# Coal Tyee News Flash



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## FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT CONFERENCES ARE COMING OCTOBER 18 TO 21

We are happy to share that we will be having In-Person Formative Assessment Conferences (formally called Parent/Teacher interviews) during the week of October 18 to October 21. Students will be dismissed at 1:20 each day this week to allow teachers time to meet with families.

Please note the following:

- 1. Parents/Caregivers will use the online booking system included below to book the appointments.
- 2. Conferences will be in person, unless a Parent/Caregiver indicates that they would prefer a TEAMs meeting online.
- 3. All Covid safety protocols will be followed for the in-person meetings, including the wearing of masks, and signing in for contact tracing purposes.
- 4. All conference participants will enter through the front door of the school, except for Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Dickie's class who are in the portables. Participants will leave the classroom via the outside exit doors.
- 5. Please make sure you choose your child's teacher! You will need to make separate appointments with each teacher.
- 6. If the times that are available DO NOT work for you, please call the office as we may be able to arrange an alternative time during that week.
- 7. Here's the link: https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CoalTyee@sd68.bc.ca/bookings/

### MASKS ... THE KIDS ARE AMAZING!

Moving to the requirement for all kids to wear masks in schools has gone amazingly well, all things considered! Thank you for sending masks with your children. We do have a supply of disposable masks in the school should your child forget. Students do have lots of opportunity to take their masks off during the day. Many teachers have created a mask "parking system" to help keep the masks clean and off the ground during the recess breaks. As always if you have any questions or concerns please connect with Dr. Charles or Mr. Paugh!

### THE GARDEN ... Please help keep it safe!

Most families are aware of our most beautiful garden space at the back of the school. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who help maintain this space. Unfortunately, we have had a few incidents of vandalism in this space during off hours. We do not want to have to remove the tables and stumps (stools) that are in this space or stop decorating the space for others to enjoy. Please help us by keeping an eye on this space. If your children come and play here (which is great!) **please reinforce the message to take care of this space**. Thank you in advance!

### **PLAY AREAS**

All students, except for the Kindergartens, can choose where they want to play at our recess breaks. The front of the school is a "no play zone". We are continuing to reserve the Adventure Playground for our Ks and 1s, allowing us more opportunities for direct teaching on "how to play at school". We will keep you posted as to when this plan will be adjusted.



We are the proud hosts for 3 sessions of Singing with Syeyutsus – language, drumming, bannock, and soup! The first date is next Thursday, October 14, starting at 4:00 PM. We will be following all COVID guidelines. Please remember to bring your mask! We will use the front door to enter and then gather in the gym. We will have our visitors leave via the gym doors. Washrooms will be available, as will hand sanitizing stations. We will be keeping a Singing with Syeyutsus Sign-In for the purposes of Contact Tracing. Please note: The event will end closer to 5:30 than 6:00. See you there!

#### **SOME GREAT ARTWORK!**

If you were wandering around the halls today, looking at student work, or peeking into classrooms, here is a sample of what you would have seen!







https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase

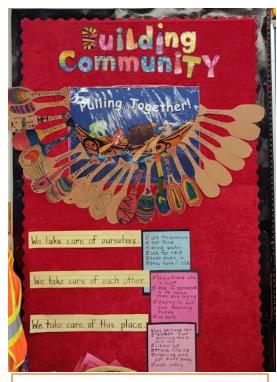








Mrs. Jahelka's Class



Ms. Lupichuk's class is working on building community by pulling together!

#### **CALENDAR UPDATES**

- October 11 Thanksgiving Day
- October 13 PAC Meeting
- OCTOBER 14 SINGING WITH SYEYUTSUS at Coal Tyee 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



What a wonderful way to end the week! Ms. Savage's grade 1s paired with their big buddies, Ms. Hawkins', and Mrs. Reynolds' grade 6/7s and they created these amazing superheroes! Being able to have big buddies again is so amazing!