

TAIT TIGER TALES



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The Season is Upon Us

Okay, stop joking, who turned the calendar ahead on me? Weren't we just welcoming our students back after Summer vacation? When I put the date of December 1st on the top of this newsletter it made me realize just how quickly the term has gone. And yet, so many wonderful things have happened at Tait in the past few months: welcoming new staff (and a new staff baby), amazing events like Halloween and Remembrance Day, and of course, all the rich and thoughtful teaching and learning that our staff and students have been engaged in. And there is still three weeks of December ahead of us with a band concert, our Hip Hop program, performance and Holiday Mingler, and even a school spirit pajama/reading day on the horizon. It's truly another good time to count our blessings that we live, work and play in such a delightful community and the traditional land and unceded territories of the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ language group.

Mr. McCallum

Hip Hop Performance & Holiday Mingler



In less than two weeks this year's Hip Hop Program will be in full swing as Sue Cejalvo-Howse from 1 – Vibe Entertainment will be back to put our students through their paces. Sue is amazing at getting the most out of each student and helping them rise to their potential. This year, every student will benefit from 6 full classes of lessons. This program would not be possible without the hard work and generous contributions of our Parent Advisory



Council (PAC).

On Wednesday, December 20th in Cambie High School's Main Gym, our Hip Hop program will culminate when every child in the school dances in our Evening Performance. The approximately hour-long performance will be followed by an informal "Holiday Mingler" when we will put on some seasonal music and have a chance to mingle as a community. Our PAC will be selling chocolate milk and a large cookie for \$2 and will be running 50/50 draw.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25th at 8:50am in our Multi-Purpose room. We encourage any interested TAIT parents to attend.

Christine Neufeld: PAC Chairperson

Mike & Kleanza Bennett: PAC Treasurers

Sukh Dhillon & Azy Nouredin: Food Day Coordinators Sukh Dhillon: PAC Secretary

A Message from the Tait WE TEAM



Many children all around the world don't have the opportunity to go to school and learn to read! An education is vital in allowing all people to lead a healthy life. There are many reasons why kids in developing countries don't have access to an education and the WE Team would like to help! **We will be selling hand-crafted bookmarks, for 50 cents, from December 14th to the 21st** to fundraise and spread awareness about the importance of education and reading. **On**

December 21st, we also plan on having a school-wide Pajama Day and Flashlight Buddy Reading Event in the school gym.

Please help with the WE Team's cause!



How You Can Help...

If your child is sick... please keep your child at home if he or she is sick, especially at the beginning of an illness when they are most contagious and other people are susceptible. If your child is sneezing or coughing a lot, or if they have had diarrhea or vomiting, they should be kept home while they are sick, and for a day after symptoms have subsided. When your child does return to school after being sick, please make sure they are wearing freshly washed clothing and have had a bath. This can greatly prevent the spread of illness.

Things Happening at Tait?



Our **Grade 6/7 volleyball** Teams have had a fantastic season of great games, sportsmanship, skill development, and most importantly, fun! They conclude their season next Wednesday at the Cambie Tournament. Good luck and congratulations, to all of our players and coaches!

Our **Scholastic Bookfair** has been a great success. The atmosphere has been fantastic at the Bookfair watching kids get excited about books and reading. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have volunteered their time to make this year's book fair a success, and a special thank you to Ms. Tang and Ms. Buttner for all the extra time and effort they put in. And of course, thank you to *you*, parents, who supported us by purchasing books for your children. The gift of reading is one of the most precious you can give.



Divisions 10 and 11 are actively helping Santa capture two mischievous elves, Snickerdoodle and Twinkletoes, who have escaped from the North Pole. The students were out collecting materials to build traps to try to capture these tricksters. We'll keep you posted...


Division 3 has been reading the book, Wonder, and are off to see the Movie version on December 5th. Exciting!

Division 4 & 5 recently had the opportunity to visit the Planetarium to compliment their study of the Earth and the Solar System this term. One student described the experience as, "Extraordinary!"

Our **Division 1, 2, and 3 Bands**, led by our very own Ms. Elliott, will have the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience on Monday, December 18th at 11:30 in the school gym. Rumor has it they will be playing some seasonal songs as well. Come to see how far they have come so far as musicians this year and enjoy some music.

Today in our **Family Teams**, the students, in their multi-grade teams, engaged in a "stem challenge." Teams were asked to create a structure, using limited resources and materials, that stand the weight of a tennis ball. Our students needed to work collaboratively, use problem solving skills and applied design in order to build a successful structure. How cool!

Looking Ahead



December	7	PAC Subway Day
	11	Kindergarten Vision/Hearing Testing
	12	Hip Hop classes begin
	18	Band Concert – 11:30pm
	15	Term 1 Reports go home
	20	Hip Hop Performance & Holiday Mingler 6 8pm at Cambie
	21	Pajama/Buddy Reading Day PAC Pizza Day
	22	Last Day before Winter Break
January	8	First day back after Winter Break
	19	Assembly 1:30pm School Run 2:00pm
	24	Richmond Orchestra
	26	Non-Instructional Day – Professional Development Grade 6 Babysitting Course
February	12	BC Family Day – School Closed
	16	Assembly 1:30pm - School Run 2:00pm
	23	Non-Instructional Day – Professional Development
	28	Pink Shirt Day
March	13	1:00 Dismissal Day - Tait Open House
	15	(THURSDAY) Last day before Spring Break - Term 2 Reports go home
April	3	First day back after Spring Break
	12	Grade 6 and Kindergarten Immunizations
	27	Non-Instructional Day – Professional Development
May	14	Welcome to Kindergarten
	18	Non-Instructional Day – Professional Development
	29	Grade 6's go to Camp – back on June 1st
June	8	Fit & Fun (Sports) Day Early Dismissal 1:30pm
	14	Tait's Got Talent
	20	Tait Year End BBQ
	22	Grad Day – Assembly, Luncheon, Dance
	28	Recognition Assembly Last day of classes - students dismissed at 3:00pm – Term 3 Reports go home