

Coal Tyee News Flash



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What's in a name? The work continues

With great humility and deep appreciation, NLPS Board Chair Charlene McKay lead the group working on the renaming of the school through a second very thoughtful and impactful meeting on Thursday. We spoke in our sacred circle about the healing that will come with this work. Whereas in western cultures we think of the past, the present and the future as separate entities, in indigenous ways of knowing, everything is connected – it is all viewed through one lens. With this in mind, we spoke about the significance of this space where the school is located, as it was once a village site for the Snuneymuxw people. The healing that will come by honouring the land, making the land the focus of the renaming process, will honour those that came before and those that will come after. We will show gratitude to the land – the land will speak to us, and we will be courageous in our efforts to listen – the voice is hers and hers alone.

Over the next few weeks Auntie Joan Brown and other elders from Snuneymuxw will be visiting the school site, accompanied by others at times. They are going to listen to the land.

Our committee will meet again in early May so that we will be able to hear what the land is telling us. The name will come from the land.



The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted many areas of health care, including routine immunization programs for children. As Island Health winds down operation of COVID-19 mass immunization clinics, our public health teams are turning their attention towards recovery, including helping families with young children get up to date on important routine immunizations.

B.C.'s routine immunization schedule includes a series of vaccinations at age 4, timed to coincide with entry to kindergarten. These vaccines provide important protection against illnesses like measles and tetanus. Island Health is scheduling extra clinics this spring specifically for young children to make it as easy as possible for parents and guardians to complete kindergarten vaccinations and get children up to date on their immunizations.

In the weeks ahead public health staff will be reaching out to families across Island Health to discuss the clinics and schedule appointments.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

www.immunizebc.ca: This site provides extensive information about BC's routine vaccination schedule for infants, children, teens and adults. It also includes a comprehensive 'Question and Answer' section.

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/immunizations/immunizations>: Learn about immunization programs in Island Health.

THE AMAZING GARDEN!

With appreciation and awe, we returned to school this week to find our school garden looking ready for spring! On Wednesday \$450 of top-quality soil was delivered to the school, and classes spent time over the last few days moving the soil into the garden beds. Tomorrow, the garden gnomes will be back at it, doing the finishing touches on all the garden beds in preparation for planting. A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to all the **adult volunteers** who have spent time getting this space ready for another amazing season of growth. **Special thanks** to **Jen Lupichuk**, Garden Coordinator and lead champion of all things that grow in soil, for the countless hours she is spending making sure all the various projects related to the garden are ready to go! Amazing work!



THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Before Spring Break, we shared a shift in practice with cell phones and other electronic devices. To increase dialogue and positive social interaction before school, students were told that they needed to put their phones once they arrived on the playground. Well – what a difference this has made! Students are talking to each other, giving eye contact, and playing – yes, moving their bodies! I am very impressed with the shift and look forward to things being even more social as the warmer weather arrives and students become used to this “new normal”.

CALENDAR UPDATES

- April 8 – Kim’s Cardio continues
- April 8 – Div 14 Hot Dog Sale
- April 12 – Artstarts Performance
- April 13 – PAC Meeting – Zoom 7:00 PM
- April 15 – Good Friday
- April 18 – Easter Monday
- April 19 – School Track Meet @ Rotary Bowl
- April 21 – Class Photos with Edge Photography
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 28 – Assembly
- April 29 – Div 7 & 8 Field Trip
- May 5 – Curriculum Implementation Day
- May 6 – Professional Day (School-Based)

Please look for emails sent through School Messenger and School Cash Online for all fundraising information, including the upcoming **Hot Dog sale**. You will get a reminder the day before the sale ends.

KIM'S CARDIO!

Fridays are hopping here at Coal Tyee! We had the first of 4 sessions with “Kim’s Cardio” – a HIIT-type exercise program that all the students are participating in. Kim has been leading these fitness sessions in schools for several years now, yet this is her first opportunity to lead her classes here! We had so much fun today – most popular stations were the battle ropes and the slam balls, and Kim promises to bring more surprises next time. Please make sure your child is dressed to exercise on Fridays in April!





Stretching after working out!

CHILD GOING TO BE AWAY?

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

Did you know that there is a very active Facebook Group, managed by our PAC? Please check it out!

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