

TAIT TIGER NEWS

Newsletter #1

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這是重要的通告，希請人譯讀。
ਇਹ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੈ; ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਓ।

Welcome back to a new school year at Tait Elementary.
We are so happy to be back at school together!
We are looking forward to a great year.

We are happy to welcome the following new staff members:

Ms. Ariel Su - Division 2 Teacher
Ms. Gabby Young - Division 8 Teacher
Ms. Michelle Webber - Division 9 Teacher
Ms. Ashlie Preston - Relief/Learning Assistance Teacher
Ms. Lisa Chen - Educational Assistant
Ms. Anya Ho - Educational Assistant
Mr. Harvi Mehat - Educational Assistant

Farewell to Mr. Janz, Ms. Deacon, Ms. Kaur and Mr. McCallum. They have moved to positions at other Richmond Schools. We wish them all the best in their new schools.

School Organization

We have completed our classroom organization and students have been in their new classes for one week. The staff have spent many hours to ensure that the students were placed in classrooms that would be most beneficial for their unique learning needs. Tait staff and students are excited to start the new school year together.

Tait Teaching Staff 2019-20

Mr. R. Mason	Principal
Mr. B. Wilms	Div. 1 Intermediate Teacher
Ms. A. Su	Div. 2 Intermediate Teacher
Ms. M. Lee	Div. 3 Intermediate Teacher
Ms. N. Silva	Div. 3 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. P. Glinias	Div. 4 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. L. Hers	Div. 5 Intermediate Teacher
Mrs. L. Zawada	Div. 6 Primary Teacher
Ms. B. Mander	Div. 7 Primary Teacher
Ms. G. Young	Div. 8 Primary Teacher
Ms. M. Webber	Div. 9 Primary Teacher
Ms. L. Kenakin	Div. 10 Primary Teacher
Ms. S. Bains	Learning Resource / ELL Teacher
Ms. J. Becker	Teacher-Librarian/Relief
Ms. A. Buttner	Learning Resource / ELL Teacher
Ms. J. Jakovic	Learning Resource / ELL Teacher
Ms. A. Preston	Relief/Learning Assistance
Mr. Z. Chan	Educational Assistant
Ms. L. Chen	Educational Assistant
Ms. A. Ho	Educational Assistant
Ms. E. Jones	Educational Assistant
Ms. D. Jurisova	Educational Assistant
Ms. C. Lee	Educational Assistant
Mr. H. Mehat	Educational Assistant
Ms. K. Saglova	Educational Assistant



Mrs. L. Elliot	Band Teacher
Ms. S. Haylett	Counsellor
Ms. L. Plotkin	Speech and Language Pathologist
Mr. T. O'Toole	Hearing Resource Teacher
Ms. I. Elmenbbawi	SWIS (Settlement Worker in School)
Ms. S. Bone	Aboriginal Support Teacher
Ms. P. Both	District Resource Support Teacher
Ms. L. Volodartsky	Educational Psychologist

Tait School Support Staff

Ms. L. Evdokimoff	Administrative Assistant
Ms. Noriko Miida	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. A. Nouredin	Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. D. West	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mr. C. Fernando	Custodian
Ms. G. Samra	Custodian
Ms N. Chow	Public Health Nurse

Messages From The Office



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.**

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.

Students Leaving Early From their Class

Parents wishing to take their child from the school before the end of the regular school day are requested to send a note to the teacher. When a parent or guardian arrives at the school to take their child out of class, we ask that he/she first report to the school office.



Lunch Time



Each weekday, lunch starts at 12:00pm and ends at 12:52pm. Students eat in their classrooms from 12:00pm to 12:20pm, then go outside until the 12:52pm bell. Afternoon classes begin at 12:55pm.

All students are to remain on the school grounds during lunchtime, unless a parent informs the office that their child may go home for lunch.

If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, lunches can be dropped off on the tables in the hallway outside the office.

PLEASE HAVE LUNCHES AT SCHOOL BY 11:55 a.m. Please do not disturb classes by delivering lunches to the classrooms. You can leave your child's lunch on the tables near the office, please label your child's lunch. Thank you.



Student Cell Phones and Electronic Musical Devices

We acknowledge that many of our older students have personal cell phones.

However, in order to respect the learning environment within the school and classrooms, students are to ensure that all phones are turned off from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm. If there is an emergency situation, or a student needs to call parents during the school day, the office staff will gladly assist them.



With regards to all personal electronic devices, please note that if they are reported lost, mislaid or stolen (as has happened, unfortunately) the school cannot be held responsible. We thank you for your support in this area.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILDREN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME!

School Hours

Monday - Friday 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Note: The first bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Students are expected to be in their classroom by 8:40am and at their desks for attendance at 8:45am. **Part of being Socially Responsible is caring for others. When students are late, they disturb the teacher and students who have started on time.**

Recess: Monday – Friday (9:55 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.)

Lunch: Monday – Friday (12:00 p.m. – 12:52 p.m.)

Dismissal: Monday – Friday (2:45 p.m.)

STUDENT SUPPLIES

Basic School Supplies for Elementary Students

The Board of School Trustees has approved the Schools Supplies Service Program for 2019-20. The cost to each student is \$30.00. The School Board continues to offer this service as a cost saving support to families and also as a way of standardizing basic supplies for classroom use. Exercise books, duotangs, papers, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, glue etc. are supplied in quantities appropriate to each grade level.

Individual teachers may ask for other items. Information on payment of school supplies and student planners will be sent home today. **Payment can be made through SchoolCashOnline.**



Student Planners – Divisions 1 to 10



As part of the personal planning curriculum students in Divisions 1-8 are expected to use a daily planner. In order to provide uniformity for all classes the school provides planners at a cost of \$5. We hope that all families take advantage of this excellent organizational tool.

School Supplies and Student Planner money will be requested starting tomorrow. Payment for both School Supplies and Student Planners can be made through [SchoolCashOnline](#) In the meantime, students will be given all the school supplies they need to work through the first month.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

First Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) Meeting



The Parent Advisory Council's mandate is to facilitate and promote effective communication between home and school and to foster parent participation in educational activities and decision-making. Every parent or guardian of a student at Tait Elementary is a member of the Tait PAC and is encouraged to become involved.

The **first P.A.C. meeting** for this school year will be held **in the Tait School Library** on **Thursday, September 19th from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**



PRO-D DAY

Friday, September 20th, is a Professional-Development Day for teachers. Students do not come to school on this day. The Tait staff takes time on Professional Development Days to learn new things that will make them even better professionals who can help your children.

Terry Fox Run to Cure Cancer

The TERRY FOX RUN at Tait will take place on Monday, September 23rd at 1:15 p.m. Parents can join us! Please remember to send a Toonie or more donation for Terry with your child, so that Tait can do its part to help find a cure for cancer. Students have already begun donating. Our goal is to raise \$600 for the Canadian Cancer Foundation. We can do it together Tait Family!



Individual Photo Day

Individual student photos will take place on Friday, September 27th. Students are encouraged to look their best. All students will receive a photo print to take home. If parents wish, they can order photo packages after the print is brought home by their child.



IMPORTANT FORMS

Student Information Verification Forms

Please ask your children for their PURPLE Student Verification Form that was sent home with them last week. This form should be reviewed by parents to make sure that all student information, including contact numbers and medical information is correct. **Please return the PURPLE Student Verification Form to school as soon as possible.** The information on the Student Information Form is very important for the safety and security of your child.

Media Release Form

Please return the Media Release / Email Consent form that was sent home last week. You have to tick the 'Yes' to receive school district emails. If we don't hear from you, or you choose 'No', then you will not receive the school emails and newsletters. **The Media Release Form should be returned to school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be written for the last Friday of every month and, when needed, the middle Friday of the month. We will be putting them on our website along with other school information. Check it out!



Website address: tait.sd38.bc.ca

PLEASE NOTE: This year, in an effort to be environmentally conscious, we will be implementing electronic newsletters for families. Tait Elementary newsletters will be sent to parent email addresses. If you choose to not receive electronic newsletters, please remember to watch for the latest newsletters on our website.

Email Address: tait@sd38.bc.ca

**** Please make sure to add tait@sd38.bc.ca to your contacts list, so that emails go to your inbox and not your junk mail!**

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTERS WILL ALWAYS BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY BY EMAIL. If you do not have access to a computer, please let Mr. Mason know and arrangements can be made. Thank you for your help in this matter.

