



# THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this time to thank all the parents and other volunteers that help out at Coal Tye. Throughout the year we have many functions and activities that require help from our local community. We are truly blessed with the commitment demonstrated by the parents of Coal Tye Elementary.

## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"To prepare for the future requires well-educated citizens who are able to think critically, **creatively** & adapt to change."

BC Ministry of Education

This month's virtue is creativity. Creativity is a precious energy and form of expression. It is the act of turning new and imaginative ideas into reality. Creativity is a key component of health and happiness and a core skill to practice with kids. It is not limited to artistic and musical expression but is also essential for core subject areas like math and science. Creative people are flexible and good problem solvers.



Students receive a virtue ticket when they are caught demonstrating a virtue. Tickets are placed into our school treasure chest for monthly draws during our virtues' assemblies. These virtue tickets are one example of how our students reflect on the core competencies of communication,

creative thinking, personal and cultural identity, personal responsibility and social responsibility.

The leadership students are celebrating November's virtue by promoting this year's first school wide spirit day. November 30<sup>th</sup> will be "Crazy Sock Day!" We encourage parents and guardians to join in on the fun and get creative with their kids.

## MRS. CHATTON

Last night we received news that Mrs. Chatton will be assigned as the acting principal of another school in our district as of Monday November 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a short term assignment and we expect Mrs. Chatton to be back after Christmas break. Mr. Ingalls has accepted the temporary Vice Principal job at Coal Tye and we will be looking for a replacement for both Mrs. Chatton and Mr. Ingalls' classroom assignments.

## STEWARDS OF THE GARDEN

Garden club is at long recess every Thursday. It is open to all students. Special projects include: scarecrows, and decorating for the Holiday Season. Thank you to Mrs. James, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Urbanoski and Ms. Leggett for all their hard work. We also encourage parents and guardians to drop by any Thursday from 11:40 - 12:20 to help in the garden.

## 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 Liz Connelly and the other 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, who were able to raise approximately \$800.00

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mrs. Lehtovarra and the Coal Tye **Primary Students (K-3)** will be presenting our Christmas concert on Tuesday December 11th. The afternoon performance will be at 1:00 p.m. and the evening performance will be at 6:30 p.m. This year, only students in grades K-3. The intermediate students will be presenting a spring concert on May 16, 2019.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Order forms and money are due back Monday November 26<sup>th</sup>



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](http://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](http://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 and Mrs. Reynolds, 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; Constable Kaufman from Nanaimo RCMP and Comrade Robert Chow from Legion Branch 256.



### **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 after school. Thank you to Ms. Williams 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. Students must submit a parent permission form to either Ms. Williams or Mrs. Savage. Forms are available through Mrs. Savage.

### **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 several that 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 Bantam Girls and Mr. Ingalls will be coaching the Peewee Girls. The schedule and practice information as well as permission forms will be sent out soon. Thanks to the coaches for volunteering their time and good luck girls.

### **CODING CLUB**

Mrs. Jones is offering Coding club starting in the near future. The club will meet at lunch. The program that is used is a free online site called Scratch, where students create code to make simple games. Students will need to pick up permission forms from Mrs. Jones.

### **FLOOR HOCKEY**

Floor hockey started last week for students in grades 4-7. Six teams have been drafted and will play each other once before the playoffs start in late January.



### **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.





## 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 Thursday, December 20th, all of these clothes will be bagged and donated to the Canadian Diabetes.**

## 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 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 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.

## PAC FUNDRAISER

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser Time! Catalogs have been handed out to students and orders can be completed either by using the paper form inside and returned to the school or on-line. To order on-line, please go to [purdysgpp.com](http://purdysgpp.com) and our fundraiser customer # is 15759. You will joining the group - "Coal Tye PAC Purdy's Christmas Fundraiser". Please ensure you include the name of the Coal Tye student in the "additional info" line at checkout.

Catalog prices are the same as in the store but 25% of all sales go towards student programs/activities at Coal Tye. Orders will be delivered to the students on Wednesday, Dec 12. If you wish to pick-up, please send me a message or e-mail me at [coaltyepac@gmail.com](mailto:coaltyepac@gmail.com).

Deadline: Monday, November 26th. Thank you!

## CRAZY SOCK DAY

On Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> our student leadership team is encoring all student and staff to wear their craziest socks. The leadership team will be looking to give prizes to students that participate.

## CANNED GOODS COLLECTION

Our leadership team will be organizing a hamper drive for the month of December. We will be collecting nonperishable food and other usual items. These items will be collected for needy families in our community as well as for the Salvation Army. More information will be sent home shortly.

## JB THE FIRST LADY

We had the opportunity to listen the stories and cultural history of Jerilynn Webster, aka JB the First Lady Jerilynn is a member of the Nuxalk & Onondaga Nations. She is a Vancouver-based hip hop and spoken word artist, beat-boxer, cultural dancer and youth educator. Thanks PAC for supporting this presentation.



## HOT LUNCH



for our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our awesome, devoted "Lunch Ladies" for the fantastic job they do feeding the Coal Tye Community. Jen and Abby have done a great job for the past two years and are committed to continue to provide great choices



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Nov 26 | Purdy's chocolate order deadline |
|        | School Clothing order deadline   |
| Nov 30 | Spirit Day (Crazy sock day)      |
| Dec 01 | Begin collecting canned goods    |
| Dec 6  | Virtues/ Recognition assembly    |
| Dec 7  | Poinsettias delivery             |
| Dec 11 | Christmas Concert (Primary K -3) |
| Dec 12 | PAC meeting / Purdy's delivery   |
| Dec 14 | PJ Day (school read)             |
| Dec 20 | Delivery of canned goods         |
| Dec 21 | Christmas sweater day            |
| Dec 22 | Winter Break                     |
| Jan 7  | School Re-Opens                  |