

Coal Tyee News Flash

September 22, 2020

PRINCIPAL: Dr. Diane Charles/Mr. Doug English
SECRETARY 2/3: Mrs. Bev Lundine

VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Kirstin Funke Robinson
SECRETARY 1: Ms. Adrianna Furlan

FROM THE OFFICE

What an interesting start to the 2020/2021 school year we have had! I would like to send the most gracious "Thank you" to all our students and their family/caregivers for their patience and understanding as we navigate the return to school in the land of Covid19. I am particularly impressed with how well students navigated the three inside days! For many students, these days were the first full days of school you had experienced since March and you just rolled along with having to stay indoors with limited opportunities for moving around. Moving forward, it will be the goal to be outside as much as possible when conditions are safe to do so.

Coal Tyee is in a unique situation this fall. I have joined the staff as the new principal, while Mr. English continues to support the school as he works towards his retirement at the end of October. For me, this is the most wonderful way to get to know a new school community from someone who has such deep roots with the staff, students, and greater community. If you need to contact "the principal", either of us will work at this point. My email is diane.charles@sd68.bc.ca. I look forward to getting to know everyone as the year progresses.

2020-2021 BELL SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday (no early dismissal days this year)

Arrival - 8:40

Short Recess - 10:15-10:30

Long Recess - 11:45-12:20

Dismissal - 2:20

RETURN TO SCHOOL PAPERWORK

The Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools has introduced a new way of managing the plethora of paperwork that usually comes home to be filled out and returned to schools over the year. Families are asked to create a "School Cash" account online to manage most paperwork and all fees and expenses that occur during a school year.

The District has connected with families via school messenger with details. Here is a reminder as well:

Earlier this month, families were asked to create a School Cash account. This is Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' new electronic process to manage school fees, field trips and permission forms.

PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE

As part of those modifications, we are asking you to use our new online payment system (School Cash Online) to purchase school items when you can. Cash can play a significant role in virus transmission, and we are working toward following the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations to use contactless payments to mitigate virus spread.

PLEASE SIGN SCHOOL FORMS ONLINE

As another method for reducing transmission, we are also asking that you use the School Cash Online system to electronically sign school forms. There are currently two forms you need to sign and only one parent or guardian has to sign for each child:

- **Daily Health Check form:** a measure put in place by the Province of B.C. and the Provincial Health Office.
- **Student Consent form:** for many, you'll recognize this form as the one we send home on paper every year at this time. This form covers media, Google Suite for Education, walk/run field trips, emergency release information and more.

There is no cost to you when submitting these forms.

PAYING AND SIGNING FORMS ONLINE IS FAST AND EASY...

Paying school fees and signing school forms online is fast and easy and can be done from any computer or smartphone.

Get setup in three simple steps:

1. **Create Your Profile:** Go to <https://nlps.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Register" and fill in all appropriate fields.
2. **Confirm Your Email:** Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
3. **Add a Student:** Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

More information and instructions on how to sign up and use School Cash Online are available here <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/schoolcashionline/>.

HELPING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

We want to thank you in advance for helping us implement these new processes

Together we can make a difference! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: THE **STUDENT VERIFICATION** FORMS THAT WERE SENT HOME LAST WEEK STILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED ASAP.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES/PLANNERS

This year, students were asked to purchase their own school supplies and bring them with them to school. We will continue to support families who need assistance with supplies. Please connect with your child's classroom teacher or contact the office to access this support.

Planners have been ordered. They will be \$5.00, and this fee can be paid through the School Cash Account.

STAFF LIST 2020-2021 (NEW STAFF ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW)

PRINCIPAL - **Dr. Diane Charles**

VICE-PRINCIPAL - Mrs. Kirstin Funke-Robinson

SECRETARY II - Mrs. Bev Lundine

SECRETARY I - Mrs. Adrianna Furlan

Teaching Staff

Div	Room	Gr.	Teacher	
1	122	7	Mrs. Tammy Reynolds.	
2	146	7	Ms. Judith Tye	
3	104	6	Ms. Shannon Pakulak	
4	103	6	Ms. Ann-Marie Brayden	
5	Portable	5	5	Ms. Catherine Dickie
6	132		Mrs. Kirstin Funke-Robinson/ Ms. Kira Petri	
7	Portable	4	Miss Samantha Hawkins/	
		3/4	Mrs. Debbie Taylor	
8	130	3/4	Mrs. Jennifer Lehtovaara	
9	147	2/3	Ms. Karen James	
10	101	2	Ms. Sarah Armstrong	
11	131	1/2	Mrs. Sue Miron	
12	102	1	Ms. Jen Lupichuk	
13	123	K /1	Ms. Tracy Savage	
14	108	K	Ms. Leslie Wallis	
15	125	K	Mrs. Brittany Jahelka	
16	124		Mrs. Shannon Jones	

Support Staff

Student Support Teachers - Ms. Katherine Williams/Mrs. Debbie Taylor

Teacher Librarian - Ms. Kristin Singbeil

Music Teacher - **Ms. Sylvana Sproule**

Counsellor - Mrs. Jena Finetti

Speech/Language Pathologist - Ms. Hayley Janzen

School Psychologist - Mrs. Kirstin Funke-Robinson (VP)

Child & Youth Care Worker - Mr. Bryan Gooden

Education Assistants - Mrs. Alicia Hoover, Mrs. Mary Maxwell, Mrs. Pam Tom, **Mrs. Krystle Booker**, **Mrs. Cheryl Bergen**, **Mrs. Maria Arias**, **Ms. Tara Mirau**, **Ms. Tamara Yuill**, Ms. Leslie McEvoy, Mrs. Noyana Stoyanov, Mr. Jim Maher

Aboriginal E.A. - **Ms. Sahara Tom**

Noon Hour Supervision -	Mrs. Alicia Hoover, Mrs. Mary Maxwell, Mrs. Pam Tom
Library Clerk -	Mrs. Julie Kim
Crossing Guard -	Mrs. Arlene Moore
Custodians -	Mr. Tyler Williams
First Aid Attendants -	Ms. Mary Maxwell, Mrs. Alicia Hoover

ERASE BULLYING

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 DURING COVID19

Covid19 presents some unique challenges for maintaining open communication between the school and families. Currently the school is open to staff and students only. Please ensure that we have up to date email addresses and phone numbers. We will be emailing out most documentation, newsletters and reminders.

While we cannot meet in person inside the school, we are able to meet while socially distancing outside. 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. Bev Lundine, who will arrange a meeting time that is mutually convenient. You can also reach the school by email at diane.charles@sd68.bc.ca

DROP OFF AND PICK UP FOR 2020/21

Part of our Covid19 plan for a safe return to school is to have students arrive as close to the morning bell as possible and proceed directly to their lineup location. We have a similar expectation for the end of the day as well, with students departing as quickly as possible. We thank everyone for helping to keep our school community safe.

Please remember: the drop off and pick up zone is on Sun Valley Drive. The school driveway is a walking and bus pick zone. We also have a few parking spots for vehicles that have disability placards.

TERRY FOX RUN

We will be continuing with our annual Terry Fox School run this year, with classes participating in their learning groups instead of a full-school event. Donations can be made through the School Cash Online. We will be having the majority of our "runs" on Friday September 25th.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Wednesday September 30th

This will be a whole school event!



"ORANGE SHIRT DAY"

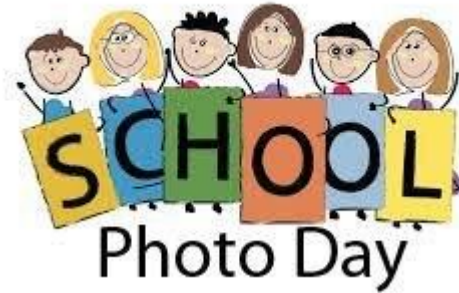
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2020



"Wear an orange shirt to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential School System and to remember those who did not."

PHOTO DAY

Individual School Photos will be taken in a "contactless" manner on **Thursday October 1st**. Start practicing your smile!



LOST AND FOUND

We are moving our Lost and Found outside! The items will be hung up on rolling clothing racks. The racks will come outside on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please check regularly as COVID19 restrictions make it difficult to hang on to extra soft items.

OPEN HOUSE - LOOKING DIFFERENT YET THE SAME

There is a theme here ... Covid19 restrictions make it impossible to have a traditional Open House. However, families will get a chance to "see" inside their child's classroom via a home communication. Teachers are working on the different formats for sharing this information. You will get your Open House or Meet the Teacher communication by Thursday October 8, 2020.

CALENDAR UPDATES

Terry Fox Run -	Friday September 25
Orange Shirt Day -	Wednesday September 30
Photo Day -	Thursday October 1
Non-Instructional Day -	Friday October 9
Thanksgiving Day -	Monday October 12
Non-Instructional Day -	Friday October 23
Non-Instructional Day -	Monday November 9
Remembrance Day -	Wednesday November 11
Winter Break -	Monday December 21 - Friday January 1