

TAIT TIGER NEWS

Newsletter #3

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From the Office



Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent from school at any time, please phone the **Tait Office at (604-668-6444)** to report your child's absence or leave a message. In your voicemail leave your child's name, their division or teacher's name and the reason for their absence. Parents of children who are unaccounted for at the start of the school day will be contacted to determine their child's whereabouts. We may follow up with a phone call to find out if their absence is due to an illness.

If you send an email to your child's teacher to let them know your child will be absent, you still need to call the school office to report your child's absence. Some mornings are very busy in your child's classroom and teachers do not always have a chance to look at their morning email before entering student attendance. If a student is marked absent by the teacher and is unaccounted for, someone from the office will call home to find the whereabouts of a child.

IF YOUR CONTACT NUMBER CHANGES, PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW.

Registration for New Kindergarten Students

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2018, turning 5 in 2023. These children will begin kindergarten in September, 2023. Online registration opened, November 1, 2022. Please visit the Richmond School District website at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.



Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November 1st – January 27th) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed by parents and received by Central Registration any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails by February 3, 2023. There will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with diverse needs who may need additional support, to be held on ZOOM on November 16. The link to the Zoom meeting is posted here:

<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/61140542427>

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the school located in their catchment area in which their parents or legal guardians reside unless there is no physical, resource or program space available. This provision may need to be applied more frequently, potentially resulting in more students needing placement outside their catchment school. Please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!



Please remember to drive slowly when you are near the school and watch for children walking and crossing the street.

Students Arriving Late to School in the Morning



It is important for your child to arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:45am. When children arrive, they will be greeted by a staff member, who is checking to make sure students are healthy and safe to come into the school, and who is also reminding the students of the arrival procedures which include washing their hands. If your child is consistently arriving late in the morning, your child's levels of worry and stress increase because they are entering their classroom late and they need to catch up on what they have missed. Being late also impacts the learning for others in the classroom, because the teacher needs to interrupt instruction to make sure the student who is late checks into the classroom safely. Being on time is an important habit in life, particularly as children mature and become adolescents and young adults. The habits your child learns now will shape how they behave in the future.

If your child is often late, try a new routine: packing their backpacks the night before school; making lunch the night before school; or getting up 15 minutes earlier in the morning.

DRESS FOR THE COLD AND WET WEATHER:

It is important that students are dressed for the weather. During these colder, damp days, students need to have a proper jacket, footwear (boots or waterproof shoes), and perhaps a hat and gloves. If they dress appropriately for the weather, they can enjoy playing outside. Please remind your child to check the weather when getting up in the morning and they are getting ready for school. All students will be going outside for every recess and lunch - rain or shine. If your child is not well enough to go outside during our break times, they are also not well enough to be attending school and should stay home until they are feeling better. **If your child is dressed for the weather, they will stay warm and dry.**



It is a fact that children and adults have less chance of catching a cold or virus when they are outside, with lots of room and fresh air, as opposed to inside in an enclosed space with less air flow.

Health and Safety Practices



We are following our Health and Safety Protocols very carefully at Tait. When students arrive at school they are being welcomed and screened by staff to make sure they are healthy.

Handwashing - Students and staff handwash many times each day, including:

- when they arrive to school
- when coming back inside from breaks
- before eating
- when going home for the day
- when going outside for breaks
- after using the washroom
- after eating

If an individual has any of these symptoms (fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, or a loss of smell) they should stay home, until they have recovered and feel better. **Do not send your child to school if they have any of the symptoms listed above.**

If students appear to be unwell at school, we will call parents to come and pick up their ill child. Thank-you for your support in being available to pick up your child if they are unwell.

SNOW DAYS - WHAT TO EXPECT:

Snow days cause inconvenience for everyone. Not all snow days result in a school closure, however, should weather conditions create unsafe situations for students and staff to make it to school, the Superintendent of schools will officially declare schools closed. This decision will be displayed on the school district website by 6:30 am at the latest.



To help assist families, we would like to outline where you can find information about school closures in Richmond Schools on a snow day.

- 1. Television And Radio**

TV and Radio will only announce Schools that are CLOSED

Listen to radio: CKNW 980AM; NEWS 1130AM; CBC 690AM; QM 103.5FM or watch on television: CBC; Global; CTV.

- 2. Richmond School District Website:** www.sd38.bc.ca

On the RSD Home page, there will be clear details if schools are closed

- 3. RSD Snow Closure Hotline**

(604) 295-4304, which will provide a recorded message indicating if schools are closed

- 4. Twitter at RichmondSD38**

Around the School

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 10th, at 10:30am, we will have our Remembrance Assembly. We are very happy to once again be able to welcome RJ Tait Parents to our assembly. The doors for this assembly will open at 10:15am.

Poppies will be distributed to students on November 10th. We hope that your family can make a donation to the Poppy Fund. Money raised in the Poppy Fund helps to aid Canadian Veterans and the programs that assist our Canadian Veteran Heroes.



Family Movie Night at Tait

Thursday, November 10th is Movie Night at RJ Tait presented by the RJ Tait PAC. All Tait students and parents are invited to come and enjoy 'The Lego Movie' with their family and friends. Doors to the gym will open at 6:15pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. Movie tickets for children cost \$3 per person and include a bag of popcorn and a juicebox. Children are welcome to bring their blankets, pillows and stuffies.

Tickets to Movie Night are available to purchase on the MunchaLunch platform.

Pizza and drinks will be available and drinks will be available to purchase at the event. All students in attendance must have a parent accompany them to the movie, please do not drop off your children.



PRO-D DAY – Monday November 21st



Monday, November 21st, is a Professional-Development Day. Students will not come to school on this day. The Tait staff will be working together on our school focus in Numeracy.

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 next **P.A.C. meeting** will be held virtually on Zoom on **Monday, November 28th from 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.** A Zoom Meeting Link will be sent out the week prior to the set meeting date.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| • Thursday Nov. 10 | PAC Movie Night – 6:30pm Start |
| • Thursday Nov. 10 | Remembrance Assembly – 10:30am |
| • Thursday Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day Holiday |
| • Tuesday Nov. 15 | Grade 6 and 7 Immunizations |
| • Monday Nov. 21 | ProD Day – no school for students |
| • Monday Nov. 28 | PAC Meeting – 6:30pm on Zoom |
| • Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 | Scholastic Book Fair @ Tait |
| • Dec. 1 – Dec. 14 | Food Bank Drive @ Tait |
| • Wednesday Dec. 14 | Burr Day at Tait (Dress warm, save energy) |
| • Friday Dec. 16 | Pajama Day |
| • Friday Dec. 16 | Last Day of Classes before Winter Break |
| • December 19 – January 2 | Winter Break (school is closed) |
| • Tuesday January 3 | School Re-opens: Start of Term 2 |