



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that there are less than six weeks left in the school year. Both staff and students have worked very hard this year to prepare for the following year. I would like to express my appreciation for all the hard work students, staff and parents have demonstrated this year to make Coal Tye Elementary a special place to be.

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May brought us the sun and the building of moral character. Honesty was May's virtue of the month and students were reminded of why it is important to be honest. Honesty builds trust. When you are honest with yourself, you accept yourself as you are. When you are honest, others can believe in you and rely on you. Admitting our mistakes and telling the truth helps us to build strength of character. Honesty is a leadership trait and it serves as the gateway for trust and inspiration. We are so very proud of Coal Tye students. Thank you so much for helping your child reflect on the monthly virtues and celebrating with us when you see them in action.

June's virtue of the month will be **courage**. Being vulnerable is not easy for anyone. Giving our children encouragement and opportunities to practice courage is important. At school this month, we will talk about things/experiences that worry us and strategies to overcome those feelings. With many of our students moving on to Grade eight, our hope is to send them off with courage to pursue their dreams.

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney

THANK YOU PAC

As the year winds down we would like to take this opportunity to thank the PAC for all the hard work and support they have given to the students and staff of Coal Tye Elementary. Your efforts have helped improve the quality of education received by our students.

PARENT APPRECIATION TEA/COFFEE

Please join us for a Parent Appreciation Tea on Wednesday, June 7, 2018 from 8:15-9:15. Come by and have an appreciation coffee/tea and a treat. We will have "to go" cups for those in a hurry and the front patio will be set up for those who want to stay longer. Thanks to parents/guardians for all that you do for us - we are truly grateful!

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Coal Tye will be hosting our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event on Tuesday May 29, 2018 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Our kindergarten teachers have organized a fun-filled morning for our incoming Kindergartens.

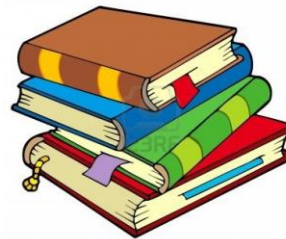
COAL TYEE DRESS CODE

With the warmer weather comes the need to wear lighter clothing. Please remember that school is a workplace for your child/children and what may be acceptable attire at the beach or other places may not necessarily be acceptable at the workplace. At Coal Tye, we adhere to the following guidelines.

Coal Tye Dress Code Guidelines:

Appropriate dress is considered to be that which:

- Is safe
- Is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, racism/discrimination, sex and or violence
- Is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting.
- No hats, bandanas etc. allowed to be worn in the main building unless a special event requires wearing these items.



TEXTBOOKS, LIBRARY BOOKS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have recently been doing inventory around the school and finding that we are missing quite a few textbooks and library books. We're asking you to have a look around the house, on the bookshelf, under the bed, etc., to see if you have any of our books. Textbooks are very expensive (up to \$60 each) and we simply cannot afford to lose any. In addition, a few of our school uniforms have gone missing as well. Again, please have a look around to see if any have been brought home and not returned. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.



LOST AND FOUND

Once again our Lost and Found is over-flowing with items. Please remind your child(ren) to take a minute and have a look to see if any items can be claimed before we send them to the Salvation Army.



MOVING AWAY

To help us with our planning for next year, please let us know if you will be moving out of the area. Also, if you are aware of families moving into the Coal Tye catchment area with school-aged children, please let us know. Families that are staying in Nanaimo but are thinking about changing schools next year need to register through the district online registration process before June 15, 2018 to confirm a spot in your new catchment area school. Follow the link below for more information. Thank you!

http://www.sd68.bc.ca/?page_id=2357

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2018-2019

The assignment of students into classes each year is a careful and deliberate one with much time and effort being spent to ensure the best possible learning environment for each child. This process is a result of meetings, which are held by the student's present teachers and administration, and further consultation with teachers from the next grade level. This division of students into classes is effected, keeping in mind the following factors:

- A balance between boys and girls
- Students who should not be together for a second year (occasionally certain children have a negative influence on each other and it is in their best interest that they be parted).
- Students who should be kept together (for opposite of factor b).
- Academic abilities - so that every class has a mix of ability levels.
- The learning style of the pupils - so that he/she can be assigned to the environment most likely to produce the best learning situation.
- Work habits and levels of independence.
- Special needs children.
- Contractual obligations
- Parental requests - based on the above valid academic, social, emotional needs of your child.
- * * * Parent requesting specific teachers will not be entertained, as we do not know the final placements of staff until September.

Please submit your request in writing to Mr. English only, and send it to the school no later than June 11th. We must stress, however that there are no guarantees of class placement based solely on a parental request.

We will be putting together "preliminary class lists" in June, but will not be finalizing class placement until September.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our year-end assembly has been scheduled for Thursday, June 28th, at 10:30 am. We will be honoring our grade seven graduates, recognizing some individual students and saying farewell to some of our staff.

TRACK AND FIELD

Approximately 80 students represented Coal Tye at the zone track and field meet on Wednesday. The meet was held at Rotary Bowl next to NDSS. The students competed very well and demonstrated excellent abilities. Student who finished in the top four will represent our school at the District Meet on Thursday June 7, 2018 at Rotary Bowl.



Every child deserves an education free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation and violence. The ERASE (Expect Respect and A Safe Education) bullying strategy is part of the Province of British Columbia's efforts to personalize learning and supports for all students.

For more information check out the website www.erasebullying.ca.



SUN SAFETY

The sun is shining and it is hot on the playground! It is that time of year again, time to slap on the sun block and to seek shade from the sun's damaging UV Rays. Our students spend a total of 45 minutes a day outside for recess and lunch. The sun on a high UV Index day, can burn the skin in less than 7 minutes. To prevent painful sunburn and possible skin diseases such as melanoma, we recommend students:

When the sun is strong:

- **Spend time in the shade, especially** between 11am and 3pm
- **Cover up** with clothes, a hat and sunglasses.
- **And use a sunscreen** with a protection level of at least SPF30. Use it generously and reapply regularly.

DATES TO REMEMBER



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| • | May 29 | Welcome to Kindergarten |
| • | June 4 | Recognition Assembly |
| • | June 6 | Parent Tea |
| • | June 7 | District Track Meet |
| • | June 8 | Hot Lunch |
| • | June 12 | Kindergarten Talent Show |
| • | June 13 | K-6 Fun Day |
| • | June 13 | PAC |
| • | June 15 | Talent Show |
| • | June 15 | PAC provided Hot Dogs |
| • | June 25 | School Field Trip to Rath Trevor |
| • | June 26 | Grade 7 Dinner |
| • | June 28 | Last Day of Classes |
| • | June 28 | Farwell Assembly 10:30 |