

TAIT TIGER NEWS

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From the Office

PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS ORGANIZATION AND STUDENT PLACEMENT 2023-24

June is the month when the school staff spends considerable time discussing possible classroom placements of students for the next school year. Although we do not finalize classes until the first week in September, we do a great amount of preliminary thinking in June. There are many factors that are important considerations in these discussions:

Parent Input:

If you have information about your child that you would like us to consider when placing them into a class (based on the factors listed below), please take this opportunity to submit this information to Mr. Mason **in writing (email or letter) by Friday, June 2nd at 4:00 p.m.**



Tell us about your child and consider the following factors

- student learning styles and strengths
- degree of independence in work habits
- social and personal characteristics
- important friendships (more than one, if possible)
- age and physical maturity
- previous year's placement
- special learning needs
- when they have been the youngest or the oldest in a combined classroom. Please note: Over their 8 years in elementary, a student should experience a variety of settings, sometimes as the older grade in a class and other times the younger grade in a class.



This information will be shared with teachers during the meetings that will be held to make up class lists. **It will not be possible to consider information or requests submitted by parents in September once classes have been established.**

Please **do not request specific teachers** – at this time we do not know which teachers will be teaching which grades next year.

Please note: We do our best to form the best learning environments for all students.

Parental requests are considered but not guaranteed.

Although we do have preliminary discussions, the class organization is subject to change in the first week in September depending on the enrollment numbers confirmed in the first week of school.

Around the School

Professional Development Day: Friday, May 19th

On Friday May 19th, there is a Professional Development Day at Tait Elementary. Students at Robert J. Tait will not be in session on this day. Teachers at Tait and in all schools in Richmond will be meeting to learn together and bring some amazing new ideas to your child's classroom. School will resume on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023, after the Victoria Day Holiday.



End of the Year Events



Many parents may be wondering if we are still planning to hold many of our special 'End of the Year' Events, such as: Fit and Fun Day; the Service and Recognition Assembly; and the Grade 7 Farewell Assembly. The answer to this question is YES!

- Fit and Fun Day (Friday, June 16th) – Will be held outside on the school field. This day will be weather permitting. **Parents are invited.**
- Grade 7 Farewell (Friday, June 23rd at 10:45am) – Will be held in the school gym. **Grade 7 Families are invited.**
- Spanish Banks Fun Day (Monday, June 26th) – Divisions 3-10 will be visiting Spanish Banks in Vancouver for a fun day at the beach. **Parents are invited to join us at Spanish Banks.**
- Service and Recognition Assembly (Thursday, June 29th) – Will be held in the school gym. **Parents are invited.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday, May 19 th | - Professional Development Day / No School for Students |
| Monday, May 22 nd | - Victoria Day Holiday - all schools are closed |
| Monday, June 5 th | - Welcome to Kindergarten @1:00pm |
| Wednesday, June 14 th | - Grade 6/7 Band Concert @10:30am |
| Friday June 16 th | - Fit and Fun Day |
| Friday June 23 rd | - Grade 7 Farewell @10:45am |
| Monday June 26 th | - Spanish Banks Trip |
| Thursday, June 29 th | - Last Day of School for Students |
| Friday, June 30 th | - School Administrative Day: School Office is Open |