

Alumni Association

Keeping Ties with Our Alumni



TAYLOR
School District



February 2020 Newsletter

A HISTORY OF PRESENT AND PAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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Some of the information below is incomplete. If you have any information to help us complete this page, please send an email to Caroline.Patts@taylorschools.net or tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.

CURRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bernice McDowell

- ★ Built in 1972

Blair Moody

- ★ 15 rooms built 1956
- ★ 10 rooms added 1959

Clarence Randall

- ★ Built in 1956
- ★ Addition 1957
- ★ 18 rooms added 1959

Eureka Heights

- ★ Built in 1951
- ★ Addition 1952
- ★ Addition 1959

Holland

- ★ Built 7 rooms in 1958
- ★ 8 rooms added 1971

Kinyon

- ★ Built 13 rooms in 1960
- ★ 10 rooms added 1963

Myers

- ★ Built in 1973
- ★ 2 Quads (date unknown)
- ★ Quads removed 2010

Taylor Parks

- ★ Built in 1938
- ★ 7 rooms added in 1946
- ★ 8 rooms added 1950
- ★ 10 rooms added 1962

—Closed elementary buildings will be in the edition.

TAYLOR VETERANS MUSEUM

"A place to honor those who have served"



The Taylor Veterans Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Admission is free. For more information, call 734-374-8775 and leave a message. The museum features beautiful display cabinets that currently house 11 veterans' personal collections which are on loan or have been donated to the museum—including a Medal of Honor Recipient. In the atrium of City Hall, a display case houses memorabilia honoring U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell, 2nd Lt. U.S. Army. Former Congressman Dingell is currently the longest-serving member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

If you or someone you know would like to showcase a service member's memorabilia in the museum, or serve as a volunteer host, please call 734-374-8775 or fax your request to 734-946-4636.



WE HEARD FROM YOU!

➤ **Bob Georgia, TCH Class of 1959,**

I just read the letter entitled: "Lee Snider, JFK Class of 82", and I must say it was a joy to read. Encouraging others in a truthful manner can have such positive effects—oftentimes we don't bother to do this, but it is so uplifting to the person receiving encouragement. Thank you for publishing this letter.

➤ **Barb Schultz – TCH Class of 1958,**

Wow, what a beautiful message from Lee Snider. Very inspiring and love that he is now a Christian. The Waskiewiewics...another wonderful testimony.

➤ **Mitchell Flogaus – TCH Class of 1962,**

You have the wrong year when Taylor Jr. High was built. 1957/58 It opened 6 months later because of a fire in the gym. I was in the first class to attend. (Thanks for the correction –your Alumni team).

➤ **Colleen Sielski Ralph**

You were inquiring about when Taylor Jr. closed. I believe it was June 1980. My dad, Andy

Sielski, was a counselor at Taylor Jr. and moved to the high school that fall because it closed and my brother ended up going to Hoover instead of Taylor Jr. (Thanks for the information –your Alumni team).

➤ **Judi Retzloff Gorski TCH Class of 1965 and later Principal of TCH**

(The poem below was sent to us by Judi she passed on an article she read and liked).

*As the world fights to figure everything out
I'll be holding doors for strangers,
Letting people cut in front of me in traffic,
Saying good morning,
Keeping babies entertained in grocery lines,
Stopping to talk to someone who is lonely,
Being patient with sales clerks,
Smiling at a passerby.*

Why?

*Because I will not stand idly by and
Live in a world where love is invisible.*

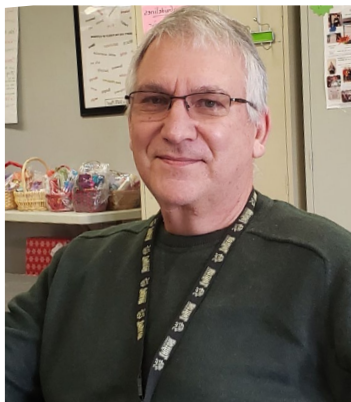
*Join me in showing kindness,
Understanding and judging less,
Be kind to a stranger,
Give grace to friends
who are having a bad day,
Be forgiving of yourself
today and every day
Be the change,
Be the light,
Start today and never stop.*

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



A holiday fundraiser for the “Griffin Pantry” was a huge success. Students and faculty leader, Mr. Maudlin, of the Key Club and students and faculty leader of the DECA Club, combined to raise \$5,000 for the Griffin Pantry. The Griffin Pantry was started by the DECA Club originally and now is run by Mrs. Kluk, school social worker. Through donations and fundraisers from the community, staff and students are able to assist our needy families here at Taylor High School with school supplies, various food items, and clothing.

Meet Mr. Pat, our Griffin Pantry helper! Pat Haner was a butcher at Kroger for 30 years. After retiring from Kroger, Pat offered to help the Griffin Pantry students. Mr.



Pat comes in once a week to assist students with shopping and helps Mrs. Kluk with her fundraising efforts. The students look forward to seeing “Mr. Pat” each week.

THERE IS A LOT HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR



► The City of Taylor offers something for everyone, this month's feature—Senior Services. Below are just some of the activities available in February.

Health

Low impact aerobics, Yoga, and Strength Training.

Entertainment

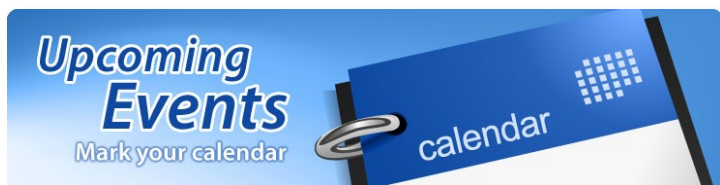
Bingo,
Line Dancing and
Euchre

Skills and Hobbies

Woodworking, Crocheting, Knitting, Stained Glass and Quilting

Grief Support

For more information, dates and times call 313-291-7740.



FEBRUARY BASKETBALL HOME GAMES SCHEDULE

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL

Boys 9th Grade 4:00 pm, JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm

February 7th Lincoln Park
11th Edsel Ford
25th Trenton

Girls JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm

February 4th Wyandotte
14th Allen Park
18th Southgate

Girls 9th Grade 4:00 pm

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14th Allen Park
18th Royal Oak Shrine
20th Wayne

HOOVER JR HIGH

Girls Basketball 4:00 pm

February 5th Lincoln Park
10th Taylor West
19th Shumate
28th Wyandotte Wilson

WEST JR HIGH

February 3rd Brownstown
5th Allen Park
21st Wyandotte Wilson
26st Trenton Arthurs



OBITUARIES



The Alumni Association members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the former classmates mentioned below. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

We have received many reports about people who passed away several months ago, and in some cases, even years ago. Many are being reported as a result of post cards or calls being made by the company working on the directory as they've tried to contact these individuals.

That prompts me to ask the following: If you know a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing.

Taylor Center High

Betty Gardner Granger, Class of 1962 (passed November 15, 2019)

Johnny Lansky, Class of 1967 (passed December 29, 2019)

Ron Bruso, Class of 1957 (passed December, 2019)

Ron Milner, Class of 1960 (passed January 2, 2020)

Rosa Lea Sexton Veres Class of 1963 (passed June 4, 2019)

John F Kennedy High

Julie Williford, Class of 1987 (passed February 7, 2019)

Donald Dober, Class of 1967 (passed January 13, 2020)

Truman High School

Christopher Smith, Class of 1982 (passed July 31, 2019)

Sharon Gdowski Nothnagel, Class of 1983 (passed January 20, 2020)

Bruce Reynolds, Class of 1978 (passed January 21, 2020)

Staff

Tom O'Reilly, Taylor Teacher, last position at JFK (passed December 26, 2019)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit the alumni website tayloralumni.org and click on "In Memoriam".