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Taylor Elementary

Taylor's Mission:

We Nurture... We Learn... We Excel!

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February 2019

TAYLOR'S HOURS

Kindergarten: 8:50-11:40

All Day K: 8:50-3:45

AM Pre K : 8:45-11:35

PM Pre K : 12:45-3:35

1st-5th: 8:50 A.M.-3:50 P.M.

EARLY RELEASE

WEDNESDAYS 1:50 grades 1-5

All Kinder 11:40

**Please pick your
 child up by 3:50**

Reminders

Breakfast starts at 8:30.

**Please do not drop
 your student off
 before 8:30 as there
 is no adult supervision
 until that time.**

Please be sure your student comes prepared with appropriate clothing to play outside (jackets, umbrellas, rain jackets and closed toe shoes). Be sure to put their name on all items

Dear Taylor Parents,

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all the support you provide to make Taylor Elementary a happy learning place for our students. I am amazed by the great love and support we get from our parents and community and count my blessings to get to be the principal of this school with such great students and staff.

We appreciate seeing you at family nights, our music programs, parent teacher conferences, supporting our fundraisers, and volunteering when you can. The children see these supportive actions from their families and it gives them a stronger feeling of belonging to our school.

When parents can read with their children each evening and set expectations that they do their homework and classwork their best, it helps students develop their potential to be the best they can be. We are trying to instill a growth mindset in our students. This means students realize that with a lot of effort and practicing things the correct way, they can achieve their goals.

Thanks again for all you do to help us help your children grow. We so appreciate you!

Respectfully,

Jennifer Morrell
 Principal

"The Future Awaits What Taylor Creates"



What is a School Reunification?

Reunification is when students are reunited with parents after an incident, such as an evacuation or a lockdown lasting past regular school dismissal time. The process ensures all students are accounted for, safely returned to their parents, and only taken home by people they trust. Reunification will take place either at a school or a pre-designated alternate site. Parents are notified of the location prior to pick-up.

Please be patient and remain calm - reunification can take a while, but it keeps kids safe. Here's how it works:

1. Parents will be directed to a single entry point where they will need to show photo I.D. and fill out a form.
 2. Once inside the site, the parent or guardian will be directed to a specific location where school staff will confirm a parent or guardian's information.
 3. Once their information is verified, the parent or guardian waits in a designated area while their student is escorted to the parent or guardian. At no point should a parent enter a secured area where students are located.
 4. Once reunited and the child has been signed out, the parent and student will leave the building through designated doors.
- In the majority of incidents, parents or guardians will have to pick up students who walk or get a ride home from school. Students who ride buses can ride the bus unless parents are otherwise notified. Buses may be delayed due to the incident.
 - If a parent/guardian is unavailable to participate in reunification, please call the school as soon as you are notified that reunification is taking place to tell staff who will be picking up your child.

The Taylor staff has been working on how this process will look at our school should we ever need to do this. Fortunately we have never had to do a reunification, but we want to be prepared in case we ever need to. We are working with the district to fine-tune our plan and will be practicing a drill with staff in March/April. Give us a call if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Every Wednesday is early release

1:50 grades 1—5.

All Kinder 11:40 A.M.

Feb 8th— PTO Movie

Feb 11-No School-Elementary Plan Day

No Preschool-Feb 11-15th-Home Visit week

Feb 14th-Valentine's Day Parties

Feb 15th-Donuts with Dads

Feb 25th-Parent Teacher Conferences

Feb 28-5th Grade Music Performance

March 5-Preschool Open House

March 11th-No School

March 14-1st Grade Music Performance

March 14-Class Pictures

March 18-22-Spring Break

News from PTO

Here are some dates to keep in mind for PTO activities (Let us know if you can help in any way). Don't forget to add Taylor on your Amazon Smile accounts and City Market cards.

Friday, February 8th is our School Movie Night in the gymnasium! We will show "**Chicken Run**". Doors open at 6:30 P.M. & movie starts at 6:45 P.M. The movie is free and concessions are \$1.00 each (proceeds will support our school!) Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a fun evening together! (All children must be accompanied by an adult the whole time)



Thursday, February 14th is our monthly PTO meeting in the school library at 4 P.M.. All are encouraged to attend!

Friday, February 15th from 7:45 A.M.-8:45 A.M. is Donuts with Dads in our school library! Dads (or other father figure) are invited to join their students for coffee and donuts as our way of saying Thank you! For supporting your Taylor student(s). P.S. Don't worry mom's, we get to thank all of you in May.

Wednesday, February 20th from 4-8 P.M. is Dos Hombres Give Back to Taylor Night where 10% of your bill goes to support our school.

Friday, March 8th is the spaghetti dinner and silent auction.

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REMINDER

We can no longer take messages after 3:00 P.M. (1:00 P.M. on Wednesdays).

The office receives multiple requests for messages to be delivered to students regarding after school plans, rides, etc. The office is very hectic at times and we cannot guarantee that your message will be received by your student.


Please have your after school plans made before your child comes to school. Send a note with your student in the morning for the teacher that is responsible to get your student where they need to be at the end of day. If they don't have a note they will send them home their regular way.

FROM THE CLINIC

The clinic is in need of sweatpants in all sizes. If you have any you could donate we would appreciate it. Please wash and return any clothing you have borrowed from the clinic.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Dear Parents,

The School of Choice window for the 2019/2020 school year will open on March 4, 2019 at 10:00 A.m. and it will close on March 15, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. Please watch for the information letter to parents, as it will be coming to you electronically. You will find the information letter on your ParentVue, Peach Jar, District 51 Home Page, Social Media, etc. The letter will be available in both English and Spanish the week of February 18, 2019.

Contact Jo Pifer (970)254-5323 or your school office.

Parents will apply for SOC through Parent VUE this year, you MUST have a Parent VUE account. You can sign up for a Parent VUE account at the office.



Congratulations to our Taylor students who represented Taylor Elementary in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest on January 12, 2019:

3rd Grade – Jozlyn Nilsen (4th place) Jack Wood

4th Grade – Isabella Back & Jacob Snodgrass

5th Grade – Lyla Lancaster (1st place) & Uriel Vasquez-Merino

Lyla Lancaster won 1st place in Durango and is going to be competing in Salida in February.



Taylor's Girls on the Run season will start on Thursday, February 21st and end on May 4th with a 5K run. This group is for 3rd - 5th grade girls and meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:45pm - 5:15 pm. Girls play fun running games and discuss topics such as making healthy decisions, body image and the media, cooperation and team building, and contributing to the community.



Taylor 2019-2020 Yearbook

Taylor Elementary will be printing a Yearbook for the school year 2018-2019. We try to include all students who have a signed photo release on file with the school.

The price is \$20.00. Last year, we sold out of yearbooks, so order your copy early!



Taylor Elementary is participating in Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart in PE this February and it's for a wonderful cause helping kids and adults beat heart disease and stroke, the No. 1 and No. 5 killers in America. Students will be learning how or getting better at jump roping, one of the best exercises to keep their heart healthy. Your donation does SO much good. It helps the American Heart Association teach people how to perform CPR and save lives, it funds groundbreaking cardiovascular research projects that help kids with sick hearts survive and live long and happy lives, and it dramatically reduces the number of heart attacks and strokes by getting more and more Americans to exercise and eat right.

Be Healthy, Be a Taylor Champion!

Hopefully, you and your family are participating in Taylor's monthly bingo blackout health and wellness challenges. They are due back to homeroom teachers the first day of every month. We have wonderful prizes to give away, but the best prize you can give yourself is to be healthy!!!

Supporting Reading at Home – a child spends 900 hours a year in school (with good attendance) and 7,800 hours at home. Who's the most important teacher? You are! Here are some strategies that you can use at home to support your child's reading.

Before reading:

Use the cover, the back of the book, the author's blurb, the table of contents, and other book features to predict what may happen in the book.

Make sure the book is an appropriate book that matches your reading strategies and interests. Read the first page or two and ask yourself if you are able to understand the story so far.

During reading:

Reread. Each day when you begin to read, reread the page or two that you finished the day before. This will help you to remember what is happening in the story.

Go back and reread a sentence or two if you do not understand.

Stop and talk about parts in the story that make you angry, surprise you, remind you of something that has happened to you, or remind you of another book that you have read.

Listen for clues that tell you what may happen next.

Stop and think for a minute about what you have just read.

Most importantly, spend some time together reading and talking about books every day. Reading should be an enjoyable experience for your family.



February



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(The Cafeteria will be pay for the following services: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Jan. Tarping, Snow, Gasoline, Fuel, Tires, Oil or Auto Wash)				1 HOMEMADE PIZZA VARIETY Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety
4 NANA'S MAC & CHEESE Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Cookies/Milk Variety	5 CHICKEN TACO or Sandwich Choice Refried Beans/Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Cookies/ Milk Variety	6 FRITO CHILI PIE Corn/Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	7 BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH or Sandwich Choice Oven Roasted Potato Wedges/ Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	8 BRONCO BURGER Spiral French Fries/Salad Bar Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety
11 MANAGER'S CHOICE #1 Oven Roasted Broccoli/Salad Bar Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Cookies/ Milk Variety	12 BEEF CRUNCHY TACOS or Sandwich Choice Rice Variety/Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	13 HOT DIGGITY DOG Baked Beans/Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	14 HOMESTYLE TURKEY GRAVY or Sandwich Choice Dinner Roll/Mashed Potatoes/ Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	15 HOMEMADE PIZZA VARIETY Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety
18 No School Holiday	19 BEAN BURRITO or Sandwich Choice Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Cookies/Milk Variety	20 KANSAS CITY BBQ PORK SANDWICH Cole Slaw/Salad Bar/Meal or Side/ Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	21 MOM'S BEST BBQ CHICKEN or Sandwich Choice Dinner Roll/Roasted Broccoli/ Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit/Milk	22 BRONCO CHEESEBURGER Spiral French Fries/Salad Bar Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety
25 ES Planning MS Inservice No School	26 CHICKEN ENCHILADAS/ CHICKEN QUESADILLA or Sandwich Choice Rice Variety/Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	27 RAPTOR LEGS Dinner Roll/Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Cookies/Milk Variety	28 CHEESY PONYWHEEL or Sandwich Choice Salad Bar/Meal or Side/Fruit Variety/Milk Variety	**February 11th Elementary Planning Day No School This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Grade	Cafe
4th Grade	11:30
1st Grade	12:00
3rd Grade	11:45
2nd Grade	12:15
5th Grade	12:30
Kindergarten	12:35



Breakfast Cost	1.85
Lunch Cost	2.85
Extra Milk	.80
Adults	4.00



A Special Invitation Just for You:

Who: Students and their Dad (or other father figure)

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2019 from 7:45-8:45 A.M.

Where: Taylor Elementary Library

Why: Because we value You!!



Please know that parking is limited and we encourage using Palisade Veteran's Memorial parking lot. Thank you! Please remain with your student(s) until we have supervision available at 8:30 am.



Taylor Elementary School Music Activities and Programs

Thursday, February 28– Grade 5 (in the cafeteria at 6:00 P.M.)

Thursday March 14-Grade 1 (in the cafeteria at 6:00 P.M.)

Thursday April 18-Grade 2 (in the gym at 6:00 P.M.)

Thursday May 2-Grade 4 (in the gym at 6:00 P.M.)

Tuesday May 7-5th grade talent show (in the gym; Time TBA)

COUNSELORS CORNER

Dear Families,

I am lucky to have an intern joining me this semester. Laura Ousley, is working on her master's degree in counseling. She will be joining me on Thursdays. You may hear your student talking about "Mrs. Ousley" so I wanted to introduce her.

Elizabeth Inskeep



Art Heritage Volunteer Needed!!



A volunteer is needed to lead the Art Heritage program for 2019-2020 school year. The art heritage coordinator recruits volunteers and makes sure the art supplies are available to the volunteers. I would like to have this position filled this spring so the program is up and running at the beginning of the school year. For more information call, text or email Jonilyn Berry

970-250-6141 jonilynberry@gmail.com

Thank You!

Early Access to Kindergarten or 1st Grade

Early Access is a way for highly gifted students to enter Kindergarten or 1st Grade early. It is designed for students who are highly advanced cognitively and academically. Applications must be picked up at the Gifted Education Office at 596 West Northgate Dr. For more information visit the District 51 website:

www.d51schools.org

About Us

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Gifted and Talented

Applications are due February 28, 2019

Mrs. Gustad

Taylor Gifted and Talented Teacher

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Preschool Open House

Will your child be 3 or 4 years old by July 15, 2019? Interested in a Preschool Program through School District 51 for 2019-2020? Mark your calendar to attend the Early Childhood Preschool Open House.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

4:30-6:30 PM

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No Preschool February 11-15 for home visit week.

