



BELLEVUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

TAYLOR MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Taylor Mountain Elementary School Families,

Welcome to Taylor Mountain!!! As we embark on this year together, I want to assure you that the students' academic success combined with their social and emotional growth is of our highest priority. Providing opportunities for the students to become accountable, not only for their academics but becoming socially responsible as well, contributes to their ability to become successful young adults. At Taylor Mountain, we aspire to create a safe, healthy, compassionate, exciting and rigorous academic environment for your children.

School begins on August 16, 2017. On time attendance at school is absolutely crucial and directly related to the academic, emotional and behavioral success of your child. If your child should attend school late, they are required to sign in at the Office and receive a Tardy Pass. Please make sure to call the Office if your child is absent from school. Taylor Mountain does have a Tardy Policy in place in order to ensure on time attendance at school.

Visitor parking at Taylor Mountain is relegated to the parking lot at the west side of the school as well as street parking in the surrounding neighborhood. The Bus Zone at the north end of the school is for bus passage only. The curb at the parking lot on the west side of the school is also a No Parking Zone. This area is exclusively reserved for parent pick up and drop off only.

I look forward to meeting with you, chatting about your concerns and suggestions, and creating what will become, I hope, a continuing open conversation between us. My door is always open. Feel free to stop in to just say hello, talk about your child, express a concern or to join me in a cup of coffee!

Attached you will find a bell schedule with yearly important dates as well as information regarding our Common Dress policy.

See you soon...

Tawny Fernandez



WELCOME TO TAYLOR MOUNTAIN—WHERE OUR STUDENTS SOAR TO GREATNESS!

The Taylor Mountain staff issues a hearty welcome to all of our new and returning students and families. With doors opening on August 16th at 8:00 a.m., we will jump right in providing a supportive and academically nurturing school environment for our students. We will help the students socially as they remember the need to learn how to get along with each other, to learn and follow our school rules, and learn all about reading, writing, and math.

For our Transitional Kindergarten and our Kindergarten students, they may find starting school to be exhausting and unfamiliar. This can be especially true at the beginning of the year when everything and everyone is new. Reviewing these helpful hints with your child will give them some ideas of what to expect and also provide you with some additional information about what to look forward to.

TIPS FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

Daily Attendance

- ★ Academic progress is closely tied to attendance and students who arrive on time every day perform better at school. A bell schedule is attached.

Organization

- ★ Consider getting ready the night before school. Set out clothes, pack snacks, homework and paperwork in backpack, and place backpack by the front door.
- ★ Help your child with school-home-school communications by checking their backpack every day.

Homework

- ★ Designate a homework space, your child's teacher will have a list of suggested supplies
- ★ Establish regular bedtime and wake time for the school week.
- ★ Read with your child every day

Parent Participation

- ★ Attending school events such as Back-to-School Night, Conferences, Literacy Nights, and Math Nights reinforces that school is important and that you want to be involved in your child's academics.

Common Dress

- ★ Taylor Mountain students follow Common Dress. See attached flyer for the Common Dress Policy.

Television

- ★ Your child will find it easier to concentrate on their school work if you keep the television off before school and eliminate or scale back T.V. time after school.



COMMON DRESS CODE

In accordance with the Bellevue Unified School District policy, Taylor Mountain has a Common Dress Code. Common Dress serves as a visual reminder for students that school is a learning environment, allows students to focus on their learning without visual distractions, and unifies all students as part of a learning team. Beginning the school year following Common Dress sends students an important message about our school and our commitment to student learning.

Common dress shirts, pants, shorts, or skirts can be purchased at Target, Walmart, Kmart, Sears, Penney's and many other local stores.

When you are purchasing Common Dress shirts/sweatshirts make sure they are collared shirts with either short or long sleeves (and no decoration) in:

- Black
- White
- Burgundy

When you are purchasing Common Dress pants, shorts, or skirts, make sure that the bottoms are:

- Black material, denim or jeans
- Khaki/Tan material or denim
- Blue jean material

Pants in other colors or materials and leggings are not part of our common dress code. Shorts and skirts which are shorter than fingertip length when you stand with your arms straight down at your sides are not part of our Common Dress. Tank tops with straps less than three fingertip width (two inches), or shirts without collars are not part of our Common Dress.

To support families in purchasing Common Dress, Taylor Mountain apparel will be available for sale in the school office. Thank you for helping Taylor Mountain convey a consistent message that *at Taylor Mountain, we dress for success!*

Taylor Mountain Common Dress Policy:

- **Collared Shirts in Black, Burgundy, or White**
- **Taylor Mountain Hawk T-Shirt**
- **Sweatshirts in Black, Burgundy, or White**
- **Pants Blue Jeans, or Black/Tan denim**
- **Skirts Blue Jeans, or Black/Tan denim**
- **Shorts Blue Jeans, or Black/Tan denim**