

TAYLOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Please note: Picture day is <u>October 28th</u>. Individual and class photos will be taken.

Students will have their pictures taken with proof envelopes going home in approx. 2–3 weeks.

Parents will then choose from various packages/prices/backgrounds, etc. on the proof envelopes at that time.



In-Service

Friday, October 22 is a province-wide in-service day for teachers.

There will be NO CLASSES for students that day.

Thanksgiving is Monday, October 11th. There will be **NO CLASSES** that day.







PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting Oct. 5th @ 6:30pm via Zoom call.

Contact Terri @ 204-734-0775 I if you would like to join or have questions about what getting involved with PAC is all about.

At Taylor School, we are striving to provide a safe and secure environment for our students. Throughout the year we will be practising a variety of different drills (fire, lockdown, shelter in place, hold and secure). During the drills, students will be taught the safety measures and procedures associated with each drill. Practice makes us better!

Note: All SVSD schools no longer accept donations of food items to classrooms (cupcakes, muffins, snack trays, etc.). If you wish to donate money for the purchase of such food items you may do so.



REMINDERS:

- **The weather is beginning to get colder so students should be dressing warmly. All students are expected to go outdoors for recesses and lunch hours.
- **Remember to phone the school to let us know when your child/ren will be absent from school.
- **All doors will be locked during the day . Parents/Visitors are asked to stay outside, buzz in, and relay any messages they have to the secretary.
- **Parents are encouraged to park in the Centennial Arena parking lot to drop off and pick up their children. If you are meeting your child, please have a designated pickup spot outside.
- **Parents are asked to screen their children in the morning. If they are ill, please do not send them. If unsure, follow the Manitoba COVID-19 Screening Tool:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/about/index/html

Interested in Youth Bowling?

Begins week of October 4 Monday (4:00), Tuesday (4:00) Wednesday (4:30) or Thursday (4:00) after School.

20 Weeks 3 Optional Tournaments \$10.00/player Annual Fee: \$190.00 due week of Oct. 4 or 2 payments of \$100.00 due Oct. 4 & Jan. 6

No Fundraising or Volunteering

For more info call 'Up Your Alley Bowling Center' 204-734-2442

COVID RULES

Hand sanitizer will be used at door. Plexiglas has been installed around counter and between seating area of lanes 2 & 3. Designated bowling balls for each youth. Max. 4 per lane.

A reminder to parents that we require your current address and valid phone number for our records.

This is especially important for emergencies.

Equally important is to keep the school up-to-date with medical information (ie. allergies, epi-pen usage, etc.)

We also send out email reminders, for certain things pertaining to the school. Have you been getting yours? If not, email the office at Istankewich@svsd.ca to have your email address added to your contact information.

Sugary Drink Reminder

Taylor School works to promote healthy bodies and healthy minds therefore any sugary drinks (pop, slushies, energy drinks, supersized juices) will either be dumped out or students will bring them home at the end of the day.

Your child's health is of the utmost importance to us!!



Questions To Ask Your Kids After School Instead Of "How Was Your Day?"

- -What made you smile today?
- -Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- -What did you do that was creative?
- -Who did you sit with at lunch?
- -Was anyone in your class gone today?
- -Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- -Did you like your lunch?
- -What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- -If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- -What made your teacher smile? -what made her frown?
- -If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? Why?
- -What kind of person were you today?

We hope everyone had a great first month at Taylor!



Halloween Treats

Taylor School has a school wide nutrition policy which encourages children eat healthy. We ask that when packing lunches please only include one piece of candy/chocolate bar/ chips in their lunch per day.



Tumblebooks

SVSD subscribes to TumbleBook Library!

TumbleBooks is an online collection of e-books for children. There are over 250 animated, picture books. The site also features French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, quizzes and games and puzzles.

To access TumbleBooks you will need to Login: www.TumbleBookLibrary.com
Username: swanvalley
Password: reads

Access these books anywhere with internet connection, for your computer, tablet or mobile phone.



Head Lice

It is school season again, and with school season come some issues which we all need to be prepared to cope with. Our staff have had training and review about head lice. Parents, we have the head lice Policy and Public Health information available at the school for you. Please feel free to come and ask for it. It is proactive for you to check your children for head lice. Head lice are small, narrow insects that can run quickly, so sectioning the hair and looking thoroughly is advised. They are detectable without a magnifying glass. They are most likely to be found around the base of the head and behind the ears, but can be anywhere on the head. Check also for a rash around the base of the head from itchy bites. Nits are the eggs/cocoons that the head lice produce, and are whitish or greyish, small (a little larger than a pinhead and roughly oval) sacs that are attached to the hair shaft at any point.

To properly treat hair, your child needs to be shampooed with a medicated lice shampoo and then, most importantly, a nit comb must be used and hair sectioned off to comb out all of the nits that stick to the hair shaft. This is a procedure that takes time, but must be done properly to treat lice. You may want to wash bedding and headgear/hats. After seven days, the shampoo and combing need to be repeated to treat the egg cycle. Samples of shampoo and combs are available at Public Health. For First Nations, any pharmacy will distribute lice shampoo and nit combs with proof of your status card. All children can come right back to school once treated.

Taylor School students are filling up on healthy snacks these days thanks to the generosity of The Children's Nutrition Council of Manitoba . We applied for a grant and were successful in our endeavours. Thanks to the donor. Any students requiring nourishment will be provided a healthy morning and afternoon snack.

Healthy minds live in healthy bodies!

Pizza Lunches/PAC Lunches

Pizza lunches are normally held the last Thursday of each month with order forms going home and being returned the week before the lunch. The pizza lunches are run through the school and cheques need to be made out to "Taylor School Fund".

PAC lunches are normally held near the beginning of the month. Cheques need to be made out to "Taylor School Parent Advisory Council". For all of the above, the orders need to be tabulated, money balanced and food PREORDERED for the following week.

**PLEASE NOTE:

- Because we need to <u>preorder</u> the food we must have all orders in by the deadline -WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE LATE ORDERS.
 - Cheques need to be made out to the correct fund or exact change sent with EACH student to their classroom teacher with the order.