



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a happy holiday season to all the staff, students and parents of Coal Tye Elementary School. We have so much to be thankful for in this community as the holiday season comes upon us. It is truly an opportunity for families and friends to enjoy a safe and happy time together creating wonderful memories. Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday everyone!

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.
-Helen Keller

This month's virtue is "**Cooperation.**"

Cooperation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and to follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Cooperation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

This month, students have been working cooperatively to make decorations for the gym as well as practising performances for the Christmas concert. As a school we have been collecting dry and canned goods (non perishable items) for our annual food drive. We would like to thank parents and caregivers for all their support and cooperation during this busy holiday season. Many hands make light work.

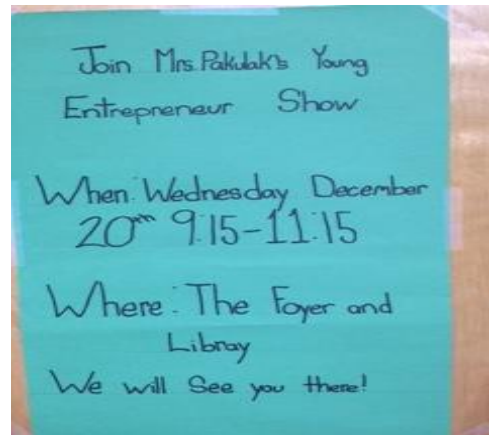
CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Thank you to Mrs. Lehtovaara for all her work orchestrating our spectacular Christmas concert.

Students were thrilled to perform and entertain a large audience with holiday "decade" songs. It was a delight to watch as teachers and parents cheered on the children.

ENTREPRENEUR FAIR



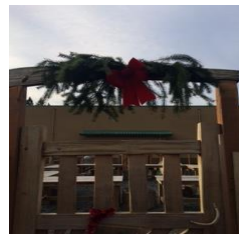
ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



Once again, Mrs. Reynolds and student leaders have organized a holiday featured food drive. Students are decorating the tree with ornaments from each donation. Any donations will be appreciated. We are collecting toys, clothes and non perishable food.

STEWARDS OF THE GARDEN

The holiday spirit is shining bright in our beautiful garden! Thank you to our decorating crew of parents and students.



LIBRARY NEWS

I have exciting news from the Library! Thanks to the student and staff support for our Indigo Adopt A School Program, we have raised an additional \$460 for new books for our school Library! Thank you to all who participated. We allow Library books to go home during the Christmas holidays and be sure to carve out some

time during the busy holidays to enjoy some books together. Happy Reading, Mrs. Jones

SCHOOL CLOSURES

It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reason that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, www.sd68.bc.ca, and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighborhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.



PAC NEWS

Poinsettia sales were a huge success!
Hilltop Poinsettias 2017 - profit of \$840
Purdy chocolates were sent home last week. We raised \$775!

A very special thank you to all PAC members and a special thanks to Liz Conley for all the distribution. A job well done!



Just a reminder that the PAC welcomes all parents to our monthly meetings which are held on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm. in the school library.



The Coal Tye Hockey League is in full swing. Games are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch. The season continues into February when the excitement of playoffs begins. A special thank you to Mr. English for organizing, coaching

and refereeing!

BANTAM AND PEEWEE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball season is also well underway. The Bantam girls have had a good start to the season and are working hard to further develop their skills with Mrs. Gaber and Mrs. Janzen. The Peewee girls coached by Mrs. Dickie are having a tremendous season. They are undefeated due to their teamwork and incredible sportsmanship.

PICK UP TIME

A reminder, pick up time is 2:30 Tuesday to Friday and 1:30 on Monday. There will be supervision at the front of the school and at the playground for 15 minutes past this time. In terms of morning supervision, it is also available 15 minutes prior to the start of classes (beginning at 8:23). Please do not send students to school earlier than 8:15.



LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your child to check the Lost and Found bins for any missing clothing. There is a large collection that has accumulated and will be donated to the Diabetes Foundation if not picked up by the end of next week.

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

We are anticipating that the Spirit Wear will be distributed to students on Thursday or Friday next week.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 19	Gr. 1 Skating
Dec 19	Gr. 2-7 Swim
Dec 20	Young Entrepreneurs
Dec 20-22	Morning Carolling
Dec 22	Hot Lunch
Dec 22	Winter Break
Jan 8	School Re-Opens