

# TIGER TALES



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## Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year!

On behalf of the Tait Staff I would like to welcome you back for the start of this school year both returning families to Tait and new families to our community. It has been so nice to come back to the school without the construction that took place last year. The School District was also able to re-surface the parking lot and do some much needed upgrades to the front of the school. What a difference it makes!

Our first week went seamlessly. The students settled back easily into their classrooms from last year and today we were able to carefully place each child in a new class for the year. Our teachers planned and implemented three Family Teams events this week. We have grouped the students into 24 multi-grade teams of about 8 students each who will meet through out the year involved in different learning activities. The Family Teams will culminate at our Fit & Fun Day in June. This past week we took the opportunity during these times to introduce our new school Social Responsibility acronym that is a big part of our two-year commitment to reinforce positive values in our students that will help them to develop into good citizens. Please discuss these ideals with your child as the year goes on.

Mr. McCallum

### **At Tait we are ALL:**

#### **T**houghtful

*How do we communicate effectively, set goals to achieve our dreams, and think critically and creatively?*

#### **I**nclusive

*How are we kind to others, appreciate differences and recognize that we all are important?*

#### **G**enerous

*How do we give back to our community, our school, our families and our friends?*

#### **E**cofriendly

*How are conscious of our environment and pledge to help protect our earth?*

#### **R**esponsible

*How do we take ownership over our actions, do what is expected of us and be the best people we can be?*

#### **S**afe

*How do we conduct ourselves, and treat those around us, in a safe and caring manner?*

### New Staff at Tait

Please join us in welcoming a number of new educators to the Tait Staff:

Mr. Regan Janz (Gr. 6/7 Teacher), Ms. Nalini Silva (Gr. 5/6 Teacher),  
Ms. Teresa McMillan (Ed. Assistant), Ms. Michelle Sandberg (Ed. Assistant),  
Mr. Jim Reid (Counselor) and Ms. Iwona Roman (Community Health Nurse).

### Safe Arrival

**If your child is going to be absent from school at any time, please phone Tait School at 604-668-6444 and leave a message. Please leave your child's name, division, or teacher and reason for absence. Parents of children who are unaccounted for will be contacted to determine their whereabouts.** We are currently looking for Early Warning parents to help out each morning for approximately 30 minutes. If you can help us with this, please call Ms. Evdokimoff at the office.

## **BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

The cost for basic school supplies this year will be **\$30.00**

Basic supply costs for kindergarten will be \$30.00 plus a **\$20** cooking fee.

Agenda's for all students will cost **\$5**

**Please see the important notices going home next week – please return all forms and money to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.**

## Important Upcoming Dates

September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Band Rental Night - 6:30 pm
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	First D.A.R.E. class for Gr 5's
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Rangers – 1:45 pm
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry Fox Run
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pro-D Day – No classes
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm Dismissal – Conferences
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Food Day - Hotdog
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photo Day
October 7 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Fundraiser
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Green Thumb Theatre 1:00 pm
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pro-D Day – No classes
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Photo Night

For a full list of dates for this school year please see the calendar on our school website at:

**[tait.sd38.bc.ca](http://tait.sd38.bc.ca)**

## **How Can You Help?**

- The two main entry and exit points for parents and students are the two west side entrances. **We ask that you only use the front entrance if you have to access the school office.** There is an access ramp at the entrance near the Kindergarten classes. During wet days water brought into the school on shoes and strollers gets deposited down the hallways and becomes a slipping hazard for everyone, especially young children. This is a safety issue!
- There is a clearly designated spot in the parking lot for busses, one of which picks up students from the Cambie Daycare. Please do not stop in this area.
- There is a small drop-off spot at the front of the school, but it is for quick drop-offs only.
- Parking spots designated "RESERVED" are only to be used by Richmond District Staff.
- The back of the school, especially in Methel Court, has clearly signage from the City of Richmond and we encourage parents to observe all signs and non-parking areas for everyone's safety.

We need to keep the parking lot and the streets around Tait as safe as they can be and the less cars the better. If you are driving to Tait we encourage parents to legally park on the street, away from the school and walk the short distance in. Or, please arrange a meeting place with your children around the perimeter of the school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Mr. McCallum