

# Coal Tyee News Flash



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## GYM CLOSURE

Starting Monday May 2, we will be without use of our gym. The gym floor will be completely sanded, painted, and sealed. The floor will need to cure for several months, meaning that we won't be able to use it until September! We will be able to have our final assembly and our grade 7 leaving celebration in the gym though, so that is good news! Please make sure you send your child(ren) to school with the proper clothing and footwear for outdoor PE lessons!

## EDISONS – CODING AND ROBOTS!

Ms. Singbeil, our Teacher Librarian, has been working with several classes on Computer Coding, with the help of the district set of "Edison Robots". The students first learned how to make the base of the robot move by writing computer code (coding) and watching the results. This week the students have been working on creating their own Robot with the full Edison kits. At times there have been two classes at a time working together to create these amazing products – the library, hallways and foyer have been a hub of activity for sure! Here are a couple of pictures from two different working sessions.



## GARDEN UPDATES

After a slight hiccup in plans, we were able to begin our outdoor garden lessons with our Nanaimo Food Share facilitator this week, Elise Boulanger. Garden lessons occur on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with each division receiving 4 lessons spread out over the next 4-5 weeks. The hydroponic lights and indoor growing stations have allowed students to start some of the garden plants inside, so the transformation of the garden beds has already begun to be amazing! Ms. Tye turned her classes' planting session into a real life math lesson, as the students had to figure out how to section off the space so they would all know which of the plants they were responsible for! As the garden springs back to life, please remind your children (both young and old) to respect this most amazing space! We speak of stewardship and

expressions of reciprocity in our daily acknowledgement of the traditional territory. This work in the garden really helps to bring meaning to these big words!



## CALENDAR UPDATES

Please note that all the events are on our school website <https://ct.schools.sd68.bc.ca/> thanks to Mrs. Lundine's careful attention to detail!

Monday	May 2 – Circus Arts After School Program begins
Wednesday	May 4 – Div 14 Trade Show
Wednesday	May 4 – Popcorn and Freezie Sale after school
Thursday	May 5 – Curriculum Implementation Day – Students do not attend
Friday	May 6 – Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
Wednesday	May 11 – Div 14 to Victoria
Wednesday	May 11 – Div 6/7 to Fish Hatchery
Wednesday	May 11 – Div 3/4 to Bowen Park
Thursday	May 12 – Moose Hide Campaign Day
Thursday	May 12 – Div 11 to Extreme Science VIU
Tuesday	May 17 – Virtual ArtStarts Performance – Ruploops
Wednesday	May 18 – Grade 7 Orientation @ Wellington
Thursday	May 19 – Class and all school photo



- ✚ Circus Arts - grades 4-6, Mondays after school - FULL
- ✚ Multi Sports Games and Drills - Grades 2-4 Fridays after school - still room
- ✚ Yoga - grades 2-4 Mondays before school! - still room

These are first come, first serve as always!



## KIM'S CARDIO

Kim returned today, with her 20-year-old daughter, Carmen, here to help with the classes! Kim is unable to do her youth conditioning program through Parks and Rec that many of our students had signed up for due to continued health issues. She was thrilled to be back here today, working with our kids! And wow – did the kids ever perform for her! Kim will return for one last session (outdoors) near the end of the school year.



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/>



Join the Facebook Group!  
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The new way to order hot lunch!

## BEYBLADE CLUB

Many students are fully engaged in battling with their Beyblades during our recess breaks. Most days these sessions go quite well. There have been days, though, where emotions have gotten the best of our students and conflicts have ensued. We continue to monitor this activity, and have begun to make some decisions around continued participation for some students. Please note the following:

1. Beyblades are to be used outdoors OR during games club with Ms. Jena if there is an inside space
2. Trading of Beyblade parts is discouraged. We cannot take any responsibility for missing or lost items.
3. Battles must end when the bell rings, and all students must return to class as quickly as possible following the expected paths, utilizing the back of the school.
4. Students are allowed to sit on the garden tables so they can battle – however, walking or running on the tables, or jumping from table to table is not allowed!



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