

Coal Tyee News Flash



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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

I had the privilege of attending the ceremony recognizing the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation yesterday at Maffeo Sutton Park. I continue to be humbled by words expressed by our Snuneymuxw elders. Reconciliation is not their work, yet they share their story so that we can learn and grow. While we will move beyond a week of wearing orange here at Coal Tyee, the real work is just beginning. Below is the acknowledgement of the Traditional and Unceded Territory on which Coal Tyee is situated. It is indeed an honour to work, learn and play here on this land.



With great respect and humility,
we acknowledge and honour the
lands of the Snuneymuxw people.
The Snuneymuxw people
maintain their profound, unique
and spiritual connection to the
land through ageless traditions,
teachings, stewardship and
expressions of reciprocity.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND PLANNERS

The planners arrived this week and have been distributed to the classes for student use. This is a kind reminder that we continue to collect school supply money to cover the cost of the learning materials that have been purchased for student use this year. The fee is \$50.00 per student. We can accept payment through the "School Cash Online" system or with cash at the office. Receipts will be issued for all in person payments. If you need an alternative payment plan, or would like to pay in installments, just let us know. Thanks in advance for your attention to this! It is much appreciated.

WELCOME BACK MS. LOUGH

Students were excited to see Ms. Kasie Lough return to Coal Tyee. Ms. Lough is with us Tuesday through Friday, wearing many hats on these days. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, she is replacing Ms. Singbeil who continues to work with the NDTA 2 days a week. On Wednesdays, Ms. Lough can be found in Division 2, working with Mrs. Jahelka's K students, while on Fridays, she moves to Mrs. Works' grade 1/2 class. Welcome back Ms. Lough!

OUR NEW CROSSING GUARD!

A familiar face is now helping students cross the road safely before and afterschool. Mrs. Hoover, one of our Education Assistants and noon hour supervisors, is now the official crossing guard for the school. Ms. McEvoy has moved into the vacant noon hour position, joining Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Maxwell, and Mrs. Tom at the long recess break in their efforts to support students in making safe, kind and caring choices with peers.



Singing with SYEYUTSUS

LANGUAGE . DRUMMING . BANNOCK & SOUP

YOU'RE INVITED

- 🔥 Share a bowl of Soup & Bannock with friends and Syeyutsus Knowledge Keepers.
- 🔥 Come sing and learn some songs taught by Lawrence Mitchell.
- 🔥 All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATES

4pm to 6pm

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| OCT. 14, 2021 | Coal Tye Elementary |
| NOV. 18, 2021 | Pleasant Valley Swing Space (Rutherford Elementary) |
| JAN. 20, 2022 | Coal Tye Elementary |
| FEB. 10, 2022 | Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh |
| MAR. 10, 2022 | Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh |
| APR. 14, 2022 | Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh |
| MAY. 12, 2022 | Pleasant Valley Swing Space (Rutherford Elementary) |
| JUN. 9, 2022 | Coal Tye Elementary |



If Covid restrictions prevent us from gathering in person, we will move this series online via Zoom.

We are the proud hosts for 3 sessions of Singing with Syeyutsus – language, drumming, bannock, and soup! The first date is coming soon – October 14! Please join us!



RE: Kindergarten to Grade 12 Mask Mandate

(Excerpt from letter sent to families this afternoon)

Earlier today, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Education Minister Jennifer Whiteside announced a Kindergarten to Grade 12 mask mandate for all schools in B.C.

Beginning Monday, October 4, all students in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will be required to wear non-medical face masks while indoors, including at their desks and on school buses. This measure builds on the existing guidelines that currently apply to all students in Grades 4 to 12. Masks will be available for students that may not have their own.

MONTH #1 DONE!

Here are some highlights from the first month of school:

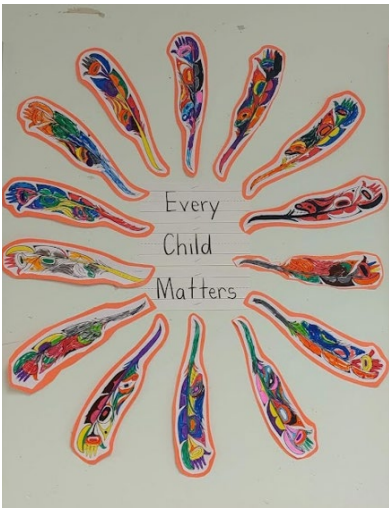


We got to start using the library again! This group of students were the first group in this space. Ms. Singbeil was excited!



It finally started to rain ... and rain ... and rain ...
Coats, boots, and umbrellas needed!

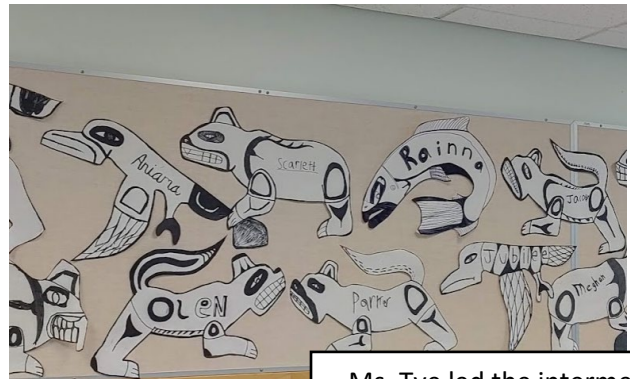
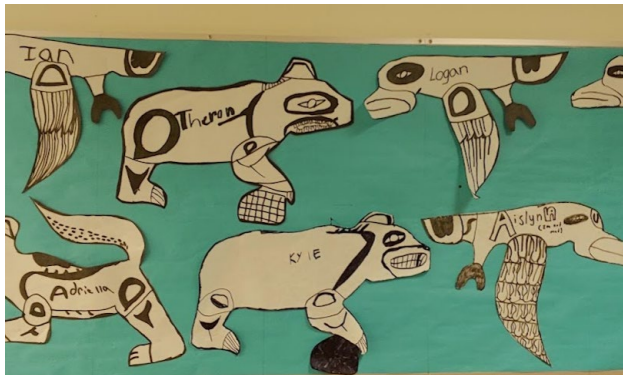




Students in all classes focused on Orange Shirt Day activities, with the message that EVERY CHILD MATTERS resounding throughout the school.



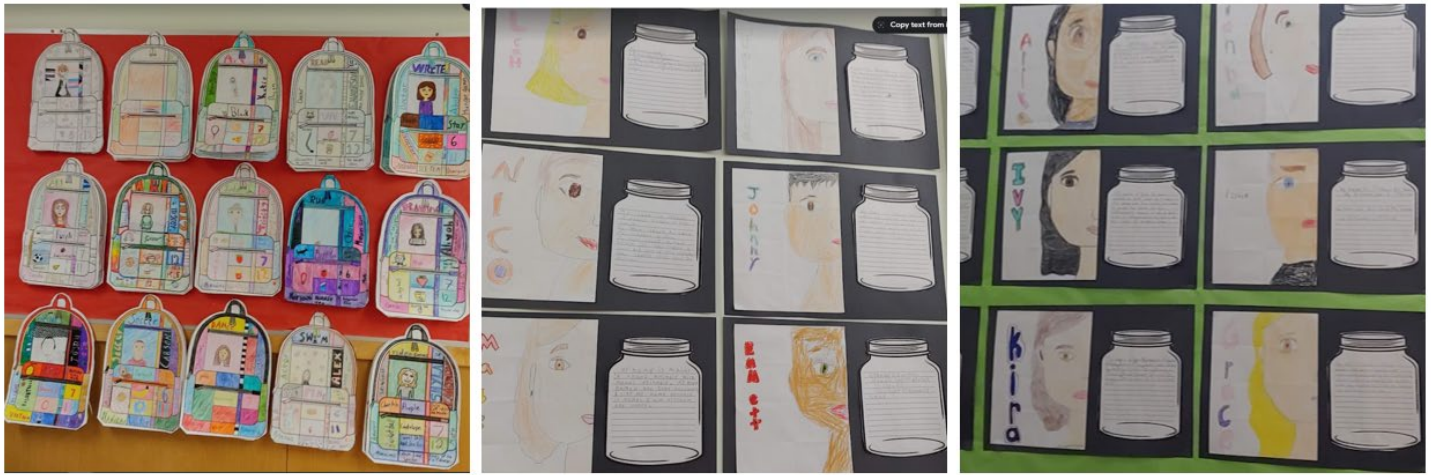
Students were able to choose whatever part of the school grounds they wanted to play in ... except for the adventure playground which is where our littles are playing right now!



Ms. Tye led the intermediate students in creating a name design in the animal from the Six Cedars that they connected most strongly with. Elements of Coast Salish design were introduced. The creations look amazing!



Ms. Pakulak introduced a three-dimensional project with stunning results! The inspiration was twofold. The cube was inspired by a young LA street artist, Thank you X, who was hired by Snap Chat after viewing his work. Students were able to watch a video of him talking about his passion, inspiring others to follow their dreams. The bear was a directed drawing from the Six Cedars. The bear is the protector and Ms. Pakulak shared a story with the students prior to this artwork being completed.




Students in various classes completed “getting to know me” projects for their teachers



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Ms. Dickie will be coaching the first extra-curricular team of the year! Students will train Tuesday/Thursday at long recess and they will race on Thursday October 28 at Beban Park. The District Cross Country Race will be Tuesday November 9th. Want to help? We need 2 volunteers to act as race Marshalls for the morning of the 28th! Please let Ms. Dickie or Dr. Charles know if you are interested in this exciting role!

CALENDAR UPDATES

- October 11 – Thanksgiving Day
- October 13 – PAC Meeting
- **OCTOBER 14 - SINGING WITH SYEYUTSUS at Coal Tye 4:00-6:00**
- October 18-21 – Formative Assessment Conferences – early dismissal at 1:20 Monday – Thursday
- October 20 – Photo Retakes
- October 21 – Shake Out BC Drill
- October 22 – Provincial Professional Day – Schools Closed
- October 25 – School Based Professional Day – Students do not attend
- October 28 – Cross Country Zone Event – Ms. Dickie’s team to attend
- October 29 – Halloween Activities