

TAIT TIGER TALES



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Hip Hopin' Our Way Through the School Year!

Thank you to all of you for coming out to our Hip Hop Show at Cambie last week, and again, a big thank you to Mr. Rob Laing, Principal of Cambie for allowing us to hold the event there. Such a better alternative than trying to cram everyone into our Tait gym. Since the end of Hip Hop our focus quickly shifted to Social Responsibility and anti-bullying. All of our intermediate students were back at Cambie again on Monday, this time to watch a show called "Kindness Rocks." It was a great kick off to a week where we focus on making ALL members of our community feel included and valued.

On Wednesday we continued this theme with our entire student body. We held a Pink Shirt Day Assembly followed by our monthly Family Teams activity. This month our focus for the Family Teams activity was the "I" in TIGERS which stands for "INCLUSIVE."

What a perfect fit for this week!

Mr. McCallum

Tait Open House – Tuesday, March 7th 3-6pm

We thought we would try something a little different for our second conference time of the year. Since most of our divisions host Student-Led conferences in March we thought that it would be exciting to invite the community into the school and, while still providing your children an opportunity to share their learning with you and giving you the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, the Open House format would allow the Tait community to come together at the school and celebrate learning.

Any time between 3 and 6pm the school will be open for you to come in and let your child walk you through what they have been learning this term at school. There will be opportunities to go into your child's classroom, connect with their teacher and other staff, and to see other examples of learning throughout the school.

That Tuesday is a 1:00 dismissal day so we will be asking the students to go home for a while, have a rest and something to eat and return with you between 3 and 6pm for the Open House. See you then!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Chocolate Fundraiser 2017

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our families who helped support the school through this year's sales of chocolate bars. This most important of our yearly PAC fundraisers, led by our PAC Chairperson Mrs. Christine Neufeld, has raised more than **\$12,000** for the school! Thank you to Mrs. Neufeld for again organizing this event and her assistant Ms. Jennifer Brice who helped with the collection of money and distribution of prizes. What a fantastic contribution to our school!



Our next PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 2nd at 8:50am** in our Multi-Purpose room. We encourage any interested TAIT parents to attend. **A reminder that Food Day orders need to be placed the week before the next Food Day. We cannot always guarantee there will be food for students who hand in their orders late or arrive with cash on that day.**

Christine Neufeld: PAC Chairperson

Keiko Siddle: PAC Food Day Coordinator

Kleanza Bennett: PAC Treasurer

Sukh Dhillon: PAC Secretary



***REMINDER: Thursday, March 2nd is Class Photo Day!**



Tait Staff Update

After the recent Supreme Court ruling between the BC Government and the British Columbia Teacher's Federation additional funding for this school year was made available to school districts across the province.

With that funding our school district immediately created a plan to equitably allocate some extra teaching time to each school in Richmond. The result for us at Tait was that we were able to hire an additional part-time Resource Teacher providing needed support to our students. We would like to **welcome Ms. Eliza Ferreira** who will be teaching at Tait approximately a day and a half per week for the remainder of the school year.

Parent Information for 2017-18

A **Student Survey Regarding Expected Attendance** for next year was sent home this past month. Planning for the 2017-18 school year is already underway and **a critical part of the planning process is knowing the number of students who will be attending in September.** Parents please complete these forms and return to the office as soon as possible. If you require another form, please come to the office as we have extras.



2017-18 Registrations for Grade K – 12 students continues at the board office until June 16th – which is the deadline to be guaranteed a spot in your catchment school for 2017-18, provided there is space. If you know of any parents who are new to the district or have kindergarten- aged children starting next year, please remind them to complete this process as soon as possible.

Important Dates



February	24	Pro-D Day - students do not attend
March	2	Class Photo Day
	3	Chocolate Prizes Assembly
	7	1:00 Dismissal Tait Open House 3 – 6pm
	8	Cambie Basketball Tournament
	9	PAC Pizza Day
	10	Last day before Spring Break – report cards go home Rainbow Dance Theatre 1:30pm
	27	First day back after SB
April	3	Divisions 3 & 4 Swimming at Watermania until April 13
	6	PAC Subway Day
	14	Good Friday – School Closed
	17	Easter Monday – School Closed
	20	PAC Pizza Day
	27	PAC Meeting 8:50am
May	1	Pro-D Day - students do not attend Grade 6/7 babysitting course in the gym
	4	PAC Hot Dog Day
	TBD	Zone Track Meet – (We are still waiting for our date confirmation)
	12	Grade K and 6 Immunizations
	15	Welcome to Kindergarten 1:30pm
	18	PAC Pizza Day
	22	Victoria Day Holiday
	30	Grade 6's at Camp Kawkawa until June 2
June	1	PAC Hot Dog Day
	9	Fit & Fun/PAC Subway Day – 1:30 dismissal
	15	Tait's Got Talent 1:00pm
	21	Tait BBQ
	23	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly 10:30am, Luncheon & Dance 12:00pm
	29	Recognition Assembly 9:00am Dismissal for the year 11:15am Report Cards go home

The "I" In T.I.G.E.R.S. - WHAT IS MEANT BY AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY?

An inclusive society is a society that over-rides differences of race, gender, class, generation, and geography, and ensures inclusion, equality of opportunity as well as capability of all members of society to determine an agreed set of social institutions that govern social interaction.

(Expert United Nations Group Meeting on Promoting Social Integration, Helsinki, July 2008)