



# THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tyee 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 2019. This is an involved process and a great deal of consideration goes towards making the best possible instructional environment for all students.

## VICE PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Ingalls has been officially appointed as Acting Vice-Principal of Coal Tyee Elementary until the end of the school year. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Chatton on her new position as Acting Principal of Cinnabar Valley Elementary.

## SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Students in grades 4 and 7 are currently participating in the provincial satisfaction surveys. The surveys give the students an opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings around numerous items relating to the school community. Parents of grade 4 and 7 students have an opportunity to participate in the survey too. Letters were sent home with students last week. If you did not receive a letter, you can follow the link to the survey.

[https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/acc\\_ess.asp](https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/acc_ess.asp)

## DOG'S ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please remember that dogs should not be on the school grounds during regular school hours. Also, please clean up after your dogs if you are using the field after school hours.

## SPIRIT WEAR

We are once again selling Coal Tyee spirit wear this spring. Notices with items and prices will go home this week. Orders are due to classroom teachers by Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Extra order forms can be found at the office if needed.

## 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 Tyee catchment area with school aged children, please let us know.

## CHESS CLUB

Chess club ended this past week. Once again, it was a great success. Thanks again to Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Williams for supporting the students.

## SPLASH AND DASH

Several of our students participated in the annual Splash and Dash race at Beban Park on Friday April 12, 2019. Ms. Dickie organized the group again and was grateful that the weather cooperated this year. Way to go, Coal Tyee!



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 positive team work skills throughout the season. Unfortunately, the Bantam girls lost their first playoff game to Cedar to conclude their season. The Bantam boys however, did advance to the second round of the playoffs with an exciting victory over Cedar. Thank you to Ms. Dickie, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and Mr. Ingalls for volunteering their time.

## TRACK AND FIELD

All students in Grade 3-7 will be participating in our annual school track & field meet on Wednesday May 8, 2019 at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and arrives at 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 Tyee 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. You will also want to send your child with a packed lunch/extra snacks and lots of water. Please note parking can be an issue around the Rotary Bowl. The city is relaxing the pay parking fee during track meet season and parents are welcome to park in the gravel parking lot next to Serauxman Stadium.

## TRACK PRACTICE

Ms. Dickie has volunteered to run track and field practices for all interested athletes on Wednesday's afterschool from 2:30 - 3:30. These are optional practices.

## 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.

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

## FUNDRAISING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Carter Grant, Maddy Mitchell and Amanda Hadley. These three students were the lucky winners of the 5 lb. chocolate bar. Also congratulations to Ms. Pakulak and Mrs. Smith's class for raising the most funds at the Intermediate and Primary levels.

## PLAYGROUND ADDITION



There was a lot of excitement on the playground when the Omni Spinner arrived. Students lined up for a chance to go for a ride on the new piece of playground equipment. Thank you to the Coal Tyee Community for all your fundraising efforts.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 18	Spirit Day (Earth day - wear green)
April 19	Good Friday
April 22	Easter Monday
April 26	Fun Lunch
May 8	School Track and Field Meet
May 8	PAC Meeting
May 9	Div. 3 Trade Show
May 9	Blueberry Plant Pick Up
May 10	Pro D - Non Instructional Day
May 17	Spirit Day - Hat Day
May 20	Victoria Day Stat
May 27	Port Theatre Performance
May 28	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 30	Zone Track and Field Meet

## MEASLES CATCH-UP PROGRAM

The Province of British Columbia is launching a measles immunization catch-up program to help B.C. families ensure their children are protected from measles. The program will run from April through June 2019, with a goal of immunizing as many of the under immunized school aged children as possible by the end of the school year. Immunization consent packages will be sent home for students in kindergarten to grade 4 who are behind on their immunizations. Students will be offered immunizations at a public health office or a school-based immunization clinic with the consent of a parent, guardian or representative. Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be required to accompany students to the public health immunization appointment or school based immunization clinic.

Students who are up to date on their immunizations will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

First Nations children who receive health services in their communities may be able to access immunization records and services at their Community Health Centers. Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

Nanaimo/Ladysmith/Gabriola Public Health is currently organizing immunization clinics for under immunized school aged children. Please watch for further information regarding the dates and locations of these clinics.