

Coal Tyee News Flash



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TWO DAYS OF LEARNING FOR STAFF

Student may have had two extra days at home, but the teaching staff spent the last two days engaged in deep, and very emotional learning. I am going to share some of the learning with you hear. I will preface this with a warning that the content may be upsetting to read/see/hear. Yet, it is the truth, and is a part of the story of Canada and of education. I invite you to learn along with us.

Yesterday was the Curriculum Implementation Day for the School District. The focus was on Truth and Reconciliation, with an initial acknowledgement of Red Dress Day, with the showing of a powerful video created by the Communications Department of the District. Watch the video here: [Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

Truth and Reconciliation has been a goal of NLPS for the past 5 years. Within this goal, the District has created the Syeyutsus Reconciliation Framework (<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/board/syeyutsus-reconciliation-framework/>). Syeyutsus (walking together) is a Hul'q'umi'num expressions for "walking in two worlds", balancing the teachings from the past with contemporary world views. Our learning yesterday was led by Kevin Lamoureux, who is the current education lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Listen to Kevin here as he speaks about Residential Schools <https://youtu.be/PLinUM14rTU>. Read Kevin's words as he writes about honouring the truth and working towards reconciliation. <https://www.edcan.ca/articles/reconciliation-a-chance-to-heal-as-a-nation/>.

The final activity of the day was a sharing circle, where staff were able to speak about both a professional and personal connection or action from this day of learning. It was an amazing day for all of us.

Today is a school-based Professional Day. We continued with the theme of Truth and Reconciliation this morning, focusing specifically on our school's name change. Staff then worked in grade groupings on literacy and numeracy planning and finished the day working on the theme of outdoor education. It was a very good day as well!

RECLAIMING SPACE!

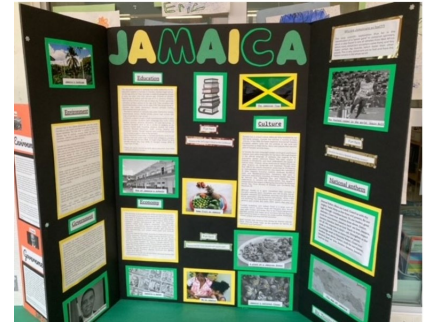
Our school was built somewhat like the letter "H" – four separate classroom wings or pods, and a centre area for the whole school to utilize. Part of this centre space is an atrium. Yesterday, the Grounds crew from the district came and cleaned out the over-grown garden beds, allowing us to reclaim this space for learning! Our plans are to complete the clean up and then plant in the two garden beds that have been uncovered. Ms. Bradley's K/1 class should notice a significant difference in light in their classroom now that the trees and bushes are gone!



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COUNTRY TRADE SHOW – DIV 14

The hallways were once again full of impressive looking projects, completed by Ms. Pakulak's grade 6/7 class. Students each chose a country related to their ancestral heritage and completed several comparisons between their country and Canada. The final aspect of this large project was the Trade Show on Wednesday, where students added to their displays with artifacts and foods from their country. Thanks to the parents/caregivers for supporting their students in this learning journey. From all accounts, the day was a great success!



CELEBRATING OUR NORTHWEST COAST INDIGENOUS ARTISTS – DIV 16

Mrs. Reynold's class has been learning about the style and form represented in Coast Salish art. Here is the beginning of what promised to be an amazing display by her grade 6/7 students.



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THE GYM RE-DO – WEEK 1

Week one of the gym refurbishing is behind us! Check out what the floor looks like after 25 years of finishing is removed!



Yep, the floor was meant to be sanded, yet it was easier to pull the finish off in strips. Check out @vanislewoodworks on TikTok for some action footage!

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!

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
Wednesday	May 11 – PAC AGM on Zoom
Thursday	May 12 – Moose Hide Campaign Day
Thursday	May 12 – Div 11 to Extreme Science VIU
Thursday	May 12 – District-wide Earthquake Drill 10:30 am
Tuesday	May 17 – Virtual ArtStarts Performance – Ruploops
Wednesday	May 18 – Grade 7 Orientation @ Wellington
Thursday	May 19 – Class and all school photo
Monday	May 23 – Victoria Day
Tuesday	May 24 – Lockdown Drill with RCMP
Thursday	May 27 – Month End Assembly (virtual once again!)
Thursday	June 2 – Zone Track Meet

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

Ms. Brayden is working on the results from our School Track Meet and should be ready to share them early next week. Once the results are announced we will be building the team. Tykes and PeeWees (grades 3-6) can compete in 3 individual events and one relay, while Bantams (grade 7) are able to participate in 4 events and a relay. Our school's responsibility at the Zone Meet on June 2 is managing both jumping pits. If you like to measure, this is an awesome place for you to volunteer some time! Please note: Students who qualify for the 100m will need to be driven to Rotary Bowl as the bus schedule will not allow for students to get to the meet in time for these races.



Students have been asking whether they will get ribbons – good news! I found the old stack and will do my best to share what we have with the students!

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!
Family and Friends of Coal Tyee Elementary School
stay in touch with all that is going on.



The new way to order hot lunch!



Join Zoom PAC Meeting Wednesday May 11 @ 7:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381723271?pwd=VHBRdU54MWVrN3U2RWY4Vll4S205dz09>