

# TAIT TIGER NEWS

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## From the Office

### Last Day of School Before Spring Break – Thurs. Mar. 14th



Spring Break is almost here! The last day of school before Spring Break is Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. We are not in school starting Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Why do we start Spring Break on a Friday? It is because Easter is connected to Spring Break this year. Good Friday is on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, so to get a full two-weeks Spring Break, we will start our break on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget, Easter Monday is on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, so our first school day back after Spring Break is Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### We Are Planning For September 2024



**Kindergarten Registrations:** If you have a child turning five in 2024, please register them at the Board Office right away for Kindergarten. We are now into the Priority 2 Round of registration. Any students living in the Tait neighbourhood can still apply for a place at Tait Elementary, but as we move further towards next September, space could become very limited and chances of having a place at our school decrease. If you have a neighbour with a Kindergarten aged child, please encourage them to register today.

## Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school directly at 604-668-6444 to speak to our office staff or leave a message. Please do not rely on an email to your child's classroom teacher telling them about your child's absence. Classroom teachers may not have the chance to access their email before school and may mark your child as absent with an unknown reason as to why they are missing from school. If classroom teachers enter a child as absent without a reason, our office staff will make a phone call home to parents to find out the whereabouts of a child. This procedure can be aggravating for parents and takes valuable time from our office staff that could be better used.



Thank-you for your understanding. Please call 604-668-6444 if your child will be absent from school.

# Health Protocols and Winter Sickness



*The Winter months always have the highest number of student and staff absences, primarily due to illness. We can work together to minimize the number of students and staff who are ill if we remember some very simple guidelines and strategies.*

- If you believe your child is coming down with a cold or the flu, keep them home until they have recovered. Your child will recover more quickly at home, and we will not have others in the school also becoming ill.*
- DO NOT send students to school who have a fever, or who have vomited in the last 24 hours.*

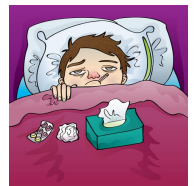
*Children who come to school sick will need to be sent home. Parents will be contacted by the school office to come to the school to pick up their child.*

## Hand Washing

*• Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially before eating, after using the washroom, and after blowing their nose. At the school, we will continue to have children wash their hands multiple times each day.*

## Get the Proper Amount of Sleep and Rest

*• Have your child go to sleep at a time that gives them at least 10 hours of sleep. When our bodies are tired and 'run down' we are far more susceptible to illness.*



*Please follow the Mandatory Daily Health Declaration each day (see the end of this newsletter)*

*Thank-you for your help to keep everyone at Tait Elementary safe and healthy.*

## Parking Lot and Surrounding Neighborhood



Parents, please help us make the parking lot and streets near the school safe for all members

of our school community during student pick-up at the end of the day. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, please keep these thoughts in mind:

- stop and wait for your child only in the drop-off/pick-up area: if your car is in the drop-off/pick-up area, do not leave your car unattended*
- if you need to go into the school, use available parking spaces in our parking lot or park on the road in the neighbourhood*
- do not double-park your car in the school parking lot – other cars cannot move easily around double-parked cars and students walking are at risk because they cannot easily see moving cars in the parking lot*
- do not park where there are no parking spots – our parking lot has two tight corners closest to the school and parking at these corners makes it hard for other parents to maneuver around your car*
- drive slowly in the parking lot and when exiting the parking lot – students do not always look before they cross the parking lot*
- in the neighborhood, please do not block the driveways of our neighbors*

# Around the School

## Grade 6-7 Basketball



Students in grades 6 and 7 have enjoyed a term of basketball. The girls team is coached by Mr. Imagawa, and the boys team is coached by Mr. Mason. Thank-you to Mr. Imagawa and Mr. Mason for giving up their free time at lunch and after school to coach our grade 6 and 7 students. The students have learned a lot and have played games with neighbouring schools. Our Grade 7 girls and boys will play in the Cambie Secondary Tournament next Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Tait families are invited to come to the tournament next Monday to cheer on our Tait Tigers.

## Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>



All classes will be dismissed early at 11:50am on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Primary parents, please ensure your child has a way to get home early on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| <b>Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup></b>         | - Cambie Secondary Grade 7 Basketball Tournament                       |
| <b>Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup></b>        | - Early Dismissal @ 11:50am for Parent Teacher Conferences             |
| <b>Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b>      | - Hot Lunch Day  |
| <b>Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup></b>       | - Last Day of School Before Spring Break                               |
| <b>March 15<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup></b> | - Spring Break (school is closed)                                      |
| <b>Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b>         | - Good Friday Holiday  |
| <b>Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup></b>          | - Easter Monday Holiday  |
| <b>Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>         | - First Day Back after Spring Break                                    |
| <b>Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b>         | - Ready, Set, Learn morning at Tait for Pre-school Students            |
| <b>Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup></b>       | - DARE Begins for Grade 4 and 5 Students                               |
| <b>Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup></b>         | - ProD Day (no school for students)                                    |
| <b>Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup></b>       | - Term 2 Student Progress Reports Go Home                              |
| <b>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup></b>           | - National Teacher's Day   |
| <b>Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup></b>         | - Track Meet at Minoru Track (Grades 3-7)                              |
| <b>Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup></b>           | - ProD Day (no school for students)                                    |
| <b>Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup></b>           | - Victoria Day Holiday   |
| <b>Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>         | - Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations                               |
| <b>Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup></b>           | - Welcome to Kindergarten for 2024/2025 Kindergarten Families @ 1:00pm |
| <b>Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup></b>          | - Rock 'n Beau DJ Event  |
| <b>Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup></b>           | - Fit and Fun Day at Tait  |
| <b>June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup></b>  | - Camp Kawkawa Grade 6/7   |
| <b>Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup></b>         | - Tait Family BBQ  |
| <b>Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup></b>          | - Grade 7 Farewell   |
| <b>Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup></b>          | - Spanish Banks School Trip  |
| <b>Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup></b>        | - Recognition Assembly   |
| <b>Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup></b>        | - Last Day of School for Students                                      |
| <b>Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup></b>          | - Administrative Day   |