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Back to School Newsletter - September 2025

Dear Tait Families and Caregivers,

We hope you've had a nice summer with family and friends. Here are a few reminders of our schedule for the first week of school as well as important upcoming dates and information.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Tait next week.

Our Tait PAC (Parent Advisory Council) will be hosting a **Meet and Greet** on Tuesday, September 2nd while your children are in class. Please stop by to say hi, meet other families and find out more about our PAC and volunteer opportunities. See the attachment for more information.



Our PAC Executive 2025-2026

- Past Chair - Tina Thottingal
- New Chair - Ava Zhou
- Co-Chair - Kirsten Poulsen
- Treasurer - Alina Law
- Secretary - Hart Mackinnon
- Hot Lunch Coordinators - Naomi Inouye & Jonathan Schmidt
- RDPA Representative(s) - Open

Enjoy the long weekend!

The Staff and PAC at Tait



Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

All students in Grades 1-7

9:00-10:00am

Please return to your last year's class.

New Tait students will be placed with students at their grade level. We will meet you at the front of the school to guide you to your class for the week.

Kindergarten Students

1:00-2:00pm

All Kindergarten students, please meet **Ms. Kenakin and Mrs. Webber** outside the Kindergarten Classrooms.

Please refer to the [Gradual Entry Schedule and Letter](#) for more detailed information about the first two weeks of school. This calendar was sent to you in a separate email in July.

Wednesday - Friday, Sept. 3rd – 5th

Grades 1-7

8:45am – 2:45pm

Students in Grades 1-7 will attend school for the full day. Please remember to send a healthy recess snack, a lunch and a water bottle with your child(ren).

We hope to have all students placed in their new class for the year by the end of the day on Friday, September 5th. We will send an email home for Door Pick Up Information on September 5th.



Students will be outside rain or shine for recess and lunch breaks all year long. Please send your child to school dressed and prepared for weather changes.

- Raincoat
- Umbrella
- Boots/Extra shoes
- Extra socks
- Warm clothes in the winter



2025-2026 School Hours

8:40 am	Doors Open
8:45 am	Classes Begin
10:10-10:25 am	Recess Break
11:50-12:42 pm	Lunch Break
2:45 pm	Dismissal



Recess Snack Ideas

Ideas for healthy recess snacks:

- apple slices
- cheese and crackers
- oranges
- a hard-boiled egg
- a banana
- a granola bar
- mini carrots
- berries
- cucumbers
- cheese strings
- celery
- snap peas



Cutlery – Forks, Spoons, Chopsticks

Thank you for packing cutlery in your child(ren)'s lunch box if they need a fork, spoon or chopsticks to eat their meal. We are working hard to help save the environment, so we don't have extra cutlery at the school. Many Dollar Stores have stainless steel forks, spoons and re-usable chopsticks which are easy to clean and re-use every day!



Tait School Website:

<https://tait.sd38.bc.ca/>

PAC Email:

rjtaitpac@gmail.com

Student Absence Phone Number:

If your child is sick or will be absent or late, please call the Student Absence Phone Number at 604-668-6444 and leave a message with your child's name and grade.



For updates, please check our website

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Individual and Class Photo Day

Monday, September 22, 2025

Pro-D Day - No school for students

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Schools Closed in recognition of
Truth and Reconciliation Day

October 1-3, 2025

Grades 6 and 7 Camp

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Early Dismissal at 11:50am
for In-Person Learning Updates #1

Monday, October 13, 2025

Thanksgiving Day - Schools Closed

Friday, October 24, 2025

Pro-D Day - No school for students

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Photo Retake Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Remembrance Day - Schools Closed

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Grades 6 and 7 Immunizations

Monday, December 1, 2025

Pro-D Day - No school for students

Friday, December 5, 2025

Hip Hop Evening Performance

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Written Learning Update #1

Winter Break:

December 20, 2025 – January 4, 2026

Last day of school before the Break

Friday, December 19, 2025

Return to school – Monday, January 5, 2026

Monday, January 26, 2026

Pro-D Day - No school for students

Friday, February 13, 2026

Pro-D Day - No school for students

Monday, February 16, 2026

Family Day – Schools Closed

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Early Dismissal at 11:50am
for In-Person Learning Updates #2

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Pink Shirt Day

Spring Break

March 14 – March 29, 2026

Last day of school – Friday, March 13

Return to school – Monday, March 30

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday – Schools closed

Monday, April 6, 2026

Easter Monday – Schools closed

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Written Learning Update #2

Friday, May 15, 2026

Non-Instructional Day – Schools closed

Monday, May 18, 2026

Victoria Day – Schools closed

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Grades K/1/6/7 Immunizations

Friday, June 12, 2026

Fit and Fun Day

Friday, June 19, 2026

Grade 7 Farewell Assembly

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Recognition Assembly
Final Summary of Learning published
Last day of school for students

Summer Break

June 26 to August 31, 2026

Return to school – Tues., Sept. 8, 2026



RJ TAIT PAC

MEET & GREET



1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEP 2ND, 2025

GRADE 1~7: 9:00~10:00 AM
@ IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE

KINDERGARTEN : 1:00~2:00 PM
@KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE



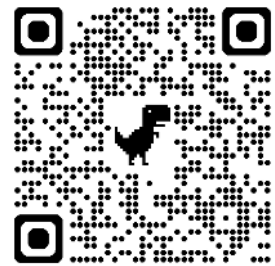


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to view Facebook Group

RJ Tait PAC Survey

- Please help us reflect on the past and plan better for this coming school year. This short survey takes 3-5 minutes.
- Open your camera and point device at the QR Code to complete the survey



Contact: rjtaitpace@gmail.com