

## “Tiger News” - December 2-6

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### “Making Talking Sticks”



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

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

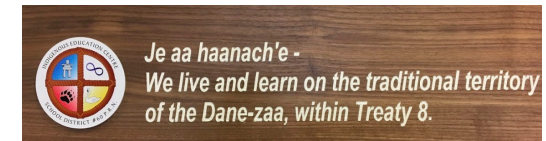
Website: <https://taylor.prn.bc.ca/>

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://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/>

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 2	Tuesday, December 3	Wed. December 4	Thurs. December 5	Friday, December 6
General			9:15-11:45 - Strong Start	Northern Adapted Sports here	Northern Adapted Sports here

<b>Activities</b>					

### Communication - December 2-6

- **Thanks** to all our families who made it in for conferencing last week. If you were unable to make it, you can still reach out to your child's teacher to set up an appointment.
- **Northern Adapted Sports** - We are excited to welcome Northern Adapted Sports this week on Thursday and Friday. They will do two days of workshops on wheelchair sports.
  - <https://engagesportnorth.com/northernadaptedsports/>
- Fingers crossed for some warmer weather this week, students will be outside, please ensure they have all their winter gear!
- **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 December is closed.
  - [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>

### **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. December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wed. December 11	Thurs. December 12	Friday, December 13
General		<b>9:20</b> (bus leaves) <b>NPSS Musical - "Matilda"</b>	<b>9:15-11:45</b> - Strong Start		<b>10:00</b> <b>Trackers Game - McDonnell &amp; Austin</b>

			3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5		
Activities					

	Mon. December 16	Tuesday, December 17	Wed. December 18	Thurs. December 19	Friday, December 20
General			9:15-11:45 - Strong Start	6:00 pm - Christmas Concert	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					

			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
<b>General</b>					
<b>Activities</b>					

	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
General					Non-instructional Day
Activities					

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

<b>Activities</b>					

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

	Monday, April 7	Tuesday, April 8	Wednesday, April 9	Thursday, April 10	Friday, April 11
General			3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5		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					

<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
<b>General</b>			3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5		
<b>Activities</b>					

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



<b>Activities</b>					

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

	Monday, June 2	Tuesday, June 3	Wednesday, June 4	Thursday, June 5	Friday, June 6
<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
<b>General</b>			3:00 - PAC meeting in Room 5		
<b>Activities</b>					

	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 <b>11:44 - Dismissal</b>	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/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/>
- **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/>