

TAIT TIGER NEWS

Newsletter #7

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From the Office

Last Day of School Before Spring Break – Fri. Mar. 14th



Spring Break is almost here! The last day of school before Spring Break is Friday, March 14th. To celebrate the coming Spring Break, we will also make Friday, March 14th Pajama Day. All students and staff are invited to wear pajamas on the final day before Spring Break.

We Are Planning For September 2025



Kindergarten Registrations: If you have a child turning five in 2025, 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 today.

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.

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.

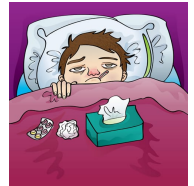
- If you believe your child is coming down with a cold or the flu, keep them home until they have recovered. Your child will recover more quickly at home, and we will not have others in the school also becoming ill.*
- DO NOT send students to school who have a fever, or who have vomited in the last 24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



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

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:

- in the parking lot, only stop and wait for your child in the designated 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*
- do not double-park your car in the school parking lot – other cars cannot move easily around double-parked cars and students and parents walking are at risk because they cannot easily see moving cars in the parking lot*
- do not park where there are no parking spots – our parking lot has two tight corners closest to the school and double-parking at these corners makes it hard for other parents to maneuver around your car*
- drive slowly and cautiously in all areas of 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 Basketball

Students in grades 6 and 7 have enjoyed a term of basketball. Mr. Imagawa is coaching our Grade 6/7 Co-Ed Team. Thank-you to Mr. Imagawa for volunteering his time at lunch and after school to coach these students! The students have learned a lot and have played games with neighbouring schools. Our Grade 6/7 Co-Ed team will play in the Cambie Secondary Tournament next Wednesday, March 12th. Tait families are invited to come to the tournament next Wednesday to cheer on our Tait Tigers.



PAC Movie Night – Friday March 7th

This coming Friday, March 7th is Movie Night, hosted by the wonderful RJ Tait PAC. It is a night for families to come together to watch a movie and meet their neighbours. The movie on Friday will be **The Wild Robot**. Doors open at 6pm and the movie will start at 6:30pm. You can purchase tickets for your child at the door. All students must be accompanied at this event by an adult. Pizza had to be preordered on MunchaLunch, so there may not be pizza to purchase on the day of this event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday, March 7 th | - PAC Movie Night @ 6:30pm |
| Tuesday, March 11 th | - Hot Lunch Day |
| Wednesday, March 12 th | - Cambie Secondary Grade 7 Basketball Tournament |
| Friday, March 14 th | - Pajama Day |
| Friday, March 14 th | - Last Day of School Before Spring Break |
| March 17 th -28 th | - Spring Break (school is closed) |
| Monday, March 31 st | - First Day Back after Spring Break |
| Tuesday, April 8 th | - HUB Bicycle Program for Divisions 1 & 2 |
| Thursday, April 10 th | - HUB Bicycle Program for Divisions 1 & 2 |
| Friday, April 18 th | - Good Friday Holiday |
| Monday, April 21 st | - Easter Monday Holiday |
| Friday, April 25 th | - Squash BC visits Divisions 1 to 5 |
| Wednesday, April 30 th | - Term 2 Student Progress Reports Go Home |
| Thursday, May 1 st | - Rocks and Rings Curling Program for all Divisions |
| Friday, May 2 nd | - Rocks and Rings Curling Program for all Divisions |
| Tuesday, May 6 th | - National Teacher's Day |
| Friday, May 16 th | - ProD Day (no school for students) |
| Monday, May 19 th | - Victoria Day Holiday |
| Friday, May 23 rd | - Tait's Got Talent Show (PM) |
| Thursday, May 29 th | - Grade 7 Tour at Cambie Secondary |
| Tuesday, June 3 rd | - Welcome to Kindergarten for 2025/2026 @ 1:00pm |
| Friday, June 13 th | - Fit and Fun Day at Tait |
| Monday, June 16 th | - Spanish Banks School Trip (Divisions 3-10) |
| Tuesday, June 17 th | - Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations |
| Tuesday, June 17 th | - Tait Family BBQ |
| Friday, June 20 th | - Grade 7 Farewell |
| Thursday, June 26 th | - Recognition Assembly |
| Thursday, June 26 th | - Last Day of School for Students (full day) |
| Friday, June 27 th | - Administrative Day |