

# TAIT TIGER TALES



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## Happy Halloween

It's that time of year again when children of all ages dress funny and act strange. And no, I am not just talking about teenagers. Halloween is meant to be a time when children can have some fun and demonstrate some creativity by dressing up as their favorite princess or superhero. It's a day full of activities and excitement, but in order for it to be a positive experience for everyone, we need everyone to be safe, thoughtful and responsible.

Here are some things to think about before tomorrow:

- Please ensure that your child is wearing a costume that is comfortable, flexible and provides them the ability to carry on with their school work and classroom activities.
- Weapons, **even toy weapons are not appropriate** for school.
- Please check with your child's teacher before bringing any food items to school to share with classmates. Remember, **many of our children have nut allergies**; in some cases, severe.
- Please keep an eye and an ear out for any vandalism or inappropriate behavior around our school.

The School District will be providing extra security on Halloween evening, but if you are aware of any negative behavior, please call the RCMP.

Let's all have a fun and safe Halloween!

Mr. McCallum

## Staff Update

This Friday, our Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Becker will be starting her maternity leave. Ms. Brianna Tang has been hired to replace Mrs. Becker while she is on leave. While it will be hard to replace Mrs. Becker's skill, experience and passion for teaching, I am confident that Ms. Tang will be a great addition to the Tait Staff. We all wish Mrs. Becker well as she prepares to welcome her first child into the world.

Ms. Noriko Miida has been hired as our third Noon Hour Supervisor, and since her start over a week ago, she has been a perfect fit on the team. Welcome Ms. Miida!

## A Message from the Tait WE TEAM

We are so fortunate to live in a great country like Canada, but did you know that 13% of the population is living with food insecurity? This means they don't have access to safe, nutritious food. We can help by donating to our local Food Bank. That's why we have "Scare Hunger" for us to bring in to our school food donations for the people in our community who need it. The Food Bank's most needed items are:

- cooking oil, pasta sauce, sugar, salt, toiletries, canned soup, canned meat and fish

Thank you for doing your part and helping those who need it most. The Tait WE TEAM

## RCMP Halloween Safety Tips



### **Looking Good Out There**

- Make sure to wear properly fitted, light coloured or bright costumes with reflective tape made from flame-retardant materials

### **Be Street Smart**

- A parent, older sibling, or babysitter should go out with children. Stay on the sidewalks and do not jaywalk.

### **Make a Plan**

- Think about the route you are going to take before you leave the house. Make sure your older child has a watch or cell phone in order to make an agreed upon curfew.

### **Woof**

- Stay away from animals you don't know. Pets are already frightened on Halloween.

### **Safety in Numbers**

- Older children trick or treating without an adult should always go in a group.

### **Fireworks**

- The use of fireworks is strictly prohibited by law. Fireworks are not kids play!

## **What's Happening at Tait?**

Our **Grade 6/7 volleyball** players have been practicing diligently and begin the season with their first game here at Tait on Wednesday against Hamilton. We wish them a successful season of teamwork, skill development and fun! Thank you to Ms. Jakovac, Ms. Kenakin and Mr. Janz for coaching this year.

Wednesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	BLACK: Hamilton at Tait
Thursday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ORANGE: Tait at McNeely
Monday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	BLACK: Tait at Hamilton
Tuesday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	ORANGE: Mitchell at Tait
Wednesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	BLACK: Tait at Tomsett
Tuesday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	ORANGE: Tomsett at Tait
Tuesday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	BLACK: Mitchell at Tait
Wednesday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ORANGE: McNeely at Tait
Tuesday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	BLACK: McNeely at Tait
Wednesday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	ORANGE: Tait at McNeely

Our **Grade 4/5 students** are competing in an intermural **European Handball League** on Wednesdays and Fridays at Lunch. Teams England, France, Spain and Germany have each had one game so far and look to go deep into the playoffs after the regular season ends. This fast-paced, non-contact and team-oriented sport is the perfect game for kids this age to develop skills and have a blast at the same time.

Tomorrow in the Morning Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be rotating through 7 **Halloween-based Activity Centres**. Now that's Fun!

And, at 10:00 our whole school will participate in a **Halloween Parade** where students and staff will have the opportunity to "strut their stuff" in their new costumes.



### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

#### **2018/19 SCHOOL YEAR**

Children AND Parents with Canadian Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Card or Canadian Passport - registration begins

WEDNESDAY, NOV 1<sup>st</sup> - NOV 30<sup>th</sup> AT TAIT - 9:00am to 3:00pm -

**PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE OFFICE - YOUR CHILD MUST BE BORN IN THE YEAR 2013 IN ORDER TO REGISTER.**

Children AND/OR Parents who ARE NOT Canadian Citizens, but with valid Permanent Resident Card or Record of Landing with Passport or Letter of Acceptance - registration begins NOV 1<sup>st</sup> to APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> AT CENTRAL REGISTRATION - 9:00am to 2:00pm

**STARTING DEC. 1<sup>st</sup> all Kindergarten Registrations are at CENTRAL REGISTRATION** - deadline APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> to be guaranteed a placement, provided there is physical, staffing and program space.

**STARTING JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Registrations for Grades 1-12 begins at CENTRAL REGISTRATION** - deadline APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> to be guaranteed a placement, provided there is physical, staffing and program space.

**STARTING JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Transfer Applications begin** - applications are available at the office - please have catchment school initial before delivery to the requested school.

**STARTING NOV. 1<sup>st</sup> - JAN. 16<sup>th</sup> District Program Options Applications begin** - applications are available at the office - your child must be registered first in order to be eligible - parents must hand-deliver the authorized form to central registration after the application is verified with admin assistant's initials, date and a school stamp

### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Ends – Fall Back!
Thursday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Retakes – PAC Sushi Day
Thursday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:30am
Monday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Thursday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PAC Hot Pizza Day
Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day – Professional Development

