



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.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2016 - 2017

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 10th. 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.

THANK YOU

As the year winds down I 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.

TRACK AND FIELD

Approximately 80 students will represent Coal Tye at the zone track and field meet on Wednesday May 25, 2016. at Rotary Bowl in Nanaimo. The students will demonstrate their abilities and the ones who finish in the top four will represent our school at the District Meet on Thursday June 9, 2016.

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

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Coal Tye will be hosting our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event on Monday June 6, 2016. from 10:00-11:15 a.m. Our kindergarten teachers have organized a fun- filled morning for our incoming Kindergartens.

PARENT APPRECIATION TEA/COFFEE

Please join us for a Parent Appreciation Tea on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 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 garden 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!

Garden Grand Opening

We will be having our ribbon cutting ceremony for the garden on Wednesday June 1, 2016 after the parent tea. Please come and join us to help celebrate the garden grand opening.

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 Tyee, we follow the SD #68 Dress Code guidelines and add our own guidelines with respect to "revealing" clothing.

SD #68 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.

Coal Tyee Dress code guidelines:

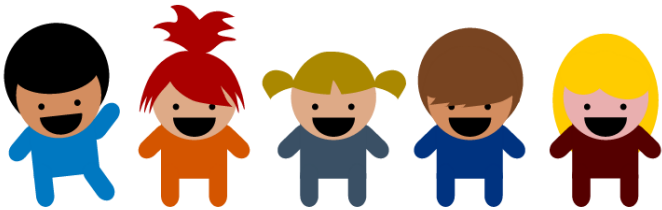
In addition to SD # 68 guidelines, Coal Tyee has adopted the following dress code guidelines:

- Students wearing clothes that are found to be distracting or "revealing" will be asked to "cover up" or phone home for more appropriate clothing. A rule of thumb is that tops join bottoms and undergarments remain unseen
- No hats, bandanas etc. allowed to be worn in the main building unless a special event requires wearing these items.



BEDTIME SHENANIGANS

We will be hosting an event for 3 and 4 year olds on Thursday May 26, 2016 in our gym from 6:00 -7:30. Games and activities have been planned to help introduce the school setting to future Coal Tyee learners. Come and join the fun.



It's time for some shenanigans!

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 Tyee catchment area with school aged children, please let us know. Thank you!

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our year end assembly has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 29th. At 10:30 am. We will be honoring our grade seven graduates, recognizing some individual students and saying farewell to some of our staff.



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.

SUMMER READING CLUB 2016

Summer Reading @ Vancouver Island Regional Library

Summer vacation is almost here and your children are no doubt dreaming about fun times and adventures! But in order to keep your children's reading skills sharp; it's also a smart idea to include reading as a part of their summer fun.

Like all skills, a little practice goes a long way. Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0 - 12 years to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will embark on a reading adventure at the library with this year's theme: **Book a Trip!** Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colorful reading records, tattoos, compasses, and medals.
- Chances to win cool prizes—the more they read, the more chances to win.

Best of all, Summer Reading Club is free.

You can register your children online starting June 20th at www.virl.bc.ca or you can drop by your local branch.

For more information, call or visit your local branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library or visit www.virl.bc.ca. In remote areas, the program is available through our Books by Mail service. Please call 1-877-415-8475 for information.

Planning a family trip or vacation? Don't forget that children can borrow from and return books to any of the 39 branches of Vancouver Island Regional Library located on Vancouver Island (except Victoria), Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the central mainland coast.



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.

SCRATCHCARD FUNDRAISER IS ENDING SOON!!

Just a quick reminder that the Scratchcard Fundraiser is coming to a close, and all cards and donations will need to be turned in soon. If you haven't completed your card yet, hurry hurry! There are only 5 more days left to get you Scratchcard completed. Please return all cards and donations by Tuesday May 24, 2016. If you prefer to hand you donation in by cheque, please make it payable to PAC. If you have any questions, or if you need more cards, please call 250-729-0450.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 25 Zone Track and Field
- May 26 Bedtime Shenanigans
- May 27 Spirit Day
- June 1 Parent Tea
- June 6 Welcome to Kindergarten
- June 9 District Track Meet
- June 12 Kindergarten Talent Show
- June 15 Camp Qwanoes - Grade 7
- June 17 Talent Show
- June 27 Div. 5 -10 Swimming
- June 27 Grade 7 Dinner
- June 28 School Field Trip to Rathtrevor
- June 29 Last Day of Classes