



# THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter  
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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mrs. Lehtovaara and the Coal Tye students will be presenting our Christmas concert on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. The dress rehearsal will be at 1:00 and the evening performance will be at 6:30. The evening concert will be well attended; if you are able to attend the afternoon concert that would be much appreciated.

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Appropriate communication between the school and home is a key component towards developing relationships in the school learning community. Research suggests that open lines of communication result in a more positive learning environment for both students and teachers. With such a variety of communication methods available to us these days (i.e. facebook, twitter, email, etc ) it is very easy to use a communication tool that will not effectively help solve problems or issues that have occurred at school. At Coal Tye, we would like to encourage open lines of communication through the following methods.

1. If you have a classroom concern, please contact the teacher directly by calling the office to set up a time to meet and discuss the issue.
2. If your concerns are more school wide please contact the principal at the office.

## MONSTER'S BALL THANK YOU

A very big thank you to the parents involved in organizing and volunteering the day and night of the actual event. The event was well attended and much appreciated by the Coal Tye community. This event was a great fundraiser for our PAC.



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. For more information check out the website [www.erasebullying.ca](http://www.erasebullying.ca).

## COLD WEATHER

The weather is starting to get colder in the mornings and I have noticed a few students not wearing appropriate clothing for the temperature. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day's weather. We also have coats and cold weather clothing for families that may need support. If this is an issue, please let the teacher or myself know.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reason that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca), and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

A big thank you to Ms. Tye and Mrs. Reynolds class for organizing the Remembrance Day assembly. The program was excellent and the students did a great job getting the message across.

## CLIPPER VISIT

We had a visit from four Nanaimo Clipper players last week. The boys came into read with some of our grade one students and we also challenged them to a floor hockey game. The young fellas enjoyed their time at Coal Tye and came out with a narrow victory over our floor hockey captains.

## CHESS CLUB

Chess Club started up this week, and will be running after school in the library until March. The club will take place on Wednesdays. Thank you to Mr. DeGear, for initiating this club. All ages and experience welcome from kindergarten to grade seven - novice to expert! The goal is to learn in a fun environment, and hopefully improve ones' game.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our cross country runners that participated in the zone and district cross country races. We had approximately 30 runners participating at the zone meet and 10 qualified for the district meet. A big thank you to Mrs. Dickie for organizing and coaching the team.

## VOLLEYBALL

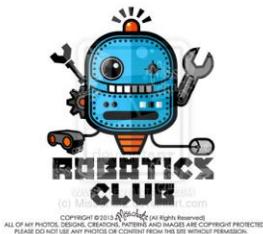
Volleyball season started last week. We have two teams participating in the league this year. Mr. Ingalls is working with the Bantam girls, and Ms. Dickie and Mr. Pinkney are coaching the Pee wee girls team. We do not have a boys' team this year.

## FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the boys and girls that participated in the NETPEA football league. Student demonstrated good skill development and sportsmanship throughout the season. The boys had a particularly good season and won the district championships.

## LIBRARY CODING AND ROBOTICS CLUB

Mrs. Jones is offering Coding and Robotics clubs on Mondays and Wednesdays for our students. The current focus is on robotics and we have the district robotics kits until the Christmas break.



## DRAMA CLUB

Mrs. Finetti and Mr. Elliot have started a drama club on Tuesdays at lunch recess. A number of students have signed up for the club and they also welcome drop ins.

## PICK UP TIME

A reminder, pick up time is 2:30 Tuesday to Friday and 1:30 on Monday. There will be supervision at the front of the school and at the playground for 15 minutes past this time. In terms of morning supervision, it is also available 15 minutes prior to the start of classes (beginning at 8:23). Please do not send students to school earlier than 8:15.

## PARKING—SUN VALLEY DRIVE AND NEIGHBORHOOD DRIVEWAYS

Parents and the school took an active role in educating parents a few years ago about not using the front of the school (on Sun Valley Drive) as a place to park vehicles. This was to ensure student safety. As we know 345 students being dismissed or starting at the same time can cause foot traffic issues in front



of the school and trying to minimize vehicle traffic and ensure a safer walk to or from home is paramount. Parents are encouraged to use this area as a "kiss and go" where vehicles do not actually park. If you need to park your vehicle please consider using the abundance of extra spots in the staff parking lot near the swings, or parking on Mountain Vista. On a parking note please ensure the driveways of our neighbours are not blocked as this can be troublesome getting in and out of driveways in the morning or afternoon. I have been informed that the bylaw officer will be making regular visits to our school during drop off and pick up times.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND PLANNERS

Staff has informed me that there are still a significant amount of outstanding school supply and planner fees. Please make an effort to pay these fees as soon as possible. If there is a hardship issue, please let your child's teacher or Mr. English know as we do have funds to support.



## LOST AND FOUND

We have already acquired a wide range of clothes, shoes, and various other items in our lost and found storage boxes. During the week of the Christmas concert the contents will be displayed in the hallways for parents and students to check out. **After that, on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, all of these clothes will be collected by the Canadian Diabetes.**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the regular English Kindergarten program for September 2017 will start on Monday, January 9, 2017. **Our School District will be going with a centralized registration system this year and all registration will be online or at the board office. Individual schools will no longer be accepting new registration forms.** Complete information about the new registration system will be available on the school district website shortly. [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 3	Recognition Assembly
Dec 9	Junior Achievement Fair
Dec 13	Christmas Concert
Dec 23	Winter Break
Jan 9	School Re-Opens