

TAIT TIGER NEWS

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From the Office

Last Day of School Before Spring Break



Spring Break is almost here! The last day of school before our Spring Break is Friday, March 11th. Spring Break is two weeks long. We return to school on Monday, March 28th, 2022 to begin our third and final term of the year.

We Are Planning For September 2022



Kindergarten Registrations. If you have a child turning five in 2022, please register them at the Board Office right away for Kindergarten. We are now into the Priority 2 Round of registration. Any students living in the Tait neighbourhood can still apply for a place at Tait Elementary, but as we move further towards next September space could become very limited and chances of having a place at our school decrease. If you have a neighbour with a Kindergarten aged child, please encourage them to register now.

Health Protocols and Winter Sickness



The Winter months always have the highest number of student and staff absences, primarily due to illness. We can work together to minimize the number of students and staff who are ill if we remember some very simple guidelines and strategies.

- If you believe your child is coming down with a cold or the flu, keep them home until they have recovered. Your child will recover more quickly and we will not have others in the school also becoming ill.*
- DO NOT send students to school who have a cough or runny nose, who have a fever, or who have vomited in the last 24 hours.*

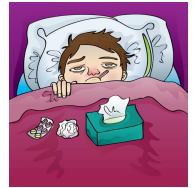
Children who come to school sick will need to be sent home. Parents will be contacted by the school office to come to the school to pick up their child.

Hand Washing

• *Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially before eating, after using the washroom, and after blowing their nose. At the school, we will continue to have children wash their hands multiple times each day.*

Get the Proper Amount of Sleep and Rest

• *Have your child go to sleep at a time that gives them at least 10 hours of sleep. When our bodies are tired and 'run down' we are far more susceptible to illness.*



Please follow the Mandatory Daily Health Declaration each day (see the end of this newsletter)

Thank-you for your help to keep everyone at Tait Elementary safe and healthy.

Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school directly at 604-668-6444 to speak to our office staff or leave a message. Please do not rely on an email to your child's classroom teacher telling them about your child's absence. Classroom teachers may not have the chance to access their email before school, and may mark your child as absent with an unknown reason as to why they are missing from school. If classroom teachers enter a child as absent without a reason, our office staff will make a phone call home to parents to find out the whereabouts of a child. This procedure can be aggravating for parents, and takes valuable time from our office staff that could be better used.



Thank-you for your understanding. Please call 604-668-6444 if your child will be absent from school.

Parking Lot and Surrounding Neighborhood



Parents, please help us make the parking lot and streets near the school safe for all members of our school community during student pick-up at the end of the day. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, please keep these thoughts in mind:

- stop and wait for your child only in the drop-off/pick-up area: do not leave your car unattended
- if you need to go into the school, use available parking spaces in our parking lot or park in the neighbourhood
- do not double-park your car in the school parking lot
- do not park where there are no parking spots – our parking lot has two tight corners closest to the school and parking at these corners makes it hard for other parents to maneuver around your car
- drive slowly in the parking lot and when exiting the parking lot, students do not always look before they cross the parking lot
- in the neighborhood, please do not block the driveways of our neighbors

Around the School

Grade 6-7 Intramural Basketball

Students in grades 6 and 7 have joined Mr. Imagawa two to three times each week at lunch since the beginning of February to play intramural basketball. The students have been working on ball-handling skills and shooting, as well as playing some fun basketball games. Thank-you to Mr. Imagawa for volunteering many of his lunches to give our grade 6 and 7 students time to play this great sport.



PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Updates



The Robert J. Tait Parent Advisory Council is always looking for parent volunteers to help the PAC support students at Tait School. If you have an idea for the Tait P.A.C. please come to the next meeting. All Tait parents are part of the Tait PAC. We encourage you to come to our PAC Meetings to find out more about the school.

Fundraising Opportunity – Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Over Spring Break, you can order a delicious box of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for your family and friends. A box of 12 doughnuts will cost \$12 to order (they cost \$11.75 in store) and they will be delivered to the school by one of our PAC parents (you don't have to drive all the way to North Delta for these tasty treats). An email was sent out to parents on Wednesday, March 9th explaining how to order through the MunchaLunch site. Doughnuts can be ordered up to March 31st, and will be delivered and sent home on Friday, April 8th.

We Are Looking For Parents to Fill 2022-2023 PAC Executive Roles

The R.J. Tait Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is the voice of the Tait parent community. The PAC organizes a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, such as food days, book fairs and raffles. Money raised through fundraising activities is used to directly benefit the students of Tait. PAC is looking for new members to take on executive roles for our next school year. If you are interested in any of these roles, please come out to our monthly Zoom meetings to see what we are all about. [Our next meeting is March 28th at 6:30PM.](#) A Zoom link will be sent to parents a few days before the meeting.

If you are interested in a role, please email us at tait-pac@googlegroups.com

The PAC Executive Roles are:

Chairperson – to assume primary responsibility for coordinating the functioning of the R.J. Tait PAC, prepare meeting agendas and Chair meetings

Vice-Chairperson – to work with the Chairperson, encourage parent participation and take on any special projects as needed

Secretary – to record and post the minutes of the PAC meetings and answer all correspondence

Treasurer – to be responsible for all PAC funds, and to present a monthly financial statement at each PAC meeting

RDPA Representative(s) – to attend the Richmond District Parents’ Association meetings, representing the R.J. Tait PAC, and to report RDPA news back to the Tait PAC

Food Day Coordinator – to coordinate special food events at the school, such as hot lunch days, and be responsible for ordering hot lunch supplies

IT Coordinator - To update the TAIT PAC website and manage the online MunchaLunch websit

**Next PAC Meeting is Monday, March 28th at 6:30pm on Zoom.
All Parents are welcome to attend, including next year
Kindergarten Parents.**

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

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| Friday, March 11 th | - Last Day of classes for Term 2 |
| March 14 th - 25 th | - Spring Break (school is closed) |
| Monday, March 28 th | - First Day Back after Spring Break |
| Friday, April 8 th | - BC Lions Energy Champions Assembly |
| Friday, April 15 th | - Good Friday Holiday |
| Monday, April 18 th | - Easter Monday Holiday |
| Monday, April 25 th | - PAC Meeting @6:30pm on Zoom |
| May 16 th -19 th | - Scholastic Book Fair |
| Friday, May 20 th | - Professional Development Day / No School for Students |
| Monday, May 23 rd | - Victoria Day Holiday |
| Thursday, May 26 th | - Dufflebag Theatre @ 1pm |
| Friday, May 27 th | - Welcome to Kindergarten for 2022/2023 Kindergarten families |
| Monday, May 30 th | - PAC Meeting @6:30pm on Zoom |
| Thursday, June 2 nd | - Selema Noom Body Smarts Presentation for Parents |
| Tuesday, June 7 th | - Selema Noom Body Smarts Presentation for Students |
| Friday, June 17 th | - Fit and Fun Day at Tait |
| Friday, June 24 th | - Grade 7 Farewell |
| Wednesday, June 29 th | - Recognition Assembly |
| Wednesday, June 29 th | - Last Day of School for Students |

Daily Health Check & What to Do When Sick

Daily Health Check

Everyone going into a school or site must complete a daily health check, including staff, students, and visitors. A daily health check means checking yourself or your child for new symptoms of illness, including symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms of illness (including COVID-19) include:

- Fever or chills
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Body aches
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Sneezing
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Loss of appetite
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you are sick or feel unwell, stay at home. This is important to stop the spread of illness, including COVID-19, in schools and worksites.

You can attend school/work if:

- Your symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies), OR
- You have existing symptoms that have improved to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities, AND
- You are not required to self-isolate, or your self-isolation period is over (based on a positive COVID-19 test result, if taken).

What to Do When Sick

If you have mild symptoms of COVID-19, you usually don't need a test. Mild symptoms are symptoms that can be managed at home. Most people don't need testing for COVID-19.

Stay home and away from others (as much as possible) until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities and you no longer have a fever. You should also avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long term care facilities and gatherings, for another 5 days after ending isolation.

If you have a Rapid Antigen Test at home, use it when you have symptoms. How long you should stay home depends on your test result. Find out more about [Rapid Antigen Test results](#).

If you do not have symptoms of COVID-19, you do not need a test.

If you are unsure about your symptoms, you can use the [Self-Assessment Tool](#), contact your health care provider or call 8-1-1.

Testing may be recommended for some people who may be more likely to get severe disease. See BCCDC for information on [who testing is recommended for](#).