



THE COAL TIPPLE

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(PINK SHIRT) WED FEB 28TH

On Wednesday, February 28th we would like to encourage students and parents to wear

pink to school for Pink Shirt Day. The Ministry of Education has developed a guide to assist parents regarding bullying behaviour and other safety issues with the E.R.A.S.E. program. The guide can be found at: www.erasebullying.ca/

Vice Principal's message

This month's virtue is "Self-Discipline." Why are some people more successful than others? The answer is self-discipline. The leadership students have come up with 4 tips that support self-discipline and self-control.

1. Set goals

Your ability to set clear goals and then work towards them every day, will do more to guarantee your success than any other single factor.

2. Character

Self-discipline develops your character. It takes considerable willpower to do the right thing in every situation, but the end result is a sense of increased self-worth and self-esteem.

3. Time

Self-discipline helps you manage your time. The fact is that you cannot save time; you can only spend it differently. Always ask yourself, "Is this the best use of my time?"

4. Health

Self-discipline can improve your health. We know how important it is to eat good nutritious food, drink plenty of water, exercise, get enough sleep and have a really good attitude.

This month the leadership team was on a mission to look at different ways to save energy as well as save our earth. They sponsored Sweater Day on February 1st and sold candy-grams on February 14, 15 and 16. Students raised \$100 and money will be used to help save the endangered unicorns of the sea, narwhals. Our Recess Guardians have also been busy teaching various games to multi-aged groups of students this month in the Gym. We are looking forward to the good weather as the Recess Guardians will be able to provide fun, "inclusive" games and activities outdoors.

HEAD LICE

This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent the spread of head lice among children at our school, we ask that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice.

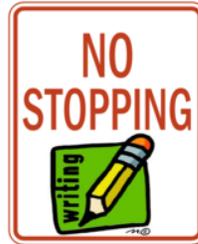
The wet combing technique is now recognized as the best method for detecting lice and their nits (brochures on wet combing are available at the office).

If you detect head lice on your child, we ask that you notify the school, and treat immediately. Avoid using head lice shampoos. They may no longer be effective in killing all lice and their nits, and may cause skin irritation. Inexpensive conditioner and special lice combs, used as directed, will eliminate lice from your child's head. Hair conditioner and lice combs are available at most drug stores.

Remember that head lice are a nuisance. They do not carry disease, are not a health risk, and do not mean that your child is dirty. Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly limit the spread of head lice in our school.

More information is available from the Public Health Nurse (250-755-3388).

Thank you for helping to prevent head lice from becoming a problem. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.



DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONES

We noticed more and more people dropping and picking up students along the driveway in front of the school. This area is not a drop off or pick up zone. This area is reserved for the

district school bus, the two after school care busses and vehicles with disability privileges. Please use the area on Sun Valley in front of the school as a pick up and drop zone. 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 neighbours are not blocked, as this can be troublesome getting in and out of driveways in the morning or afternoon.

COAL TYEE ATHLETICS



Basketball season is underway and we have three teams competing in the NETPEA league this year. Over thirty students have signed up to represent Coal

Tyee. Our Pee Wee girls' team (Grade 5-6) is coached by Mr. Pinkney (sponsored by Ms. Dickie). Our Pee Wee

boys' team is coached by Mr. English. Our Bantam boys' team is coached by Mr. Stupich (sponsored by Mrs. Hoover). Good luck to all teams.

STUDENTS PHONING/TEXTING HOME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



There has been increased number of communication devices being brought to school, especially by our older students. As a result, students are using these items during classroom instructional

time to text, send messages or view or take photos. Needless to say, these activities are interfering with lessons, other student's personal space and students' ability to learn.

A reminder to students and parents that cell phones should not be used during the school day to text, send messages, view or take photos or videos. Occasionally teachers may give permission to students to use their device's utilities, such as calculators and music players etc. If a student needs to contact a parent or caregiver during the day, they are able to use the telephone in the office of just outside the office, after asking for and receiving teacher permission.

If your child calls or texts you from his/her cell phone during the school day you can assume it is without staff permission. These sorts of phone calls or texts can often disrupt the learning environment of an entire class.

Also, the school cannot be responsible for these items should they be lost or stolen.

In emergency situations, parents are reminded to call through to the office and someone will ensure the message is passed along to your child.



READY SET LEARN

Coal Tyee will be hosting a Pre-school Pizza Party Gymboree on Wednesday February 28th from 5-7 pm. This free event is for 3-5 year olds. To register for the event and pizza choice (cheese or Pepperoni) please call 250-741-5233 or email RSLREG@sd68.bc.ca

LEAP PROGRAM

The Leisure Economic Access Policy (LEAP) program provides access to the City of Nanaimo recreation facilities for families in financial need that are living in the City of Nanaimo, City of Lantzville and the surrounding area, including Electoral Areas A (Cranberry, Cedar, South Wellington), B (Gabriola Island), and C (Extension, East Wellington).

Eligible LEAP cardholders are entitled to a 50 percent course fee discount (to a maximum of \$40) for four courses per year. In addition, participants will be issued to receive a Swim/Skate/Gym Pass for 50 free admissions throughout the year. Some programs may not qualify for the discount. Applications can be picked up at the office or downloaded online at:

<http://www.nanaimo.ca/assets/Departments/Parks~Rec~Culture/Publications~and~Forms/leapform.pdf>

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER FOR PLAYGROUND

Again, this year we will be giving students the opportunity to sell World's Finest Chocolates to help raise money for our playground. Chocolates should arrive next week for distribution. Students will have until Spring Break to sell.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

It appears that the cool wet weather will be with us for a while. Without a doubt, there will be many days students will ask the question "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days will be "no". Students will be going outside to play at lunch recess unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain gear and cool weather clothing including rain or snow boots depending on the conditions. At Coal Tyee we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. It is also advisable for students have a change of clothes in their school bags.

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 Tyee, 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.

BOOK SWAP

The Library will be hosting a book swap on March 14th. Students are encouraged to bring their old books that they do not read anymore to donate to the book swap in exchange for other books. If you have any books to donate, please bring them to Mrs. Jones in the Library. For each book you bring in, you will receive a ticket that can be used on the book swap day. We would also be happy to accept any parent volunteers for set-up on the 13th and general help on the morning of the 14th. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of the Library.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 28 Anti-Bully Day - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 28 Camp Quality Puppet Show
- Mar 5 Virtues/Recognition Assembly
- Mar 14 PAC Meeting
- Mar 16 Spirit Day
- Mar 16 Spring Break Begins
- Apr 3 Classes Back in Session