

# Coal Tyee News Flash



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## LOOKING AFTER OUR GARDEN SPACE

Our Community Garden is one of the jewels of our school! Countless hours of labour, as well as capital costs have gone to support this truly amazing space. We have a problem, however! Our beautiful space is being vandalised on a regular basis after school hours and on the weekends. We discussed this issue of concern at length at the PAC meeting on Wednesday and we have come up with the following strategies.

1. Please report anything that you see! These reports should go directly to the RCMP as well as on to the Facebook page and the Neighbourhood Watch page. By reporting we are sending a clear message that we all care for and value this space!
2. Talk to your children, and young adults, about this space. Unfortunately, some of the damage is being done by former students who have gone on to high school.
3. Visit the garden. Ask questions! Become a garden champion!

We really want to be able to keep all aspects of the garden space open and accessible to our community outside of school hours. The tables, wooden stumps, and TeePee are there to be used – but they need to be respected! Thanks in advance for pulling together to help keep this space safe for all!

## RAFFLE TIME!

Do you like fidgets? Do you like countdown calendars? If the answer is YES! You are in luck! Beginning Monday, we will be selling tickets for a chance to win 1 of 3 “Fidget Countdown Calendars”, donated by Dr. Charles. All proceeds from the raffle will go to Loaves and Fishes. Tickets are \$1.00 for 1 or 3 for \$2.00. Tickets will be sold at the beginning of long recess (11:45 – 11:55) daily. The draw will be held on November 30 after long recess.



## School Closure Information Provided to Parents

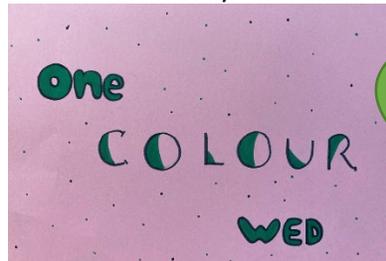
If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m., or earlier, on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis. In addition, the district will post the information on the district’s website, Twitter, and Facebook page. Families may also receive a message through the School Messenger notification system via phone, email, or text. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.

## SPIRIT DAYS

We had an excellent showing on our first Spirit Day – Twin Tuesday with over half of the school “twinning” up. A few classes decided to all dress alike – including Ms. Bradley’s K/1 class and Mrs. Reynolds’ grade 6/7 class. I was hoping to share tons of photos ... yet my phone died part way through the day and alas, the photos are “stuck” in cyber land! Here are a few photos captured by other staff members.



Next up: One Colour Wednesday – Wednesday November 17



Choose one colour to wear from head to toe!

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our three grade 6/7 classes took on the responsibility of presenting our school Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday. This assembly was the first “student lead” assembly in nearly two years! Congratulations and thanks to students who from Mrs. Reynolds’, Ms. Tye’s and Ms. Pakulak’s classes who took on the challenge of running the assembly “live” from the foyer! It takes a great deal of courage to speak in front of an audience and you all did amazing! The last part of the assembly was the “Act of Remembrance”. During this time, representatives from each division brought their symbol of remembrance to the foyer to be displayed in honour.



Some additional examples of student work on the theme of remembrance/peace follow:



Peace looks like...

peace sign  
 calm  
 helping someone  
 being alone  
 breathing  
 happiness  
 sleeping  
 different languages  
 making new friends  
 sharing food  
 clean world and ocean  
 keeping the streets clean  
 helping



## CALENDAR UPDATES

- November 17 – BC Transit Presentation – multiple classes
- November 17 – One Colour Wednesday
- November 25 – Throw Back Thursday
- December 3 – “Freaky” Friday (Stay tuned for more info!)
- December 8 – PAC Meeting @ 7:00 on Zoom
- December 10 – First House Team Celebration
- December 17- PJ Day and Pancake Breakfast!
- December 18 – Jan 3, 2022 – Winter Break
- January 4, 2022 – Schools re-open



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## INTRAMURAL FLOOR HOCKEY RESULTS

Week #1	Orca vs Wolf/Bear	Raven vs Salmon	Beaver vs Wolf/Bear
	4-5	2-11	7-7
Week #2	Wolf/Bear vs Raven	No game	Orca vs. Salmon
	11-0		3-5

### DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We are now able to welcome volunteers back into the school! However, you will need to have a Criminal Record Check on file through the District, as well as complete the Volunteer Application. People wanting to drive for field trips or sporting events must also complete a Driver's Abstract.

Here is some information on the CRC procedure:

*By completing the online application, you agree to the terms and conditions for the CRRP Applicant Based Online Service to facilitate a criminal record check and to share the completed criminal record check information with Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools.*

- *Only need your BC Services Card for identity verification*
- *First time users will be directed to activate their card by video or in person through Service BC*
- *No cost to apply*
- *To activate and use your BC Services Card, you must verify your identity. Available options include Verify Your Identity by Video (through a video call or by sending a video) or Verify Your Identity in Person.*
- *If individuals do not have a BC Services Card, they will be re-directed to the current Equifax process (during transition period only, as this will be phased out) or to fill out manually*

***Please contact the school for the information for more information, including the access code for completing these applications.***