

TAIT TIGER NEWS

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From the Office

PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS ORGANIZATION AND STUDENT PLACEMENT 2025-26

June is the month when the school staff spends considerable time discussing possible classroom placements of students for the next school year. Although we do not finalize classes until the first week in September, we do a great amount of preliminary thinking in June. There are many factors that are important considerations for placing students into appropriate classes for the next school year:

A. Student considerations such as:

- a student's learning styles and strengths
- a student's degree of independence and their work habits
- a student's age and physical maturity
- a student's previous year's placement
- what the student can do in relation to the goals of the program
- when a child has been the youngest or the oldest in a combined classroom
- the social and personal characteristics in a class cohort
- the male/female balance in a classroom
- the number of students with diverse learning needs

Please note: Over their 8 years in elementary, a student should experience a variety of settings, sometimes as the older grade in a class and other times the younger grade in a class.

B. Staff considerations such as:

- equitable teaching assignments in terms of class size and composition
- matching as closely as possible teaching style with student academic and social emotional needs

Parents, if you have information you would like us to consider when placing your child in a class for next year, please take this opportunity to submit your information to Mr. Mason **in writing (email or letter) by Friday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m.**

This information will be shared with teachers during the meetings that will be held to make up classes for next year.

Please Note:

- **It will not be possible to consider information or requests submitted by parents in September once classes have been established.**
- Please **DO NOT request specific teachers** – at this time we do not know which teachers will be teaching which grades next year

We work very hard to form the best learning environments for all students.

Parental requests are considered but not guaranteed.

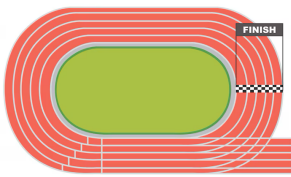
Around the School

Professional Development Day: Friday, May 16th

On Friday May 16th, there is a Professional Development Day at Tait Elementary. Students at Robert J. Tait will not be in session on this day. Teachers at Tait and in all schools in Richmond will be meeting to learn together and bring some amazing new ideas to your child's classroom. School will resume on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, after the Victoria Day Holiday.



Zone Track Meet at Minoru – Tuesday May 20th



On Tuesday, May 20th all Grade 4 to 7 students at Tait are invited to participate in the Zone Track Meet at Minoru Track. Tait students will have the opportunity to participate in track and field events like 200m Sprints, 4x100m Relays, Long Distance Running, Soft-ball throw, Long Jump, High Jump, and Shot Put and Discus (Grade 6/7 only). Our goal is to have 100% of our students participating in events at the Track Meet.

We will need parent support to get our Grade 4 to 7 students to the Minoru Track. A form was sent home to all Grade 4-7 parents requesting permission for your child(ren) to participate in this fun and exciting day. Please return this form to your child's teacher by Monday, May 12th. Additionally, we need PARENT DRIVERS who can drive students to the Minoru Track from Tait School at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 20th. If you can help drive students, please indicate this on your child's permission form.

TAIT'S GOT TALENT – FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

TAIT WILL BE HOLDING A TALENT SHOW ON FRIDAY, MAY 23RD IN THE AFTERNOON, STARTING AT 1:00PM. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WATCH THE TALENT SHOW. EXAMPLES OF STUDENT TALENT ARE: DANCING, KARATE, GYMNASTICS, SINGING, PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT, TELLING JOKES, MAGIC...

AUDITIONS HAVE COMPLETED AND STUDENTS ARE IN THE STAGE OF REFINING THEIR PRESENTATIONS IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR FRIDAY MAY 23RD.



Class Photo Day

On the morning of Friday, May 30th, 2025, it will be Class Picture Day at Robert J. Tait. Each class will have their class picture taken. We will also be doing our whole-school Panorama photo on this day. Smile!



End of the Year Events



Many parents may be wondering about our end of the school year special days, such as: Fit and Fun Day; the Service and Recognition Assembly; and the Grade 7 Farewell Assembly. Listed below are the dates for each special day!

- Fit and Fun Day (Friday, June 13th) – Will be held outside on the school field. This day will be weather permitting. **Parents are invited.** Students will be dismissed from school at 1:30pm. Parents, please plan for your child to be picked up at 1:30pm.
- Grade 7 Farewell (Friday, June 20th at 10:45am) – Will be held in the school gym. **Grade 7 Families are invited.**
- Spanish Banks Fun Day (Monday, June 16th) – Divisions 3-10 will be visiting Spanish Banks in Vancouver for a fun day at the beach. **Parents are invited to join us at Spanish Banks.**
- Service and Recognition Assembly (Thursday, June 26th) – Will be held in the school gym. **Parents are invited.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday, May 16 th | - ProD Day (no school for students) |
| Monday, May 19 th | - Victoria Day Holiday |
| Tuesday, May 20 th | - Track Meet at Minoru Track (Grades 4-7) |
| Friday, May 23 rd | - Tait's Got Talent Show |
| Thursday, May 29 th | - Grade 7 Tour at Cambie Secondary |
| Friday, May 30 th | - Class Photo Day (am) |
| Tuesday, June 3 rd | - Welcome to Kindergarten for 2025/2026 Kindergarten Families @ 1:00pm in the Tait gym |
| Friday, June 13 th | - Fit and Fun Day at Tait |
| Monday, June 16 th | - Spanish Banks School Trip for Divisions 3 to 10 |
| Monday, June 16 th | - PAC Annual General Meeting (6pm in-person @ Tait School) |
| 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 |
| Friday, June 27 th | - Administrative Day (School Office is open 9am-3pm) |