

Coal Tyee News Flash



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January 7, 2022

HEAR WE GO AGAIN!

This wasn't the first week of school for 2022 that we had anticipated for sure! Staff has worked hard this week preparing for the return of students to full-time instruction on Monday. Classrooms have been reconfigured allowing for more space between students and eliminating, where possible, students sitting/working face to face. Staff have also spent a great deal of time planning for several different scenarios, given the expected high level of absences due to the Omicron variant. We really do not know what the next few weeks or months will bring. I can assure you that all of us here at Coal Tyee are working hard to ensure we are ready to respond to the expected challenges.

We had a small group of students join us this week. We know that this delayed start to instruction was difficult for many families to manage. We have missed connecting with the kids and are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday!



Take our picture please! Why sure!

STAFFING CHANGE (BACK)

Beginning Tuesday, January 11, Ms. Kasie Lough will be back. Ms. Lough has been on leave since early November, with Ms. Dayna Baxter taking her place. We thank Ms. Baxter for stepping into this rather interesting assignment (one day in Div 2, Div 5 and two days in the library) and hope to see her soon as she resumes her position as TTOC.

BEING PREPARED TO RETURN

When students return on Monday, we encourage them to come prepared with the following items:

1. A change of clothes! Yes – right up to our big grade 7s! The school ground is wet and will be so for a very long time.
2. A change of shoes – again, for all students – for the same reason as above.
3. 2-3 masks – It is best that students bring multiple masks to school as they often will break (or mysteriously disappear!) While we will continue to have masks for students who forget, it is expected that students will supply their own masks.
4. A water bottle! Hydration is super important, especially when wearing masks.

2022 School Trustee By-Election

General Election Day

Saturday, January 15, 2022 From 8:00 am- 8:00 pm

- ▶ Dover Bay Secondary Gym ▶ Cedar Secondary Gym
- ▶ Nanaimo District Secondary ▶ Ladysmith Secondary Gym



School District 68 Trustee
Candidates (1 to be selected)



Naomi BAILEY



Steven RAE

Advanced voting opportunities will be held various dates throughout the district as indicated below.

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| Wednesday, January 5, 2022 | 8:00 am – 8:00pm | Advance Voting | District Administrative Centre –Board Room |
| Thursday, January 6, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Special Voting | Chase River Elementary Gym |
| Friday, January 7, 2022 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Special Voting | District Administrative Centre –Board Room |
| Saturday, January 8, 2022 | 8:00 am – 8:00 pm | Advance Voting | District Administrative Centre –Board Room |
| Saturday, January 8, 2022 | 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Special Voting | Gabriola Elementary School Gym |
| Tuesday, January 11, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Special Voting | Seaview Elementary Gym |
| Wednesday, January 12, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Special Voting | Ladysmith Primary School Gym |
| Thursday, January 13, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Special Voting | Gabriola Elementary School Gym |
| Friday, January 14, 2022 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Special Voting | District Administrative Centre –Board Room |
| Saturday, January 15, 2022 | 8:00 am – 8:00 pm | General Election Day | Dover Bay Secondary Gym Nanaimo District Secondary Ladysmith Secondary Gym Cedar Secondary Gym |

To vote, you must meet the following qualifications:

- ▶ Canadian citizen;
- ▶ 18 years of age or older on voting day;
- ▶ A resident within the geographical boundaries of the school district for at least 30 days immediately before
- ▶ Not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.



Resident Electors, at the time of voting, must provide at least two documents verifying the applicant's identity, with at least one containing the applicant's signature, such as a Driver License.



ID Required to Register for Municipal Elections (any two)

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| a) B.C. Driver's License | r) Citizenship Card |
| b) B.C. Identification Card | g) Property Tax Notice |
| e) ICBC Vehicle Insurance Documents | h) Credit or Debit card |
| d) B.C. CareCard or Gold CareCard | i) Utility bill |
| e) Social Insurance Card | |

COVID Protocols

The District will maintain its COVID protocols and will require all electors to be masked the entire time they are within a District facility. Individuals unable to wear a mask will be accommodated at the DAC Annex/ Elections Office pre-voting opportunity on January 7 (10am - 2pm) and 14 (10am - 2pm). Individuals requiring such an accommodation must make an appointment by contacting electionofficers@sd68.bc.ca.



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CALENDAR UPDATES

- January 10– Schools re-open for in-person learning
- January 28 – July in January
- February 7 & 8 – Professional Days, Students not in session
- February 11 – First Written Report Card to be emailed out
- February 21 – Family Day
- February 23 – Pink Shirt Day
- March 11 – Last day before Spring Break!



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – SYEYUTSUS AT WORK

Below is what is found on the first page of the Student Handbook emailed out to families at the beginning of the school year and posted on our website.

Moving beyond the COAL TYEE "CHIEF OF COAL" story 2021-2022 School year celebrates the 25th anniversary of Coal Tyee opening its doors to learning! Interestingly, Coal Tyee is the only school in the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools named after a person from the Snuneymuxw First Nations, on who's traditional and unceded territory the school is located. For 25 years we have shared the story of Coal Tyee from the viewpoint of the colonizers. However, that is only a very narrow view of the story of this land. Truth and Reconciliation requires us to go beyond the settler version of this place. Working with Elders and members of the Snuneymuxw Band, we will be learning about the place, the land, the history, and the people who were here for time immemorial. We will be sharing a new school logo, created by Snuneymuxw artist Eliot White-Hill. This work is part of our School Goals and aligns with the NLPS Syeyutsus Reconciliation Framework. We invite you to join us in this incredibly important work.

At the Board of Education meeting on January 5, a motion was presented to look at renaming our school. When the school was named, choosing Coal Tyee was thought to represent a positive story of collaboration between the colonizers and Indigenous people, specifically in respect to the coal history. However, as shared above, this view is very colonial and is not respectful of the negative and painful history caused by these actions. While Ki Et Sa Kun (Coal Tyee) is not responsible for colonization, this link is a painful part of Snuneymuxw history.

The process of renaming the school will follow Policy 2.19 - Naming of schools or Parts of Facilities, and will include the forming of an ad hoc Committee, working in direct consultation with Snuneymuxw elders and knowledge keepers.

Please know that the PAC has been fully involved in the learning that has taken place to date around the significance of this work and is fully supportive of this effort. We walk together, in two worlds, doing the work of the Syeyutsus Framework. Our school goals align directly with this work. We are humbled, honoured, and proud to be able to learn along side our relatives in this process.

I will continue to update our school community with the progress on this very important and significant process. Hay ch q' a