



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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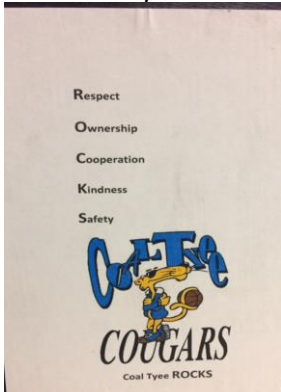
Message from the Vice Principal

A Virtues Project school offers
Naming virtues, not shaming
Mentorship, not censorship
Reflection, not rejection
Restitution, not retribution

One of the greatest gifts we can give our students is our commitment to bring out the best in them. The leadership students and staff at Coal Tye have been working hard to support and implement our school "Virtues" program. It is exciting to hear the common language as we develop a culture of caring and respect. Students are being empowered by using and understanding virtue language that builds authentic self-esteem. We encourage all parents and caregivers to share in our virtue common language by asking the question - What is the virtue of the month?

November's virtues of the month are Ownership and Responsibility. Together, we are learning that.....

- Being responsible means that others can depend on you.
- You are willing to be accountable for your actions.
- When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses.
- When you take responsibility for your own actions, others can trust you.



Students earn Cougar slips from teachers and staff when they demonstrate the virtue of the month. This enables students to win prizes during monthly Virtue assemblies.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mrs. Lehtovaara and the Coal Tye students will be presenting our Christmas concert on Thursday, December 14th. The afternoon performance will be at 1:00 p.m. and the evening performance will be at 6:30 p.m. The evening concert will be well attended; if you are able to attend the afternoon concert that would be much appreciated. Grandparents and extended family are encouraged to attend the afternoon performance due to fire regulations/gym capacity.

CBC Music Class Challenge

The grade 6 and 7 students recently completed an entry into the CBC Music Class challenge. The song was selected from several put out by the CBC. The challenge is open to students across Canada. We wish our intermediates good luck. Winners will receive recording equipment for the school.

Stewards of the Garden

Garden club is at long recess every Wednesday. It is open to all students. Special projects include: scarecrows, and decorating for the Holiday Season. Thank you to Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. James for all their hard work. They tell us that there is a surprise coming soon.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Appropriate communication between the school and home is a key component towards developing relationships in the school learning community. Research suggests that open lines of communication result in a more positive learning environment for both students and teachers. With such a variety of communication methods available to us these days (i.e. facebook, twitter, email, etc) it is very easy to use a communication tool that will not effectively help solve problems or issues that have occurred at school. At Coal Tye, we would like to encourage open lines of communication through the following methods.

1. If you have a classroom concern, please contact the teacher directly by calling the office to set up a time to meet and discuss the issue.
2. If your concerns are more school wide please contact the principal at the office.

MONSTER'S BALL THANK YOU

An enormous thank you to the parents involved in organizing and volunteering the day and night of the actual event. The event was well attended and much appreciated by the Coal Tye community. This event was a great fundraiser for our PAC.



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.

COLD WEATHER

The weather is starting to get colder in the mornings and I have noticed a few students not wearing appropriate clothing for the temperature. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day's weather. We also have coats and cold weather clothing for families that may need support. If this is an issue, please make the teacher or office aware.

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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Thanks again to Ms. Tye, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Lehtovaara and all the students and staff who took part in creating the amazing Remembrance Day assembly. Learning together is always so powerful! The message was clear; Remembrance Day is a day of sadness but it is also a time of hope. The hope of a better, more peaceful world for everyone. We were honored to have many parents join us. We were also delighted to have Mr. Cusson pipe in our students and special guests; Laura Tait, Acting Deputy Superintendent and Comrade Robert Chow from Legion Branch 256.

Metis Awareness Days



Coal Tye hosted the Metis Awareness Days. Students from 6 different schools participated in authentic Metis lessons that had them rotating through various stations and displays. Students were able to sample traditional Metis foods and enjoy storytelling in a beautiful tipi.

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club starts up this week, and will be running after school in the library until March. The club will take place on Wednesdays. Thank you to Mr. DeGear and Mrs. Savage for initiating this club. All ages and experience welcome; from kindergarten to grade seven - novice to expert! The goal is to learn in a fun environment, and hopefully improve ones' game.



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our cross country runners that participated in the zone and district cross country races. We had approximately 35 runners participating at the zone meet and 12 qualified for the district meet. A big thank you to Mrs. Dickie for organizing and coaching the team.

VOLLEYBALL

Mrs. Dickie will be coaching the Peewee Girls on Tuesdays and Mrs. Janzen will be coaching the Bantam Girls on Thursdays. The season starts next week.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the boys and girls that participated in the NETPEA football league. Student demonstrated good skill development and sportsmanship throughout the season.



Congratulations to the Bantam Boys who finished 4th in the district, bringing home a pennant for our school.

LIBRARY CODING AND ROBOTICS CLUB

Mrs. Jones is offering Coding and Robotics clubs on Wednesdays at lunch. The club has been going strong since the beginning of October. Approximately 15 students in Grades 3-7 meet in the computer lab on Wednesdays. The program we use is a free online site called Scratch, where students create code to make simple games. Coding Club will continue until the Christmas break.



Floor hockey

Floor hockey begins next week for students in grades four through seven. Thank you to Mr. English for organizing this.



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.

PARKING—SUN VALLEY DRIVE AND NEIGHBORHOOD DRIVEWAYS



Parents and the school took an active role in educating parents a few years ago about not using the front of the school (on Sun Valley Drive) as a place to park vehicles. This was to ensure student safety. As we know 350 students being dismissed or starting at the same time can cause foot traffic issues in front of the school and trying to minimize vehicle traffic and ensure a safer walk to or from home is paramount. Parents are encouraged to use this area as a "kiss and go" where vehicles do not actually park. If you need to park your vehicle please consider using the abundance of extra spots in the staff parking lot near the swings, or parking on Mountain Vista. On a parking note please ensure the driveways of our neighbors are not blocked as this can be troublesome getting in and out of driveways in the morning or afternoon. I have been informed that the bylaw officer will be making regular visits to our school during drop off and pick up times.



LOST AND FOUND

We have already acquired a wide range of clothes, shoes, and various other items in our lost and found storage boxes. During the week of the Christmas concert the contents will be displayed in the hallways for parents and students to check out. **After that, on Wednesday, December 22nd, all of these clothes will be collected by the Canadian Diabetes.**

School Spirit Wear

Order forms are due back November 24th



DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 24	Spirit Day (Twin Day)
Dec 4	Recognition/ Virtues Assembly
Dec 6	PAC Meeting 7:00
Dec 8	Poinsettia pick up at the school
Dec 13	Purdy's Chocolate delivery date
Dec 14	Christmas Concert 1:00 and 6:30
Dec 15	PJ Day (school read)
Dec 22	Movie Day
Dec 23	Winter Break
Jan 8	School Re-Opens