

Coal Tyee News Flash



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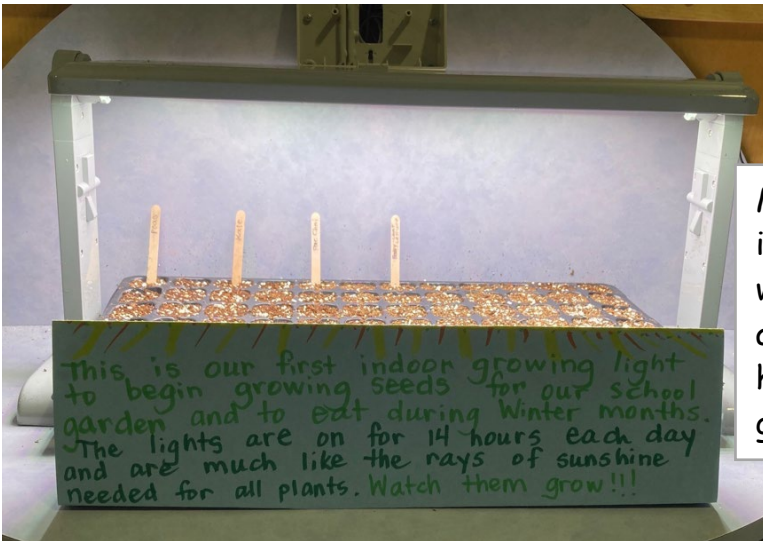
February 4, 2022

AND WE'RE BACK IN THE COURTS!

Okay, not those courts – the basketball courts! With huge shout outs to Ms. Krystle, Mrs. Lundine, Mr. Paugh and the parent drivers, our Bantam Boys Basketball team travelled to McGirr for their first game of the season. After settling a few jitters, the team came together and scored a win! Their next few games will be home games. Unfortunately, due to current communicable disease restrictions, we are unable to welcome spectators, apart from anyone directly related to the game, into the gym. I am sure you join me in wishing this awesome group of athletes best wishes for continued success!



LET THE GROWING BEGIN!



Ms. Lupichuk has set up the first indoor growing light in the foyer, and we have little green shoots already appearing from the soil! I wonder how much these little creatures will grow over the weekend. Stay tuned!

CHILD GOING TO BE AWAY?

Email Info.ct@sd68.bc.ca or call us at 250-729-0450.

LOCKDOWN DRILL REPORT

We had our first lockdown drill on Tuesday afternoon, and it went quite well! Mr. Paugh and Dr. Charles checked all the areas of the school and were impressed with how quiet the students (and adults!) were during the drill. We have a few things to focus on for our next drill, which will be held after Spring Break with RCMP support.

We always post a notice on the front doors of the school when we are doing an emergency drill. Please refrain from entering the school during the drills.

WORKING THROUGH STAFF AND STUDENT ABSENCES

Our return to school at the winter break has been interesting! As predicted, we have seen a significant increase in both staff and student absences. While we have not yet (and hopefully never will) reached the level requiring a “Functional Closure”, most days we have been operating at less than full staffing levels. I want to thank our students! They have been amazing in adjusting to different adults, and in some cases, different classrooms altogether. I also want to thank all the adults who are doing whatever it is that is asked of them in support of student learning and safety. Here are a few of the scenarios from this past week:

- Non-enrolling teachers (Inclusion Support, Counseling, Library and Music) were reassigned to classrooms
- Divisions were collapsed, with students moving to a few other classrooms with similar grade assignments (Div 14 on Wednesday, Div 12 on Thursday, and Div 5 on Friday)
- EAs were reassigned to work with other groups of students (way to numerous to name!)
- Music and Library sessions were cancelled – with the caveat that this time will be made up when the number of TTOCs available to cover absences returns to a consistent level

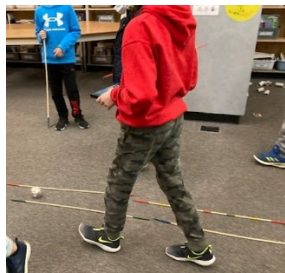
We made it through the week! And we are still smiling!

SPIROS

We are fortunate to have access to the NLPS set of SPIROS. These colourful disks are used to introduce coding to students. Students use iPad to “drive” the SPIROS. At first, they learn the basic functions of how to make these balls move. Then, they learn how to use computer coding to design specific paths for the SPIROS to take. Here are a few pictures from Ms. Dickie’s and Mr. Paugh/Ms. Dorman-Banks’ classes in action.



Careful focus - and her view of the iPad



Working on control getting through obstacles



JUST BECAUSE KIDS ARE AWESOME



CALENDAR UPDATES



- Monday and Tuesday, February 7 & 8 are Professional Development Days – students do not attend!
- February 9 – PAC Meeting on Zoom
- February 11 – First Written Report Card to be emailed out
- February 11 – Westcoast Seed Sale orders are due
- February 21 – Family Day
- February 23 – Pink Shirt Day
- March 11 – Last day before Spring Break!

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Topic: February PAC Meeting

Time: Feb 9, 2022 07:00 PM Vancouver

**Join in on the fun! The
next PAC meeting is
Wednesday – meet us
on Zoom!**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86085712161?pwd=UFZLRVFFNEIUGlsYk5ValQyNGpxUT09>

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