

TAIT TIGER NEWS

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From the Office

Registration for New Kindergarten Students



We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2015, turning 5 in 2020. These children will begin kindergarten in September, 2020. Registration begins November 1, 2019.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2020.

Children who are not Canadian citizens can be registered at the Richmond School Board Central Registration Office, starting November 1st.



Parking Lot Before School

As you know, our parking lot can be a busy place before and after school. We ask that parents use the drop off lane to let students out of their car in the morning. Students should get out of their car using the doors on the passenger side (right side) of their car, so they don't step out into traffic. We also ask parents not to park in the drop off lane and go into the school with their child. When cars are parked in the drop off lane, the parking lot becomes congested very quickly and an unsafe situation is created for students and parents walking to school. Please stop in the drop off lane, let your child out of your car, then drive out of the parking lot so the traffic keeps moving in a safe manner.

Parents, please do not park in the Tait School Parking Lot before 8:30am. Parking spaces in our parking lot are limited and we need to make sure the Tait Staff have a parking space, so they are ready to work with your child at 8:45am.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.



Students Arriving Late to School in the Morning

Last week we noticed a significant increase in the number of students arriving at school after 8:40am, and many arriving late after 8:45am. If your child is consistently arriving late in the morning, your child's levels of worry and stress increase because they are entering their classroom late and they need to catch up on what they have missed. Being on time is an important habit in life, particularly as children mature and become adolescents and young adults. The habits your child learns now will shape how they behave in the future. If your child is often late, try a new routine: packing their backpacks the night before school; making lunch the night before school; or getting up 15 minutes earlier in the morning.



Flu and Cold Season

It is that time again – flu and cold season is beginning and we are reminding students to wash their hands regularly. Using soap and hot water is a great way to clean hands. The school is discouraging the use of hand sanitizers because they are hard on your skin and they kill all bacteria – even the GOOD bacteria we naturally have on our hands that help keep us healthy. PLEASE do not send sanitizers to school: just remind your children to wash their hands with soap and warm water on a regular basis throughout the school day.

If your child has been ill, please do not send them to school, they will not get better at school and they will make other students and staff ill.

Please note: Students should not come back to school after being ill until they have gone at least 24 hours without a fever or vomiting.



SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT: Snow days cause inconvenience for all of us. Closing schools is a difficult decision for the school district – trying to weigh the safety of all with the repercussions for working families. To help assist families, we would like to outline what you can expect from us on a snow day. The following things will happen:

Schools will be OPEN unless conditions reach civic emergency proportions. **Radio announcements will only announce those schools that are CLOSED.** Most of these will be private schools. Listen to radio: CKNW 980AM; NEWS 1130AM; CBC 690AM; QM 103.5FM or watch on television: CBC; Global; CTV.

As well, you can get information other ways:

- the district's website
- all elementary schools' websites will have a scrolling message along the top as necessary (i.e. on days which are questionable due to weather). The message will include a link back to the district's website containing detailed information.
- the snow closure hotline, (604) 295-4304, which will provide a recorded message indicating if schools are open or closed
- Twitter at RichmondSD38

Please do not phone the school. The administration will be too busy planning the day and will not be able to answer the phone.

- ❖ It may not be a regular school day as many students and teachers may be absent. If children do come to school, we will ensure that the children are cared for and are safe. Many alternate activities may be planned so that students who are absent will not miss any work.
- ❖ School will remain open until 2:45pm and in the event that we have to close early, students will not be sent home without contacting parents first.

You have some choices:

1. Students are not required to attend school on a snow day if you feel that their safety or your own safety may be at risk (you may keep them home).
2. Make plans in advance for what you and your family will do on a snow day.
3. Children who come to school may be taking part in alternate activities.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school before a snow day.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER: It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder damp days, students need to have a proper jacket, footwear, a hat and gloves. If they dress appropriately for the weather, they can enjoy playing outside.



Tait Spirit-Wear Clothing Orders



You have the opportunity to order Tait Clothing starting Tuesday November 5th to Friday November 15th. Order forms are coming home with all students on Tuesday, November 5th. Wearing Tait Tiger Clothing lets our students show how proud they are to be a member of the Tait Community. Tait clothing also comes in handy for special school events, fieldtrips and school teams. Please send your child's order to the school office by Friday November 15th, 2019.

Around the School



GRADE 6/7 COED VOLLEYBALL

Our Grade 6/7 Volleyball team is practicing hard with their coaches, Ms. Kenakin and Ms. Jakovak. The team has several games coming up against neighboring schools. Come out to the Tiger-Dome (AKA Tait Gym) to watch the action.

Remembrance Day Assembly



This year our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Friday, Nov. 8th at 10:30 a.m.** in the Gym. Students who are members of Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms for the assembly. Poppies will be distributed to students on November 8th. We hope that your family can make a donation to the Poppy Fund. Money raised in the Poppy Fund helps to aid Canadian Veterans and the programs that assist our Canadian Veteran Heroes. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this special Assembly of Remembrance.

HALLOWEEN CANDY ACCEPTED...

The Tait WE Team are collecting **LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY** from Tait students and families. We hope to make a large donation to the Covenant House in Downtown Vancouver. They will share our donated candy with homeless youth that visit their facility. Please drop-off any donations in the blue tote bin located at the front foyer of the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| • Thursday Nov. 7 | Photo Retake Day |
| • Friday Nov. 8 | Remembrance Assembly - 10:30am |
| • Monday Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day Holiday |
| • Wednesday Nov. 13 | Lockdown Safety Drill – 11:00am |
| • Monday Nov. 25 | Dreamrider Theatre – H2whoa: @11am (K-7) |
| • Tuesday Dec. 3 | Grade 6 Immunization |
| • Mon. to Fri. Dec. 9-13 | Hip Hop Week at Tait |
| • Friday Dec. 13 | Hip Hop Holiday Evening 5:30-7:30pm at Cambie Secondary |
| • Monday Dec. 16 | Kindergarten Hearing and Vision Testing |
| • Wed or Thurs. Dec. 18 or 19 | Burrrr Day |
| • December 23 – January 3 | Winter Break (school is closed) |

