



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Coal Tye Elementary continues to be an incredibly busy place with a large variety of student activities recently coming to a close and many more activities planned for the final two months of the school year. Teachers are busy planning their schedules for the final countdown. It is hard to believe that we only have two months left in the school year.

COAL TYEE ATHLETICS



The basketball season ended for all our teams a couple of weeks ago. All players have shown excellent individual skill development as well as developed positive team work skills since the beginning of the season.

Thanks again to Jeff Pinkney, Alina Godfroid and Craig Hoover for working with the students. I would also like to thank our staff sponsors (Catherine Dickie, Debbie Taylor and Karen James) for supporting the teams. Now that basketball is over, we will begin to prepare for track and field for students in grade 3-7. We will be looking for several volunteers to help us with our school track meet which takes place on May 2, 2017. If you are interested, please let the office know.

SPIRIT WEAR

We are once again selling Coal Tye spirit wear this spring. Notices with items and prices went home last week. Orders are due to classroom teachers by Monday May 1, 2017. Extra order forms can be found at the office if needed.

MOVING AWAY

To help us with our planning for next year, please let us know if you will be moving out of the area. Also if you are aware of families moving into the Coal Tye catchment area with school aged children, please let us know.



Every child deserves an education free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation and

violence. The ERASE (Expect Respect and A Safe Education) bullying strategy is part of the Province of British Columbia's efforts to personalize learning and supports for all students.

TRACK AND FIELD

All students in Grade 3-7 will be participating in our annual school track & field meet on Tuesday May 2, 2017 at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and arrives to school on time as the buses leave for the Rotary Bowl at 9:00 a.m. Students will ride on school buses for the return trip back to Coal Tye as well (approx 2:15). Any parent who wishes to pick up their child from the track meet may do so but please ensure your child's teacher is aware of this pick-up arrangement prior to leaving the school in the morning. Please note parking is an issue around the Rotary Bowl; there is pay parking beside the baseball field. You will also want to send your child with a packed lunch/extra snacks and lots of water. The grade seven classes will be looking after a concession and once a menu has been put together it will be emailed out on our listserve.

SPLASH AND DASH

Several of our students participated in the annual Splash and Dash race at Beban Park on Friday April 7, 2017. Ms. Dickie organized the group and persevered through the inclement weather conditions. Way to go Coal Tye!

STEM CHALLENGE

Student had the opportunity to demonstrate many 21st century skills during the Coal Tye STEM challenge. (STEM) which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is just one of the areas in the new curriculum. Students demonstrated numerous skills while completing a specific task. Students were engaged in constructing Lego Mazes, Pom Pom Launchers, Weather Proof Structures and newspaper towers.





Wellington Basketball program is hosting a basketball camp for our feeder school kids in grades 5, 6 and 7. We want to have our current Wellington athletes meet our upcoming future athletes to ease the transition to high school. This camp will start on May 9th and will run for 3 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. The dates are: May 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, and 25th with a wind up game on May 26th at 5:30pm. Our basketball camp will be organized and coached by our senior athletes, with the assistance of our Athletic Directors. The cost of this camp is \$20. Each athlete will receive a t-shirt and a slice of pizza at the wind up game.

To sign up your future Wildcat please email Nicole McRae at nmcrae@sd68.bc.ca by May 5th.

SCHOOL PARKING/DROP OFF

For parents driving to Coal Tye just a gentle reminder to not block the driveways of our neighbors, as this can be troublesome for neighbors needing to leave their driveways in the morning or towards the end of our school day. A couple of the neighbors have phoned the school as the blocking of their driveways is becoming a daily issue.



TRAFFIC SAFETY



Please do not park in front of the school on Sun Valley Drive between 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. as this is a Kiss & Go Drop Off and Pick Up area only during these times.

If you want to park at the school please use the parking lot near the swings or along Mt. Vista Drive. **Also, please make sure that the inner driveway area is kept free for buses and special needs parking only.**



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Students that are participating in the heart and stroke foundation pledge drive need to have their donations and donation envelopes back in to the school by Friday May 5th. Prizes will be ordered the following week and should arrive at the school in early June.

COAL TYEE DRESS CODE

With the warmer (we hope soon) weather comes the need to wear lighter clothing. Please remember that school is a workplace for your child/children and what may be acceptable attire at the beach or other places may not necessarily be acceptable at the workplace. At Coal Tye, we follow the SD #68 Dress Code guidelines and add our own guidelines with respect to "revealing" clothing.

SD #68 Guidelines

Appropriate dress is considered to be that which:

- Is safe
- Is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, racism/discrimination, sex and or violence
- Is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting.

Coal Tye Dress code guidelines:

In addition to SD # 68 guidelines, Coal Tye has adopted the following dress code guidelines:

- Students wearing clothes that are found to be distracting or "revealing" will be asked to "cover up" or phone home for more appropriate clothing. A rule of thumb is that tops join bottoms and undergarments remain unseen
- No hats allowed to be on student heads in the building unless it's a special event.



BookFest 2017 is taking place Saturday, May 6th in downtown Nanaimo. The hub of activity will be in the Diana Krall Plaza, while the presenter sessions are held in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre and the Harbour front Library.

BookFest is a wonderful, fun-filled day for children and adults alike. Renowned authors and illustrators from across Canada are invited to present their work, tell stories about their creations and lives, and inspire youth through literature and art. Past presenters have included Marie-Louise Gay, Ashley Spires, Jeremy Tankard, Kevin Sylvester, Sarah Ellis, Kit Pearson, Michael Kusugak, Mike Deas, and many, many more. Find out about more past presenters here.

The day is divided into three sessions of 45 minutes each, starting at 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Each child who registers may bring a parent and pick three BookFest presenter sessions of their choice. The presenters use a variety of techniques to inspire creativity and enthusiasm for books in their audience: some use technology, some use story-blankets, and others may leap and bounce about. Audience participation is common, as the presenters ask children to help with future book ideas or assist with a new illustration.

Each presenter will have books be available for purchase from our official BookFest book vendor, Well Read Books at Literacy Central Vancouver Island. The presenters will be available to sign books at the end of the day! For more information, visit the website:

<http://www.bookfest.ca/>

BOOK SWAP

The Library will be hosting a book swap on May 29th. Students are encouraged to bring their old books that they do not read anymore to donate to the book swap in exchange for other books. If you have any books to donate, please bring them to Mrs. Jones in the Library. For each book you bring in, you will receive a ticket that can be used on the book swap day. We would also be happy to accept any parent volunteers for set up and general help, please see the sign-up sheet outside of the Library.



SUN SAFETY

The sun is shining and it is hot on the playground! It is that time of year again, time to slap on the sun block and to seek shade from the sun's damaging UV Rays. Our students spend a total of 45 minutes a day outside for recess and lunch. The sun on a high UV Index day, can burn the skin in less than 7 minutes. To prevent painful sunburn and possible skin diseases such as melanoma, we recommend students:

1. Wear sun block everyday from April until October.
2. Wear long sleeves, a hat and sunglasses.

Even a few sunburns can increase your chances of getting a skin cancer like melanoma. The BC Cancer Agency says that we should "Avoid UV radiation and prevent sunburn, especially during childhood."

Please encourage your child to wear sun block and to bring a hat and sunglasses to school for outside play time.

PLAYGROUND FUNRAISING

Congratulations to the Coal Tye Community for your outstanding efforts selling World Finest Chocolates. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to support the new playground. After the dust settled it looks like the community was able to raise approximately \$7000.00. This years total combined with last years fundraising efforts bring our grand total to approximately \$19000.00

ACTIVE FOR LIFE EXPO



Pacific Sport has organized a **free event** for students of all ages and abilities at Sherry Field adjacent to John Barsby School. The event takes place on Saturday May 13th from 10am - 2 pm. Come by and check out the activities.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2	School Track and Field Meet
May 4	Ms. Pakulak - Trade Show
May 9	Drumming Performance
May 10	PAC Meeting
May 12	Non Instructional Day- School Based - students do not attend
May 16	All Science Challenge
May 22	Victoria Day - students do not attend
May 25	Zone Track and Field Meet
May 26	Spirit Day
June 7	Parent Tea
June 8	District Track and Field Meet

