

Coal Tyee News Flash



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THANKS FOR COMING!

Thank you so much for coming to our Formative Assessment Conferences this week! It was wonderful being able to welcome you all back into the building! We look forward to continued opportunities for parents and other family members to come into the building in support of learning and building a vibrant school community!

POKEMON CARDS – BREAK IN PLACE

As shared last week, we are taking a break from having Pokémon Cards at school beginning next week. This is not a “forever break” as we now plan on creating a Pokémon day, once a week, starting in the New Year. Thanks for supporting this shift by reminding your children to keep their cards and assorted items at home until then.

BIG BUDDIES

One of the most exciting things in the school right now is the return of Big Buddies! Seeing our little buddies light up when they recognize their “Big Buddy” outside or in the hallway is so heart-warming! Here are the pairings for the year:

- Div 1 Mrs. Jones Ks are with Div 12 Ms. Dickie’s grade 5/6 class
- Div 2 Mrs. Jahelka/Ms. Lough’s Ks are with Div 15 Ms. Tye’s grade 6/7 class
- Div 3 Ms. Bradley’s K/1s are with Div 9 Mrs. Lehtovaara’s grade 3/4 class
- Div 4 Ms. Savage’s grade 1s are with Div 16 Mrs. Reynolds’ grade 6/7 class
- Div 5 Mrs. Work/Ms. Lough’s grade 1/2s are with Div 11 Mr. Paugh/Mrs. Taylor’s grade 4/5 class
- Div 6 Ms. Lupichuk’s grade 2s are with Div 14 Ms. Pakulak’s grade 6/7 class
- Div 7 Ms. Mathieson’s grade 2/3s are with Div 10 Ms. Hawkins/Mrs. Nielsen’s grade 4 class
- Div 8 Mrs. Miron’s grade 3s are with Div 13 Ms. Brayden’s grade 5/6 class

One of the roles of the big buddies will be to support their little buddies in the event of an emergency, such as an earthquake. On Thursday we practiced this during the “Great BC Shakeout Drill”. Once we had determined that the school had successfully evacuated to our muster station on the field, classes joined in their buddy groupings so that the “bigs” could support the “littles” while the adults reported to their various roles. We will continue to practice these routines throughout the year.

HOUSE TEAMS ARE COMING!

We are excited to share the creation of Coal Tyee House Teams, with all staff and students being included! We are using the animals from The Six Cedars as our House Team Names (Orca, Wolf, Raven, Salmon, Bear, Beaver). Each house time has close to 60 students/staff it. We will use the House Teams for our upcoming intermural sports teams, as well as for all our Spirit Days. Sibling/family groups will be on the same House Team to avoid dinner table squabbles about whose team is better! Students will find out what team they are on next week, and we will have our first “House Team” event in November.

FSA UPDATE

Students in grades 4 and 7 are participating in the annual Foundation Skills Assessment. These assessments are created by teachers as one of many tools to inform instruction. This year the assessments are in Reading and Numeracy and include both online and paper/pencil activities. The assessments will conclude by November 12.

LOST AND FOUND

We have moved our Lost and Found items to the main foyer, outside of the office. Please have a look at the photo, below – it would be great to see these coats and other items returned to their owners!



CALENDAR UPDATES

- October 25 – **School Based Professional Day – Students do not attend**
- October 28 – Cross Country Zone Event – Ms. Dickie's team to attend
- October 29 – Ms. Lupichuk and Ms. Mathieson's classes to the Fish Hatchery
- October 29 – Halloween Activities
- October 29 – Fun Lunch Returns!
- November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly (Poppy Day)
- November 10 – PAC Meeting @ 7:00 on Zoom
- November 11 – Remembrance Day – Schools Closed
- November 12 – Fun Lunch!
- November 17 – BC Transit Presentation – multiple classes
- December 8 – PAC Meeting @ 7:00 on Zoom
- December 17- PJ Day and Pancake Breakfast!
- December 18 – Jan 3, 2022 – Winter Break
- January 4, 2022 – Schools re-open



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Fire Hydrant!

The front driveway is reserved for busses and vehicles with Accessible Parking Signs



At the PAC meeting on Wednesday a suggestion was given that a MAP showing where the particular parking restrictions of note would help parents who are doing the drop off and pick up. Here you go! Please be mindful of our neighbour's driveways, and drive slowly! Your kids are precious!