

Coal Tyee News Flash



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What's in a name? Continuing the story of Ki'et'sa'kun

Part four – final chapter

Respectfully retold based on the story shared by Snuneymuxw Elders Joe and Jennie Wyse as told to Beryl Cryer.

Last week, I shared with you the promise that was made to the Snuneymuxw people, that “The Queen will give you money” (p.192). However, that is not what happened.

After the exchange of blankets, shirts and rope tobacco for the coal deposits, the landscape in this area began to change. “And now the white men began to come and fix houses to live in, and they made a sawmill and cut down all our trees. Then boats called ‘schooners’ began to come for the coal” (p. 192). Snuneymuxw members did work with the coal, carrying coal out to the schooners in the long canoes. They would be paid \$0.50 per load of coal. Snuneymuxw members did not fully understand the value of paper currency or money right away, but eventually they learned that money was better than trading for blankets.

Cryer, B. M., & Arnett, C. (2007). *Two houses half-buried in sand: Oral traditions of the hul'q'umi'num' Coast Salish of Kuper Island and Vancouver Island*. Talonbooks.

What happened next?

The colonization of the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people began. Treaties were signed, yet they were not honoured.

The history that is available online, including sources such as Wikipedia, share the history from one viewpoint – that of the colonizers. Our work here is about getting to the truth, as through truth we can heal the land and work towards reconciliation. So yes, this process will result in a new name for our school. And we will grow in our understanding, appreciation, and respect for this land, for the people who were here for time immemorial, and for all those who come after us.



MASK MANDATE – A NEW REALITY

When we return to school on March 28 things will look quite different! We will be able to come to school without a mask on! However, there may be some people who will continue to wear masks, and that is totally okay! We will be respectful of others and will continue to support everyone on this journey of health, happiness, and safety.

We have many rapid antigen tests still onsite. They can be picked up after Spring Break if you haven't had a chance to get yours for your children.

Looking for something for the kids to do over Spring Break? Check out these programs:

https://www.sd68.bc.ca/programs/spring-break-programs/?fbclid=IwAROGOVy7O804HuY5xgPvfsYdVfOph_p6qe02MHucdMmIFFoVoGyDkIq3-F8

SALMON EGGS HAVE HATCHED!



The tank is in Ms. Mathieson's class, but the experience is being shared with Ms. Lupichuk's class as well. Can you find the unhatched eggs?

There was excitement on Monday morning as the Salmon eggs had hatched! The salmon are now in the Avelin stage, and they have the bright orange yolk sack to keep them nourished as they grow. The salmon have been released from the basket and are now moving in the tank.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Our Bantam Boys Basketball team played their hearts out this week! On Monday they defeated Hammond Bay in a nailbiter, winning by a point, and moved onto the semi-finals vs. Mountain View. This game really showed how far they have come as a team, as they fought right to the end, even though the score was not close. On Thursday, the boys traveled to Rock City and played in the consolation final. The roared back to tie the game and force it into overtime, and lost by 3 points, finishing 4th overall. We are so proud of these young athletes! Way to go Team!



INTRAMURALS



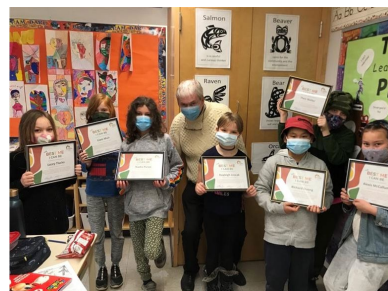
We had 44 students take part in our intramural basketball between January and March. The final was played today with many spectators to cheer on the teams. Beaver beat Bear with a score of 28-20. The final standings were Beaver, Bear, Raven, Orca, Salmon and Wolf. Thanks to all our participants and Ms. Krystle for volunteering her time to help.



Leprechaun sightings!



Trustee Bill Robinson visited 2 classes today, awarding the "Best Me I can Be" certificates to 12 students. Here are the recipients from Mr. Paugh and Ms. Dorman-Banks class. Congratulations!



Jump Rope for Heart 2022!



We have seen a huge increase in the number of students who are arriving to school with cell phones or other electronic devices. Starting Monday, March 28, students will be expected to turn these devices off and put them away once they reach the school grounds. We really want the kids to talk to each other! We want them to play! This shift in practice has been shared with the kids all week, and has also been shared with the PAC. If there is an emergency and you must get in touch with your child, please call or email the school. Thank you in advance for your support in this change in practice.

CHILD GOING TO BE AWAY?

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

CALENDAR UPDATES



- March 28 – Schools reopen
- March 31 – In-person Month End Assembly
- 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 22 – Earth Day
- April 28 – Assembly
- April 29 – Div 7 & 8 Field Trip
- May 5 – Curriculum Implementation Day
- May 6 – Professional Day (School-Based)

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/471883669518929/>



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