

THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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<http://www.coaltyee.mysd68.ca/>

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to a new school year!! Hopefully, you have enjoyed a very happy and memorable summer vacation. I would also like to extend an especially warm welcome to those families that are new to the school and the community. We look forward to the experience of working with your children. As principal, I look forward to an exciting and productive school year with plenty of memorable learning experiences for students and staff alike. It is my belief that optimal educational growth for students is promoted by an active partnership between the school and the home. I'd encourage parents to make the effort to get to know their child's teacher(s) and to get involved in activities around the school. Feel free to come by the office to introduce yourself. Also feel free to contact me to share information about educational issues regarding your child(ren). On behalf of the entire Coal Tye Elementary Staff, welcome back!

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

It is a true pleasure to be serving as Coal Tye's Vice Principal for my second year. At Coal Tye our focus is Learning and Leading together! Teaching and Learning occurs when teachers see through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. We are excited and empowered as we continue the journey with the new B.C. curriculum. In promoting Student Metacognition students will learn to "think about their thinking" as they plan, monitor and assess their own understanding and performance. Research confirms that if students reflect on how they learn, they become better learners. I am excited to continue working with leadership students to support our school wide virtues program. Our goal is to nurture our students in the skills and qualities they need to be successful in school and in life.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We are pleased to introduce the following new staff to the Coal Tye team: Please welcome Kathy Williams SST, Kristin Singbeil Library, Kurt Feschuk Gr. 3, Morgan Spry Gr. 2 and 3, Jena Finetti Counsellor, Michelle Kamalkoff Ab Ed EA, Mary Maxwell, Morganne Martell, Pam Tom, Kathleen Moffat and Heidi Hoffman Huber EA's. We wish all of our new staff members much success in their new assignments.

2018-2019 BELL SCHEDULE

Morning Session	8:38 (start of day)
Morning Recess	10:15 - 10:30
Lunch Recess	11:45-12:21
PLC Dismissal Mon	1:30
Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri	2:30

TSUNAMI OF PAPERWORK

Over the next couple of weeks, there will be large quantity of information that is sent home with your children. Some of that information requires parent signatures and will need to be sent back to the school ASAP. Please ask your child and check backpacks regularly to ensure you are getting the information being sent home.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES/PLANNERS

Just a reminder that all students in grades 1-7 will be using school planners this year. The cost of the planners to parents is \$5.00. Please pay the classroom teacher. All parents are also asked to pay \$35 (K-7) and \$40 (Kindergarten) for their supplies. Please make cheques payable to "School District 68".

STAFFING FOR 2018-2019

Principal	Doug English
Vice Principal	Marisol Chatton
Secretary	Jill Williamson
Secretary	Adrianna Furlan

<u>Division</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
1	Mrs. Tammy Reynolds
2	Ms. Judith Tye
3	Ms. Shannon Pakulak
4	Ms. Ann-Marie Brayden
5	Mr. Michael Ingalls
6	Ms. Catherine Dickie
7	Mrs. Debbie Taylor
8	Ms. Karen James/Mr. Kurt Feschuk
9	Mr. Derek De Gear/Miss Morgan Spry
10	Mrs. Sue Miron
11	Mrs. Marisol Chatton/ Miss Morgan Spry
12	Mrs. Sarah Armstrong
13	Ms. Tracy Savage
14	Mrs. Margaret Dent
15	Mrs. Shannon Jones

Student Support Teachers	Ms. Kathy Williams Ms. Karen James
Teacher Librarian	Ms. Kristin Singbeil
Music Teacher	Mrs. Jennifer Lehtovaara
School Councilor	Mrs. Jena Finetti
Speech/Language	Mrs. Hailey Janzen
School Psychologist	Ms. Madelyn Worth
Child & Youth Care Worker	Mr. Bryan Gooden
Education Assistants	Mrs. Kevin Breakey, Mrs. Alicia Hoover Mrs. Pam Tom, Mrs. Kathleen Moffat Ms. Morganne Martell, Mrs. Heidi Hoffman Huber and Mrs. Mary Maxwell.
Aboriginal E.A.	Mrs. Michelle Kamalkoff
Noon Hour Supervision	Mrs. Kevin Breakey and Mrs. Alicia Hoover
Custodians	Mr. Carl Etzerza and Mr. Jason Ritchie
Library Clerk	Mrs. Julie Kim
Crossing Guard	Mrs. Arlene Moore



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.

COMMUNICATION

The school will maintain regular communication with you via the school newsletter and email Listserve. Newsletters will be sent out on the schools Listserve on the last week of each month. For the first couple of months a paper copy will be sent home with all students.

The advent of the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation has changed the way that schools can email information to parents. In order to send email that contains commercial content, schools must have the consent of parents. Unfortunately, the rules have changed so much that we are not able to send anything home that pertains to money collection including things like fundraising activities, fun lunch, school photos etc. This information is common in our newsletters.

We would like to continue to be environmentally conscious and utilize the list serve as much as possible. There are two ways that you can subscribe:

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

https://wwwssl.sd68.bc.ca/Parent_Subscription/coaltyee.htm

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 don't receive a confirmation email, be sure to look in your Spam folder. You can unsubscribe from this service at any time.

2. You can send us your email address and we can submit the information for you.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/BEHAVIOUR

During the first few weeks of a new school year, it is very important for students to review and to understand what will be the expected behaviour both in the classroom and on the playground. Throughout the year, the following will be emphasized so that a safe and non-threatening environment can be maintained.

Students are expected to:

- Act in a safe, responsible and orderly manner, recognizing and respecting the rights of others as well as their own.
- Develop the use of self-discipline.
- Be courteous at all times.
- Achieve to the best of their ability.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Throughout the year, if problems or concerns arise, or if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the school promptly. The telephone number is 250-729-0450. If, at any time, you wish to make an appointment to meet with any of the teachers or myself, please contact the school secretary, Mrs. Jill Williamson, who will arrange a meeting time that is mutually convenient. You can also reach the school by email at denglish@sd68.bc.ca.

PICK UP TIME

A reminder that pick up time is 2:30 pm Tuesday to Friday and 1:30 pm on Mondays. There is supervision at the front of the school and by the adventure 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 am.

TERRY FOX RUN



The Terry Fox run will take place on Friday, September 21st. Last year Coal Tyee raised over \$350.00 in donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. This year we have set a goal of \$500. We are going to have a friendly challenge to see which class can raise the most money. If everyone brings in a Tootie, we will shatter last year's total. Let's go Coal Tyee!!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

PAC (7 PM Library)	Wed. Sept 12
Terry Fox Run.....	Fri. Sept 21
Open House, Meet the Teacher (5:30-6:30)	Thurs. Sept 27
Photo Day	Wed. Oct 3
Pro D (Curriculum Implementation).....	Thurs. Oct 4
Pro D (School based).....	Fri. Oct 5
Thanksgiving.....	Mon. Oct 8
PAC (7 PM).....	Wed. Oct 10
Parent-Teacher conferences.....	Oct. 15-18
Pro-D [Province wide].....	Fri. Oct 19
Photo Retake Day	Mon. Oct 22
Monster Ball	Fri. Oct 26
District Cross Country.....	Thurs. Nov 8
Remembrance Day Assembly	Fri. Nov 9
Remembrance Day	Mon. Nov 12
PAC (7PM).....	Wed. Nov 14
Primary Christmas Concert	Tues. Dec 11
PAC (7pm)	Wed. Dec 12
Last Day before Winter Break	Fri. Dec 21
First Day back	Mon. Jan 7
PAC (7PM).....	Wed. Jan 16
July in January	Fri. Jan 25
Student Progress Report	Fri. Feb 1
PAC (7 PM).....	Wed. Feb 13
BC Family Day	Mon. Feb 18
Non-Instructional Day	Mon. Feb 25
Pro-D [District wide]	Tue. Feb 26
PAC (7 PM).....	Wed. Mar 13
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. Mar 15
First Day back	Mon. Apr 1
PAC (7 PM).....	Wed. Apr 10
Good Friday	Fri. Apr 19
Easter Monday.....	Mon. Apr 22
PAC (7 PM).....	Wed. May 8
Pro-D (school based)	Fri. May 10
Intermediate Spring Concert	Thurs. May 16
Victoria Day.....	Mon. May 20
Parent Tea	Wed. June 5
PAC (7 PM).....	Wed. Jun 19
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:30).....	Thurs. Jun 27
Administration Day.....	Fri. Jun 28

PARKING CONCERNS

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 360 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 neighbours are not blocked as this can be troublesome getting in and out of driveways in the morning or afternoon.**

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our school extracurricular activities, such as touch football for both boys and girls and cross-country, are due to begin in the next two weeks. We are in need of some parent volunteers that are interested in helping coach. If any parents are interested in helping out with extracurricular activities this term or throughout the year, please call me at 250-729-0450. Sign up for football and cross country will take place this week and practices should start soon.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is expected students will dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to a positive and safe learning environment. Appropriate dress is safe; is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, discrimination, sex and or violence; is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Students will receive a double sided information sheet this week. It is very important that parents fill out both sides completely and accurately and return them back to school as soon as possible.

1. **Student Information Form**- These forms allow us to keep track of addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts & medical information. The form is very useful in case of an emergency, or illness.

2. **Student Emergency Release Form and Student Information Consent Form**. The information on these forms is useful to teachers when planning and organizing classroom activities or field trips.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

Three years ago our district implemented a new policy around volunteering in our school. Parents must now have a criminal records check before they sign up to volunteer in the school or as a fieldtrip driver. The process has been simplified and is now online. Information will be sent out soon with instructions on how to complete the CRC process. School District criminal record checks are good for 5 years.

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are sometimes issued with school textbooks, supplies, equipment, etc., throughout the school year. It is the pupil's responsibility to take care of any item that is on loan to him/her. A school has a very limited budget for the replacement of materials and resources. Students who lose, deliberately deface or destroy school property, may be expected to replace the item.

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

We are looking forward to the Scholastic Book Fair coming to our school on September 27th and 28th! We will also have a Family night during the Open House on the 27th from 5:30-6:30. This is our main fundraiser for the Library to get new and exciting books into the hands of our students. The Book Fair will be open after school on Sept 28th from 2:30-3:30. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with crowd management, book finding and set up and take down. If you are interested, please see the sign up sheet located at the front of the Library. Thank you for your support!

FAMILY ROUTINES CAN MAKE SCHOOL EASIER

Create a morning routine. Follow a regular schedule for everything that your child needs to do - from getting up, eating and making the bed, to walking out the door.

Send your child off on a positive note. Say, "Have a great day. I love you!"

Don't interrupt school time. Schedule doctor and other appointments during non-school hours.

Ask every day, "How did your day go?" Ask specific questions about school.

Check your child's schoolwork daily. Praise good work and review mistakes as well.

Set a consistent homework time. Make sure this time is free of phone calls and TV.

Look through your child's backpack every night. Check for notes from the teacher.

Check your child's assignment list every day. Make sure your child is writing down all assignments.

Remind your child to take care of daily chores.

Set aside a time for your child to read. A half hour before bed is often good.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Grade 6 students will be bringing home information and a consent form for the following vaccines:

- Hepatitis B
- Meningococcal
- CVaricella (Chickenpox)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for girls only

Please read the information and consent carefully. Sign and return the consent to the school as soon as possible.

Hepatitis B is a serious disease that affects the liver. Meningitis is a serious disease that can affect the lining of the brain. Although uncommon, Chickenpox can cause serious complications such as pneumonia or infection of the lungs, encephalitis or inflammation of the brain, and bacterial skin infections such as Group A Streptococcus or "flesh eating disease" which can be life-threatening. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine will be offered to students who have not had chickenpox vaccine or chickenpox disease after one year of age. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine protects against cancer of the cervix and will be offered to girls only.

For more information contact:

Your local Health Unit

Health Link BC - dial 8-1-1 for a free call (formerly known as the BC Nurse Line)

www.immunizebc.ca

Health Units:

Nanaimo Public Health	250-755-3342
Health Centre	250-755-3342

STUDENT SAFETY

If your child rides a bicycle to school, please review the rules of the road with him/her and ensure he/she has a bike lock. Bicycle helmets are mandatory for all riders. It is a good idea to have your child's name on the helmet. Also, students walking to and from school must use designated sidewalks and crosswalks.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Some students must, of necessity, take medication while attending school. Parents need to fill out a request for administration of Physician Prescribed Medication. All medication must be locked up in the office area and administered by the staff member that has signed the request form. If you have to send medication to school with your child, please note the District Policy.

STUDENT DAY PLANNERS

Teachers continue to stress the importance of preparing for today's world by teaching the skills of organization and time management. The student journal/planner is an effective tool in realizing these goals as it encourages interaction and communication between the child, the parent and the teacher.

Students in grades 1 to 7 will use a planner to arrange, organize and co-ordinate all their assignments and correspondence between home and the school.

The cost for each planner is \$5.00. Please remit this sum to your child's teacher - all cheques should be made out to SD#68 - thank you.

These Planners can be very useful in the areas such as:

- goal setting - home and school (long and short term)
- planning for future events
- keeping track of homework
- communication between home and students

Students can make good use of their Planners by being responsible for:

- having them at school on their desk or table, every day
- recording their homework
- recording their long and short range goals
- recording "coming events" reminders

Parents can help by:

- reviewing the Planner with your child(ren) (there are other useful parts of the book - times tables, calendars, math and spelling information, tips, etc.)
- looking at the daily entries and initialing the Planner
- writing a comment to the teacher if needed

At school, teachers will assist by:

- reviewing the Planner with the class
- checking the Planners regularly
- talking to students about goal setting
- allowing a few minutes at the end of the day for students to complete their Planners

MORNING ARRIVALS

Just a reminder to parents dropping off students for school in the morning, the supervision begins at 8:23 am, so please do not bring students before our staff has supervision in place for the safety of children unless requested by a staff member.

PAC

We have an active PAC at Coal Tyee, which is always in need of new or more members. I would encourage parents to get involved in the goings on at PAC. Many programs in and around the school are run and facilitated by members of PAC. PAC meetings are not generally very long (1 hr to 1 hr 15 minutes) and occur once a month. The first meeting of the year was Wednesday, September 12th starting at 7 pm in the library. Regular PAC meeting will occur on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Similar to Coal Tyee newsletters and office correspondence, communication from PAC can also be emailed out on the Coal Tyee list serve.

RISK/THREAT ASSESSMENT

SD 68 takes all threats seriously. What parents and students need to know? Students and parents need to be aware of the steps the school district will take in responding to a threat:

- Any threats must be reported to the school principal, counselor, or some other responsible adult
- Nanaimo-Ladysmith schools will follow up on every reported threat
- Follow-up may involve the police
- Interviews will be held with the threat-maker and any other students who may have information about the threat
- Threatening behaviour may result in discipline for a student
- Intervention plans may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any students who are the target of threats

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our meet the teacher night is scheduled for Thursday September 27, 2018 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Please drop in to meet your child's teacher.

LUNCHES AT SCHOOL

Those who eat lunch at school cannot leave the school grounds during the lunch break without prior written permission from their parents. During periods of very poor weather, arrangements are made for pupils to remain indoors during recess times. Educational Assistants and administration will provide supervision during the lunch break. Parents and students must be aware that eating lunch at school is a privilege. Students who persistently misbehave during the lunch break will lose the privilege of staying at school during the lunch break and will be required to make other arrangements for their lunch break off the grounds.



PHOTO DAY

On Wednesday October 3rd we will be taking individual student and class photos starting in the morning. The company we are working with will be using an online program. More information will be coming soon

BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

We continue to be a part of this program. As part of this program, our school receives fruits and vegetable (and milk) that is distributed to classes periodically. In addition to this we also provide a fruit bin at the office, that has a number of healthy choices.

The entire staff at Coal Tyee is committed to providing a stimulating, rewarding and fun educational experience for your child. We look forward to working with you as partners to reach that goal. Home and school working together is key in achieving the greatest results.