



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach May, I am reminded of how quickly our school year has flown by since we started in September and how much more is left to do in a relatively short period of time. Over the next two months, staff will be meeting to work on class organization for September 2018. This is an involved process and a great deal of consideration goes towards making the best possible instructional environment for all students. Congratulations to the Coal Tye community for your excellent work on the recent playground fundraiser. The final total is not in yet, but it looks like we will have raised around \$7000. Way to go Coal Tye. Please make sure you have returned all money and any unsold chocolates.

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.*

Robert Frost

In keeping with the weather, April's virtue is "Flexibility." This month, Coal Tye students will learn that Flexibility means being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, you are willing to change your mind. If something does not work, you try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

Parents can support this virtue at home by helping their children to become flexible thinkers. This means helping them to think about a problem in a new way. For example, helping kids to let go of an old way of doing something to try a new way. When our children engage in flexible thinking, they are better able to cope with change and new information in all areas of their life; school, home and out in the world. We can teach students to work through a problem by using "self-talk." We do this by teaching kids to take a few deep breaths, state the problem, think of at least two or three solutions and choose one. Developing flexible thinking allows children to become better problem solvers, engage in positive peer interactions and focus in the classroom.

SPIRIT WEAR

We are once again selling Coal Tye spirit wear this spring. Notices with items and prices will go home this week. Orders are due to classroom teachers by Friday April 27th. Extra order forms can be found at the office if needed.

CLASS PHOTOS

The photographer will be here on Wednesday April 11th to take class photos. Remember to look your best.

MOVING AWAY

To help us with our planning for next year, please inform us if you will be moving out of the area. Also, if you are aware of families moving into the Coal Tye catchment area with school aged children, please let us know.



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.

COAL TYEE ATHLETICS



The basketball regular season ended for all our teams last week. All players demonstrated excellent individual skill development as well as developed positive team work skills since the beginning of the season. The Bantam team will be playing their first playoff game against Fairview this week. Good luck Gr. 7's. Thanks again to Jeff Pinkney, Davis Stupich, Chantelle Delage and Craig Hoover for working with the students. I would also like to thank our staff sponsors (Catherine Dickie, and Alicia Hoover) for supporting the teams. Now that basketball is almost over, we will begin to prepare for track and field for students in grade 3-7. We will be looking for several volunteers to help us with our school track meet, which takes place on May 8, 2018. If you are interested, please let the office know.

TRACK AND FIELD

All students in Grade 3-7 will be participating in our annual school track & field meet on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and arrives to school on time as the buses leave for the Rotary Bowl at 9:00 a.m. Students will ride on school buses for the return trip back to Coal Tye as well (approx 2:15). Any parent who wishes to pick up their child from the track meet may do so but please ensure your child's teacher is aware of this pick-up arrangement prior to leaving the school in the morning. Please note parking is an issue around the Rotary Bowl; there is pay parking beside the baseball field. You will also want to send your child with a packed lunch/extra snacks and lots of water.

SPLASH AND DASH

Several of our students participated in the annual Splash and Dash race at Beban Park on Friday April 6, 2018. Ms. Dickie organized the group and persevered through the inclement weather conditions. Way to go Coal Tyee!

SCHOOL PARKING/DROP OFF

For parents driving to Coal Tyee just a gentle reminder to not block the driveways of our neighbors, as this can be troublesome for neighbors needing to leave their driveways in the morning or towards the end of our school day.

A couple of the neighbors have phoned the school as the blocking of their driveways is becoming a daily issue.



TRAFFIC SAFETY



Please do not park in front of the school on Sun Valley Drive between 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. as this is a Kiss & Go Drop Off and Pick Up area only during these times.

If you want to park at the school please use the parking lot near the swings or along Mt. Vista Drive. **Also, please make sure that the inner driveway area is kept free for buses and special needs parking only.**

COAL TYEE DRESS CODE

With the warmer (we hope soon) 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 allowed to be on student heads in the building unless it's a special event.



SUN SAFETY

The sun is shining and it is hot on the playground! It is that time of year again, time to slap on the sun block and to seek shade from the sun's damaging UV Rays. Our students spend a total of 45 minutes a day outside for recess and lunch. The sun on a high UV Index day, can burn the skin in less than 7 minutes. To prevent painful sunburn and possible skin diseases such as melanoma, we recommend students:

1. Wear sun block everyday from April until October.
2. Wear long sleeves, a hat and sunglasses.

Even a few sunburns can increase your chances of getting a skin cancer like melanoma. The BC Cancer Agency says that we should "Avoid UV radiation and prevent sunburn, especially during childhood."

Please encourage your child to wear sun block and to bring a hat and sunglasses to school for outside play time.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Once again, we will be supporting the Heart and Stroke foundation through the Jump Rope for Heart program. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in the pledge drive if they choose. Donation envelopes will be handed out next week and will be collected at the end of the month.



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 11	Class Photos
April 11	PAC Meeting
April 13	Fun Lunch
April 27	Fun Lunch
April 27	Spirit Day (Literary Character)
May 4	Speed Control performance
May 8	School Track and Field Meet
May 9	PAC Meeting
May 10	Pro D - Curriculum Implantation Day
May 11	Pro D - Non Instructional Day-
May 16	All Science Challenge
May 18	Spirit Wear (Jersey Day)
May 21	Victoria Day Stat
May 23	Zone Track and Field Meet