

TAIT TIGER NEWS

Newsletter #3

November 1st, 2024.

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From the Office



Safe Arrival - Tait Office (604-668-6444)

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. If you get our 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

We are excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration begins November 1, 2024. **To register a child for kindergarten, please visit the Richmond School District Web Page. Click 'Student Registration' on the Top Menu Bar.**



Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November 1st, 2024 – January 17th, 2025) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 7th, 2025.

Kindergarten 2024/25 Parent Information Night - Student with Disabilities and Diverse Abilities

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (PST)

To join the Students with Disabilities and Diverse Abilities Zoom - Please go to the Richmond School District Website >>> Hover on 'Student Registrations' at the top of the Home Page >>> click on 'Kindergarten Registration' in the drop-down menu >>> find the Zoom Link and Passcode half way down the left side of this page.

As per district policy, a student will normally attend the catchment school located in the neighbourhood where 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 remember to drive slowly when you are near the school and watch for children walking and crossing the street.

Arriving at School on Time: An Important Life Skill!

Unfortunately, Tait has many children arriving late to school in the mornings!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

When your child is just **5 minutes** late every day for his/her class this equates to:

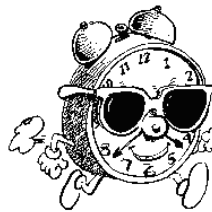
=5 min/day

=25 min/week

=100 min/month

=1000 min/school year

=**3 1/2 school days missed/year!**



Disruption to the rest of the class for the time it takes while a student who is late gets settled and the classroom teacher stops instruction to catch up the student who is late:

=10min/day or 50 min/week

=200+ min/month

=2000+ min/year

= **2000+ minutes is equivalent to at least 7 full school days of instruction lost for the whole class of students in a year!**

Please be considerate of others and ensure your child is not late for school without a good reason. The school doors open at 8:40am, and children should be at the school at 8:40am. The bell to start classroom instruction rings at 8:45 a.m. and students should be in their class at their desk or table by this bell.

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.

Student Illness - 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.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of students coming to school ill. Please do not send your child to school if they are ill. Sick children and staff should stay home if they are ill, so they recover from illness faster and they do not get others at our school sick.

If an individual has any of these symptoms (fever, constant cough, chills, shortness of breath, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting) 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. We know that many parents in our families work and having a child sent home from school can be a burden if you have to leave work, but helping your child recover from illness faster and keeping others at the school safe is a priority. 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**

5. **By School Messenger Text Message**

if you have signed up to receive Richmond School District text messages

Around the School

Photo Retake Day - Monday, November 4th



Monday, November 4th in the morning is Photo Retake Day at Tait Elementary. If your child missed our first Individual Photo Day in September, or you would like their photo to be taken again, be sure to have your child ready to get their photo taken again next Monday.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 8th, at 10:30am, we will have our Remembrance Assembly. We welcome all RJ Tait Parents to our assembly. The doors for this assembly will open at 10:15am.

Poppies will be distributed to students on November 8th.



We hope 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.

Also, a reminder that Monday, November 11th is the Remembrance Day Holiday. All schools will be closed on Remembrance Day.

Tait Spirit-Wear Clothing Orders



You have the opportunity to order Tait Clothing right now through to Wednesday, November 13th, 2024. Make your order on School Cash Online and pay by Debit or Credit Card. Wearing Tait Tiger Clothing lets our students show how proud they are to be a member of the Tait Community. Tait clothing also comes in handy for special school events, fieldtrips and school teams.

Tait PAC 'Little Treasures' Sale – Friday, November 15th

The RJ Tait PAC will be hosting the 'Little Treasures' sale on Friday November 15th at Tait Elementary. There will be the opportunity for families to purchase gently used coats, boots, sweatshirts, hoodies, boots and running shoes, books and toys. All these used items will be available from donations made by other Tait families.

To make donations, please drop off your donations at Tait Elementary at these times:

- Thursday, November 14th 8:30-9:30 AM or 2:30-3:30 PM
- Friday, November 15th 8:30-9:30 AM

Volunteer Your Time

[Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#) Please click the link to sign up. We need volunteers for various shifts and tasks during the event. We appreciate your help in making this event a success!

Shop at the Sale

SALE DAY : Friday, November 15th 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Tait school gym. Bring your kids and family to find some "little treasures" while supporting the school.



Tait Breakfast Club

The Tait Staff is excited to announce the Tait Breakfast Club is operating again. Any Tait student is welcome to come to the Breakfast Club.

Our Breakfast Club will take place every Tuesdays and Thursdays through the rest of the school year. Students can come to school early between 8:10am to 8:30am to get something to eat before starting their morning at school. There is no cost to having breakfast at the Breakfast Club, food is free for any students.

PAC MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND



WE ARE BRINGING BACK MOVIE NIGHT AHEAD OF THE HOLIDAYS! THIS WILL BE A GREAT EVENT FOR TAIT STUDENTS TO HAVE FUN WATCHING A MOVIE TOGETHER AND PARENTS TO MINGLE. WE HOPE YOUR FAMILY CAN JOIN US!

- + **WHEN: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND**
- + **TICKET DEADLINE PURCHASE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**
- + **TIME: DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6PM. MOVIE WILL START AT 6:30PM.**
- + **WEAR: PLEASE COME DRESSED IN YOUR CHRISTMAS SWEATERS AND PYJAMAS!**

TICKETS: INCLUDES POPCORN AND A DRINK.

PRE-ORDER ON MUNCHALUNCH: \$3.00

AT THE DOOR: \$5.00 (POPCORN AND DRINKS WHILE QUANTITIES LAST)

*****SEE THE EMAIL FROM MR. MASON ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH FOR MORE INFORMATION**

PRO-D DAY – Monday November 25th



Monday, November 25th, is a Professional-Development Day. Students will not come to school on this day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 31st- Nov. 15th
 - Monday Nov. 4th
 - Friday Nov. 8th
 - Friday Nov. 8th
 - Monday Nov. 11th
 - Wednesday Nov. 13th
 - Thursday Nov. 14th
 - Friday Nov. 15th
 - Friday Nov. 15th
 - Friday Nov. 15th
 - Thursday Nov. 21st
 - Friday Nov. 22nd
 - Friday Nov. 22nd
 - Monday Nov. 25th
 - Sunday Dec. 8th
 - Tuesday Dec. 10th
 - Thursday Dec. 19th
 - Thursday Dec. 19th
 - Friday Dec. 20th
 - Friday Dec. 20th
 - Dec. 23rd to Jan. 3rd
 - Wednesday Dec. 25th
 - Thursday Dec. 26th
 - Thursday Dec. 26th
 - Mon. Jan 6th
- Happy Diwali (Sikh + Hindu Faiths)
Photo Retake Day
Remembrance Assembly @10:30am
Indigenous Veterans Day
Remembrance Day Holiday
Tait Tiger Clothing Sale Finishes
Tait PAC 'Little Treasures' Donations
Birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikh Faith)
Tait PAC 'Little Treasures' Sale (2pm-4pm)
Hold and Secure Safety Drill
Cambie Band Visits Tait (10:45am)
Lockdown Safety Drill
PAC Movie Night
ProD Day at Tait
Bodhi Day (Buddhist Faith)
Grade 6 Immunizations
Tait Winter Concert
Term 1 Student Progress Reports Published
Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
Tait Sing-along
Winter Break (School is Closed)
Christmas (Christian Faith)
Kwanzaa (West African Cultural Celebration)
First Day of Hanukkah (Dec. 26-Jan. 2)
School Re-opens: First Day of Term 2