

Our Mission:

Taylor Elementary ignites enthusiasm for learning through dynamic and rigorous teaching, creating an environment with high expectations, connecting the Arts and celebrating student growth and success.

Our Vision:

To be a school where we build positive relationships and empower students to be innovative thinkers and problem solvers who take ownership of their education through a growth mindset.

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Taylor Elementary

Welcomes you back to school!

Kimberly Gilbert- Principal

August 2018

New Staff to Introduce to You!

Kendall Conner- new Title
Administrative Assistant



Alahn Walker- Staff Assistant



Alma Tetrault- 3rd grade teacher

Meg Olsen- Art teacher



Not Pictured:

Bethany Trochesset - Music

Suzanne Gonzales- ELL Teacher

Information You Can Use

First morning bell will ring at 7:55a.m. and students will be learning at 8:00a.m.

Entering and Exiting Procedures and Safety First

Students will continue to line up and enter the building in the morning through the side and back (courtyard) doors. For dismissal, students will come out of their classroom doors and all teachers will be on duty for 10 minutes as students leave. This will help the congestion in the halls and make sure students are headed out in a timely manner.

D11 Communication Tool “The Loop”

- The District 11 mass notification system (The D11 Loop) is a messaging system that allows us to communicate with you concerning your child’s assignments, schedule, grades, attendance, lunch balance, and special events happening at school. In addition, in the event of the emergency, D11 Loop is the fastest, most reliable way that your child’s school or the District can get need-to-know information directly to you.
- Notifications will be pushed out to the mobile app as well as sent out via texts, emails, and phone calls, depending on the type of notification.
- D11 Loop utilizes the contact information for your family that you have provided to your child’s school, and they have documented in the Q student database. **It is important that you communicate with your child’s school regularly to ensure that they always have accurate phone numbers and email addresses on file for your family.**

You can download the app by going to the d11 website

<https://www.d11.org/APP>

Keeping Our Kids Safe!

Providing a **safe school environment** for our students is one of our top priorities. We expect that rules will be followed so that students will remain safe on school grounds. Please, be considerate and respectful of others while driving and walking in our parking lot! We are all doing our best to ensure the safety of your child. **Drop-off time is 7:45 a.m. Staff members are on duty at that time.**

Students who eat breakfast may arrive at 7:25 a.m.

- Always expect children to follow rules.
- Practice and model safe, considerate behavior for children.
- Allow enough time in your schedule to model safety rules.
- Please do not ask your students to come to you across the parking lot unsupervised.

Also- we appreciate if you refrain from being on your cell phones while driving so that you can fully focus on the safety of our students. Thank you!



Attendance at Taylor

Why should we teach our students the importance of good attendance?

- Having students present and on time every day allows every opportunity for your child to learn all he/she can. Students learn responsibility when they are to school on time and present every day. Students who are here every day and on time tend to develop character traits that keep them out of trouble! Students learn habits that create successful students who receive better grades, who then graduate and acquire better jobs! At Taylor, we start in Kindergarten learning these healthy life habits! As parents, you can support our efforts of teaching positive life habits by making sure your child is present on time and every day possible. Refrain from taking them out early for appointments that can be made after school hours as much as possible.
- **If your child is tardy, please make sure to walk them into the office and sign him/her in. This procedure will ensure the safety of our students.**

Capturing Kids' Hearts!

“You must capture a child’s heart to get to a child’s head”

At Taylor, we are starting the journey to capture our student’s hearts!

- Teachers will be greeting students at the door and creating a welcoming community where they connect with their students.
- Teachers and students in each classroom will write a Social Contract together. They will agree to the expected behaviors of the learning environment. When you visit the classroom, you will be asked to sign the contract that you agree as well.
- Our students will be learning how to affirm more and care for one another. Teachers and Staff will be doing the same.
- Students will learn how to take responsibility for their own behavior through self-control and in the process, their own learning.

We encourage you to join us on this journey and ask your child/ren about their Social Contract- what is it? How does it work? Why do you have one?

We LOVE our Parents and Community!

- Parents are partners in education with school staff. It is no secret that when caring and committed parents are involved in their child's education, the child will do better in school and in life. We are so happy that we have a fabulous PTA who support our kids!!!
- We believe that by working together we can make a positive difference for our students!! Join PTA!!
- We welcome all parent volunteers! If you are interested in supporting our kids and teachers, please see Alahn Walker, Staff Asst., in the front office for paperwork.



Second Cup is Evolving

Second Cup of Coffee (aka School Accountability Committee- SAC) represents the school communities' points of view and makes recommendations to the building principal for school improvement. With input from school principal, teachers, and SAC members, information is compiled which can be used to develop the School Improvement Plan.

Goals of Second Cup of Coffee:

Facilitate communication between the school and the community.

Discuss issues of Curriculum, Budget, Growth, Safety, Wellness, and Communication.

Discuss major school issues.

Report to the DAC.

How can you get involved?

We may be moving 2nd Cup to join PTA meetings to make it easier on parents to join us one time per month.

What's Coming Up?

Schedule of Events:

Ice Cream Social(meet your teacher) Aug. 14th 5:00-6:30p.m.

First Day of School- August 15th

Sock Hop- Sept. 21st 5-7p.m.

Grandparents Lunch- Sept. 14th Starting at 11:05 (at grade level lunch times)

