

# TAIT TIGER NEWS

Newsletter # 2

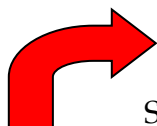
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## From the Office



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School start-up is a busy time in our office. There are many forms that need to be sorted out as we start our school year. Over two weeks ago we sent home the School Supplies and Agenda Form. The school supply fee is \$30 for students in all grades. All of the classroom supplies your child will need through the year is covered in a one-time cost of \$30. You do not need to go and purchase your child's supplies. We have everything your child will need in terms of day to day classes and activities.

Most parents agree that paying a one-time fee of \$30 for school supplies saves them a considerable amount of time and money. If you haven't paid your School Supply and Agenda fees, please make your payment for school supplies through the School Cash Online System. If your child was a student at Tait last year, you should already have a Cash Online Account. If your child is new to Tait, your child was given a notice that explains how to set up a School Cash Online Account. Follow the instructions on the notice and simply pay online. You can use your credit card or debit card when using School Cash Online.

Student Agendas – Your child is using a Student Agenda in their classroom. The cost for a student agenda is \$5. Please pay for your child's Student Agenda through your School Cash Online Account.

*We thank you for your help to quickly make your payment. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Mason.*



### Student Absences - Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent from school at any time, **please phone the School Phone Number (604-668-6444) to record your message**. Please leave your child's name, division or teacher's name and the reason for their absence. Parents of children who are unaccounted for at the beginning of the school day will be contacted to determine their child's whereabouts. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR CONTACT NUMBERS UPDATED at the office.**

### BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Our school participates in the BC Fruit and Vegetable Program. Students will receive 13 different fresh BC fruit or vegetables over the year free of charge. We are promoting healthy eating.

*We have had this program at our school for many years. If you have questions or concerns about the BC Fruit and Vegetable Program, please contact Mr. Mason.*



# Arriving at School on Time - An Important Life Skill!

Unfortunately, Tait has many children arriving late to school in the mornings!

## *SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....*

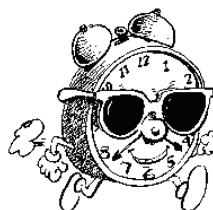
- When your child is just **5 minutes late every day** for his/her class, this equates to:

=five min/day or 25 min/week

=100 min/month

=1000 min/school year

=**3.5 school days missed/year!**



- Disruption to the rest of the class while your child gets settled and caught up:

=15 min/day or 75 min/week

=300 min/month

=3,000 min/year

= **10.5 school days interrupted in a year!**

Please be considerate of others and ensure that your child is not late for school without a good reason. The school doors open at 8:30am, and children are encouraged to come to the school at this time. The warning bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and students should be in their class by this bell.

If you are driving your child to school in the morning, leave 10 minutes early to avoid the rush coming into the drop off zone.

## Parking Lot

Please use the DROP OFF area to let your children out of your car. THIS IS THE RIGHT LANE OF OUR PARKING LOT, DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.



- Please do not stop in the left lane of our Parking Lot
- Please DO NOT PARK IN THE DROP OFF LANE and leave your car to go into the school. To go into the school you will need to park your car in a parking spot or on the road.

**Please remember to drive slowly when you are near the school and watch for children walking and crossing the street.**

## Nut Allergies

We have many children who have serious nut allergies in our school. To help keep the children with an allergy to nuts safe, **Please DO NOT** send food containing nuts or nut products to school.



## **Social Responsibility**

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** is a Richmond School District goal. As in previous years, our school will continue with lessons in the areas of empathy, anger management and solving problems: all important aspects of Social/Emotional learning. We know that students who feel safe and connected, who are self-aware and have good self-regulation skills, will be better learners and citizens.



At Tait, we have a Social Responsibility Focus. Our Social Responsibility Acronym, TIGERS, was created three years ago with the help of our students, parents and staff. TIGERS, guides the way we treat others, we treat ourselves and we treat the community and environment. TIGERS stands for:

T – thoughtful  
I – inclusive  
G – generous  
E – eco-friendly  
R – responsible  
S – safe

These core values are very important to us. They guide how we interact and care for each other, how we care for ourselves and how we care for our community and the environment.

At Tait, we encourage parents to use the TIGERS values at home with their child(ren). When both home and school reinforce learning by using the same common language, our children have a deeper understanding of these values.

## **Professional Development Days at Tait**



On Professional Development Days, students do not attend school. Staff at British Columbia schools use ProD Days to learn new instructional strategies and curriculum. Educators apply what they learn during ProD Days to their instructional practice in the classroom, so they can help your child learn better. Thank-you for supporting these learning days for educators.

**Upcoming ProD Days are: Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **Our Resource Team**

There are a number of people who make up our Resource Team. They include our school-based team:

Ms. J. Jakovac ELL/Learning Resource Teacher

Ms. A Buttner ELL/Learning Resource Teacher

Ms. S. Bains ELL / Learning Resource Teacher

Ms. J. Becker Teacher Librarian / Learning Resource Teacher

Ms. A. Preston Learning Assistance Teacher

Each of these teachers works specifically with classroom teachers to support children learning English and children needing some assistance learning in different subject areas. They help in the development of IEPs (Individual Learning Plan) for children with special learning needs. These excellent teachers work with children in the classroom and/or in one of our resource rooms. Our Resource Team is part of a School Based Team that meets weekly. The School Based Team meets to talk about individual students and their needs. When the School Based Team meets to discuss an individual student, the team is comprised of a classroom teacher, Mrs. S. Haylett, our school Counselor and Ms. L. Plotkin, our Speech and Language Teacher. Mr. Mason also attends these weekly meetings. Parents who have concerns about their child's learning are asked to speak first with the classroom teacher who might then consult with the Learning Resource Teacher and the rest of the Resource Team.

# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## Sports at Tait

• Volleyball season is starting for grade 6 and 7 students. Our team of talented players are working with Ms. Jakovac and Ms. Kenakin to build their skills. Later in October, our grade 6/7 team will play teams from other schools. Thank-you to Ms. Jakovac and Ms. Kenakin for volunteering their time to coach our team.



## Terry Fox Run

We had our Terry Fox Run on Monday September 23rd. Students, staff and parents enjoyed the break in the weather, as they ran through the Tait neighborhood. It was a great community builder for the school, as we came together to achieve our goal of raising \$600 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our total money raised surpassed our goal by a considerable amount, we raised more than \$900. This money goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation to help find a cure for cancer. Way to go Tait Tigers!

## Great Pumpkin Run



Our first annual Great Pumpkin Run will take place on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will start at 1:15pm in the gym. This is an opportunity for a fun run through the Tait neighborhood. After the run, we will return to the school gym, where we will hold a lucky draw for a chance to win a pumpkin. 13 lucky names will be drawn to win a pumpkin, including one winner of the GREAT PUMPKIN! What a great way to keep fit and to have a little fun before Hallowe'en.

## PAC News



**Hot Lunch:** Your PAC (Parent Advisory Council) prepares a Hot Lunch once each week for the students at Tait. A paper order form went home more than a week ago. If you have not seen this form, please look in your child's backpack.

**The next PAC meeting will be held on**

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9am in the open area 'Under the Flags'**

All Tait parent are part of the Tait PAC. We encourage you to come to our PAC Meetings to find out more about the school and how you as a parent can help support the learning and well-being of all students.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Dates to Remember

- Friday Oct. 4 Green Thumb Theatre @1:15pm
- Wednesday Oct. 9 Early Dismissal @12pm, Parent Teacher Conferences
- Monday Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Thursday Oct. 17 PAC Meeting @9am
- Wednesday Oct. 23 Great Pumpkin Run @1:15pm
- Friday Oct 25 Provincial ProD Day – no school for students
- Thursday Oct. 31 Hallowe'en at Tait
- Thursday Nov. 7 Photo Retake Day
- Friday Nov. 8 Remembrance Assembly - 10:30am start time
- Monday Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Holiday
- Friday Nov. 22 ProD Day – no school for students
- Monday Nov. 25 Dreamrider Theatre – H2whoa: @11am
- Tuesday Dec. 3 Grade 6 Immunizations
- December 9-13 Hip Hop Week at Tait
- December 13 Hip Hop Evening: Tait at Cambie Secondary
- December 16 Kindergarten Hearing and Vision Testing
- December 23 – January 3 Winter Break (school is closed)