            | Thursday, May 15 | Friday, May 16 |
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| <b>General</b> |                |                 | 3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5 |                  |                |



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| <b>Activities</b> |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                   | <b>Monday, May 19</b>    | <b>Tuesday, May 20</b> | <b>Wednesday, May 21</b> | <b>Thursday, May 22</b> | <b>Friday, May 23</b> |
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| <b>General</b>    | Victoria Day - No school |                        |                          |                         |                       |
| <b>Activities</b> |                          |                        |                          |                         |                       |

|                   | <b>Monday, May 26</b> | <b>Tuesday, May 27</b> | <b>Wednesday, May 28</b> | <b>Thursday, May 29</b> | <b>Friday, May 30</b> |
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| <b>General</b>    |                       |                        |                          |                         |                       |
| <b>Activities</b> |                       |                        |                          |                         |                       |

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

|            | Monday, June 9 | Tuesday, June 10 | Wednesday, June 11           | Thursday, June 12 | Friday, June 13 |
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| General    |                |                  | 3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5 |                   |                 |
| Activities |                |                  |                              |                   |                 |

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

|            | Monday, June 23 | Tuesday, June 24 | Wednesday, June 25 | Thursday, June 26                       | Friday, June 27 |
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| General    |                 |                  |                    | Last day of school<br>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.
  - 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](mailto:basc@prn.bc.ca).
- **Before and After School Supervision** - If families need before and after school care please see the BASC information above.
  - 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 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](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 - Ski Trip" or "John Smith - Hot lunch March" Thanks for making, this a smooth process.
- **Morning Drop-off** - If families are dropping off students in the staff parking lot, please watch your children walk to the front playground where are morning supervisors are located. We do not have any supervision in this parking lot. Students are not to enter through the staff entrance. If they are attending breakfast they must first check-in with Mrs. Scott on the front playground as there is a system for sending students to breakfast program so we don't end up with too many students at once. Thanks for your help in ensuring students are safe.
- **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](mailto:taypayments@prn.bc.ca)), cash or cheque. Thank you for your prompt payment.
- **Important Information for PHOTO RETAKES** - Please read carefully
  - Photo retakes are on Monday, November 4th. If you are unhappy with your original photo, students may come back for retakes. Students will need to bring back their photo ticket to have their photos redone (this is the handout you received to access your images). If you have misplaced this ticket, you need to click [HERE](#) to request a new one by no later than 4pm the day before. Please only fill out this form if you are getting retakes, AND have misplaced your ticket. New tickets will be at the photographer's station when students come down. All students who were absent on the first photo day do not need to bring anything with them, nor do you need to submit a request, as we will have their photo ticket waiting for them. Please note, all original photos will no longer be available if you have retakes done. If there is something cosmetic you don't like about your images, remember that you can order photo retouching.
  - On retake day, Parents, please clearly communicate with your children if they are going to be having retakes or not to help avoid confusion. It's also a good idea to let teachers know. Someone will come around to each class to collect students when it's time.
  - If you have questions for the photographer, you can email Tanya at [photographybyhartfsj@gmail.com](mailto:photographybyhartfsj@gmail.com)
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- **Student School Photo information:**
  - School photos are ready to view and order! To access your images, be sure you have your QR code, unique website, 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 website, 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 placed by 12:00 noon on October 10th will receive free shipping and be delivered to the school in the first shipment. (there will be a second chance for free shipping after retakes). If you are unable to order online, please ask the office for a paper order form.
  - Be sure to view your options carefully. If you have misplaced your online code or did not receive one, please contact the school. If your child did not have their photo taken, they will have a second opportunity on November 4th. If there is an issue with your image, 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](mailto:photographybyhartfsj@gmail.com)
- **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](mailto:nmaxfield@prn.bc.ca) - Mrs. Maxfield
  - [taylor@prn.bc.ca](mailto: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](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 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](mailto: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](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.
- 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.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:taylor@prn.bc.ca)
- [Taylor School Hot Lunch Letter](#)
- [taylor.hotlunches.net](http://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](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/>