



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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DRESSING FOR WINTER



Welcome back. I hope everybody had a great winter break. I would like to remind parents that we expect our students to go outside to play during our

recess breaks. This is a healthy activity. Thank you for sending your children to school prepared for the cold, wet winter conditions. It is also helpful for students to have spare clothing available at school in case they get wet or fall in the mud.

VICE PRINCIPALS REPORT

After a well-deserved rest, our students and staff are ready and excited to start a new term. Many students are setting goals for the new year and teachers are supporting students with strategies to foster a "Growth Mind Set."

Our leadership students are in the process of putting together activities and messages pertaining to the new virtue of the month - "Kindness!"

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things.

Students will be practicing kindness in many ways this month. We will be encouraging "random acts of kindness" and good deeds that can make someone else's entire day! You can support and acknowledge the power of kindness at home by providing positive feedback when you notice your child being kind.

GUIDELINES FOR SICK KIDS - "WHEN DO I KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME?"

Please keep your child at home if he or she:

- ◆ Is vomiting (2 or more times in the past 24 hours)
- ◆ Has a body rash especially with a fever or itching
- ◆ Has diarrhea (3 or more watery stools in 24 hours)
- ◆ Has an eye infection (thick mucus draining from the eye)
- ◆ Has a sore throat with a fever or swollen glands
- ◆ Has a fever of 100 degrees F. or higher AND sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache or is just not feeling well. Is just not feeling well (unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, confused and cranky)

Please be sure to have back-up childcare if your child is ill. We would also ask you to remember to phone the school office (250 729-0450) if your child won't be attending.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away from school for the day or a period of days please give the secretary a call so that we can document the appropriate reason.



ONLINE REGISTER 2018/2019

The district will continue to use the convenient and streamlined **online** process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools
Online registration will begin Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 8 a.m. PST.

- Kindergarten
- French Immersion
- Late French Immersion
- Departure Bay Eco School
- Secondary Academies
- School Transfer

To register online you will need the following:

- A valid email address
- Snapshot or scan showing proof of your child's age and citizenship (ie. birth certificate, passport, care card etc.)
- Snapshot or scan showing 2 forms of proof of BC residency (ie. driver's license, utility bill, mortgage document etc.)

Register @ www.sd68.bc.ca

For more information email: ereg@sd68.bc.ca
Registration is online only

GREAT NEWS

During the last week before the Christmas break we received some fantastic news. Not one but two grants were given to support the Coal Tye garden and playground projects. A huge thanks to Jen Reinhart from Coast Capital Insurance Services Ltd. with a \$5000 donation to our playground project and \$1200 from the Farm to School foundation to support garden initiatives. Thanks to Kris Holman for doing leg work on this grant.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

February 19th and 20th are non-instructional days. On these days, staff will be involved in various professional development activities provided by teacher leaders and administrators around the district. The school will be closed on these two days.

ARTIST IN THE SCHOOL

This fall Nanaimo Art Gallery visited the school with their TD Artists in the School Program and inspired the students with art. Coal Tye Elementary School welcomed artists Lee Stead, Shino Yoneda, Kaylea Reeve and Arlene Deptuck for 11 sessions including Something Fishy, 3D Tiles, Monsters, Have a Hoot, Origami Ornament, Sticker Printing and Map our Future. Students experienced hands-on sculpture, pottery, printmaking, origami and more. We would like to thank our hard working PAC for supporting this program. For more information please visit nanaimoartgallery.ca

MEETING WITH STAFF MEMBERS



First thing in the morning, 8:40, as well as right at the end of the day is a particularly busy time in classrooms with students getting ready to start or finish their school day and parents picking or dropping students to and from class. At 8:40 teachers are

trying to start their classes and at 2:30 trying to help students as they leave for the day. These times are not appropriate to be having conversations with teachers about students as privacy of students, including your own child, cannot be guaranteed in this environment. Teachers are always happy to meet with parents, please contact the office and a message will be left for the teacher of your child to contact you to schedule an appointment.



JULY IN JANUARY

The next school spirit day is July in January. Students are encouraged to wear their summer clothes and accessories on Friday January 26th. Students and staff will be having a picnic lunch in the gym that day with summer music and games.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SATISFACTION SURVEYS

All grades 4 and 7 students will be participating in an electronic survey about their level of satisfaction with current educational programs and also their personal wellbeing within the school confines. The survey will be conducted in the computer lab under principal and/or teacher supervision. The parent survey information will be sent home as well. Please complete the survey at your convenience. Thank you.

VOLLEYBALL

Coal Tye Pee Wee and Bantam girls have been involved in the NETPE volleyball league since before Christmas. We have two teams that have demonstrated improved skills and excellent sportsmanship. I would like to thank Ms. Dickie for working with Pee Wee girls, Ms. Janzen, and Mrs. Gabor for working with the Bantam girls.



BASKETBALL

Basketball season starts in early February and ends by mid-April. If you are interested in helping with coaching or refereeing, please contact Mr. English. We are currently looking for sponsors and coaches for all four of our teams. Volunteers that are coaching teams will be required to go through a criminal record check. We are also in need of referees for our basketball season (schedule TBD). If you are interested in officiating or coaching or need more information, please contact Mr. English at 250-729-0450

SPIRIT WEAR

Our Fall/Winter order of Coal Tye Elementary Spirit Wear was delivered just before Christmas. Many students and staff ordered school clothing and it is nice to see them wearing the school logo proudly. We will be sending out another order after spring break for those families that are interested and missed the first order, we do have some extra items at the office that can be purchased. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Williamson.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please do not park in front of the school on Sun Valley Drive between 8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.—2:50 p.m. as this is a Kiss & Go Drop Off and Pick Up area only during these times. If you are dropping off your child, please consider using the area near the swings or on Mountain Vista Road in order to reduce congestion on Sun Valley Drive right in front of the school. If you want to park at the school, please use the parking lot near the swings or park on the street along Mt. Vista Drive. **Also, please make sure you are not blocking sidewalks, crosswalks or any other restricted parking areas.**

BIKE SAFETY

During the winter months there is less daylight. This increases the dangers on the roads with students cycling to school in very poor lighting conditions. It is very important that students wear brightly colored clothing or reflective tape so others can see you better.



Ideally, the importance of having proper lighting affixed to their bike is the best way to allow for others to see you best as a cyclist. Just a reminder, it's against the law to ride a bicycle without a red rear light and a white light on the front when riding at night. Also always wear your helmet --- "It's your last line of defense!"

SNOW RULES AT COAL TYEE SCHOOL

We'd like to remind parents and students of the "snow" rules at Coal Tyee Elementary School. The following rules are enforced for the safety of students:

- There is "no snowball throwing" on the grounds
- Students are not to participate in activities that may injure other students - face washing with snow, kicking chunks of snow/ice, etc.
- No sliding devices to be brought to school

It is important that our students understand the rules and our concern that snowballs can cause serious injury, especially to a person if struck in the eye.



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.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Once again, we will be selling World's Finest Chocolates to help raise money for our playground project. Information will be sent home in early February. Last year we raised over \$7000.00

COAL TYEE EMAIL LIST SERVE

Subscribe to our school newsletter! Because of the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation, we require parents' consent to send you our school newsletter via email. By signing up here:

https://wwwssl.sd68.bc.ca/Parent_Subscription/Subscribe.aspx?Schoolcode=coal you are giving your consent and you will receive the school newsletter to your email address. Alternatively, you can email subscribe-coaltyeeelementary-news@listsrv.sd68.bc.ca.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, be sure to look in your Spam folder. You can unsubscribe from this service at any time.

COAL TYEE WEBSITE

Our school website contains an assortment of information that may be of interest to students and parents. We can be found on the web at:

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/coaltyee>



DATES TO REMEMBER

July in January Spirit Day	January 26
Interim Report Card	February 2
Recognition Assembly	February 5
BC Family Day	February 12
Valentine's Day Spirit Day	February 14
Non-Instructional Day	February 19
Non-Instructional Day	February 20
Milton Randall	February 21
Pink Shirt Day	February 28