



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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NEW REPORTING GUIDELINES

The BC Education Plan is moving toward educational choice and flexibility with less focus on facts and more on concepts and competencies. At Coal Tye, Teachers will be guiding and empowering learners who will engage in discovery, creativity and problem-solving. While exemplary instructional and assessment practice has been happening and will continue, we will move towards a more personalized, flexible teaching and learning method that reflects a 21st century world. Teachers will continue to reshape their instructional practices and identify more effective ways of student assessment and evaluation. We are shifting from a model of reporting to parents at three formal times each year, to one of ongoing communication with parents throughout the year. This involves fluid processes and changes in how teachers assess, and also how we communicate student learning to both students and parents. We will be hosting a parent informational night in our library on **Thursday October 27th at 6:00 p.m.** with the intent of providing parents and guardians the most current assessment and curriculum information from the ministry and the district. Please RVSP at the office- 250-729-0450

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On the week of November 7th -10th we will be dismissing students one hour and twenty minutes earlier (Tuesday-Thursday @ 1:10) to accommodate parent/teacher interviews. These interviews are part of the reporting requirements set by the provincial government. If you are not able to attend a meeting during this time, please make arrangements with your child's teacher(s) to reschedule a time that is suitable for both parties. We will be using the School Appointments software to schedule meetings again this year. More information will be sent home next week.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair was a great success. Mrs. Jones and her fabulous group of volunteers organized a very successful event. Thanks to the Coal Tye learning community we are able to continue to support our library.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND PLANNERS

Staff has informed me that there is quite a lot of outstanding school supply and planer 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.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES

A reminder, pick up time is 1:30pm on Mondays and 2:30pm Tuesday to Friday. There will be supervision at the front of the school and at the playground for 15 minutes past these times. In terms of morning supervision, it is also available 15 minutes prior to the start of classes, beginning at 8:23am. Please do not send student to the school before 8:15am.

Coal Tye Spirit Wear

We will be sending home information about Coal Tye spirit clothing within the next two weeks. We will have sample sizes for students to try on at the office. Students, parents and staff will be able to purchase T-shirts, Hoodies, Sweat pants, personalized numbered shirts and a variety of other styles

MONSTER'S BALL

Coal Tye's annual family Halloween dance is scheduled for Friday October 28th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Volunteers are required to make this event a success. If you are able to help out you can email the PAC at coaltyeepac@gmail.com or stop by and let the office know.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

On Monday, October 31st our students will have some ghoulish opportunities to participate in. The students will start the morning off with a costume parade so they can show off their awesome costumes. We will gather in the hallway and parade around the inside of the main building. Various classroom activities will be organized by staff and Mrs. Pakulak's class will once again be organizing the very popular haunted house for our older students to visit.



COSTUMES

On Halloween Day, children are encouraged to wear their costumes at school. **Students from kindergarten to grade three will need to bring a change of clothes so they can change out of their costume before short recess.** Hopefully, this will prevent any damage to costumes while playing. Face paint or makeup should be applied at home prior to the start of the day. Please remember that a young child can be easily frightened and costumes with blood or gore are not encouraged. **Also, please do not send any props to school (ie swords, guns, wands etc.) as they may get lost or broken or be deemed inappropriate.**

Finally, in order to follow our healthy school guidelines, we would like to suggest that students restrict the amount of candy they bring after Halloween. Please help us by ensuring your child does not bring too much candy to school. Thank you for your assistance.



CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will start up in November, and will be running after school in the library until March. It will take place from 2:40pm - 3:25pm. 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. More information will be provided to those who sign up.



Thanks, Good Luck and Good Game!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Friday, November 11th is the Remembrance Day holiday. School will not be in session that day as a tribute to all the men and women that fought for the freedom of our country. We will be having an assembly to honour the veterans on Thursday, November 10th at 10:40am. Parents are welcome to join us for this ceremony.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country team has been training very hard for the past few weeks. The team meets with Mrs. Dickie for warm-up and training runs. The Zone Meet will be held at Beban Park on Thursday, October 27th. Students and teams that qualify run in the district meet on November 3rd at the Rotary Bowl. Thank you to Mrs. Dickie for coaching the cross country team.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The NETPEA girl's football league is in the process of finishing up. The girls have played extremely well in this season. Every game the girls continue to show outstanding sportsmanship and improved skills. I would also like to thank Jeff Pinkney for helping the girls develop their skills this year.

BOYS FOOTBALL

The boys have played three games so far and continue to show good improvement. The boys claimed back the Cougar Cup in a very exciting overtime victory against Quarterway. The boys have one more game left in the season before we begin playoffs in November.

VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball season is starting up later in November. We are in need of coaches for all divisions. Both Pee Wee boys and girls play on Tuesdays, bantam boys play on Wednesdays and bantam girls play on Thursdays. Practice times have some flexibility, but are either before school, at long recess or after school when the gym is not in use. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Mr. English.

INTERMEDIATE FLOOR HOCKEY

We will begin a fun grades 4-7 floor hockey league during long recess the first week of November. Students will organize teams and Mr. Elliot and Mr. English will sponsor and help referee the games. Sportsmanship, combined with a fun, healthy activity during the recess time is the goal of the intramural floor hockey.

CODING CLUB

One again Mrs. Jones is sponsoring the Coal Tyee Coding Club. The Club meets at long recess on Thursday and Fridays. If students are interested in joining the club, they should talk directly to Mrs. Jones.

DRAMA CLUB

This year our councilor Mrs. Finetti and our Aboriginal Education EA Mr. Elliot are hosting a Drama Club. Drama club meets on Tuesdays at short recess. If students are interested in joining the Drama Club they should speak with Mr. Elliot or Mrs. Finetti.

CHOIR

Mrs. Lehtovarra is putting together a Choir program for Coal Tyee students in grade 4-7. The sign-up sheet is in the Multi-Purpose Room.

INTERNET SAFETY

As a new school year begins we often stop and reflect on goals, new classrooms and friends. One positive, emerging aspect of education is the readiness of Internet-based learning. Many of your children have grown up with technology- that is all they know. It is their norm- affecting them in daily interactions and for many, will shape their futures. What is critical in parenting children of the Internet generation is 'early intervention and awareness'. Just as we teach our children how to cross a street, tie their shoes, and say 'please/thank you', we need to extend these life tools to our children, via their first Internet-based devices (iPods, game consoles, PCs'). Ultimately, your Internet role modeling loudly mirrors how your children will cope, adapt and learn about the technology. Please take the time and 'LISTEN' to your children- they will teach you a lot about their virtual worlds.

The link below contains some tips that will help you build a safe and caring Internet experiences for your family (please discuss as a family and tape it to the fridge at home for easy reflection):

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sco/resourcedocs/internet_safe/internet_safe.pdf

TERRY FOX

Thank you for supporting the Terry Fox Foundation with your generous donations. The Coal Tyee community raised over \$300.00 this year. Way to go Coal Tyee!

LOST AND FOUND

Already lots of clothes, shoes, and various items have been found around the school and put in the lost and found located in the hallway. Please check to see if any of these items belong to your children.

HEAD LICE

We hope you have enjoyed the summer with your children. The conclusion of school breaks are times when head lice are more likely to show up in your child's hair. To prevent the spread of head lice among children at school, we ask that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. The wet-combing technique is now recognized as the best method for detecting lice and their nits. If you detect head lice on your child, we ask that you treat the lice immediately and notify the school. Avoid using head lice shampoos; they may no longer be effective in killing all lice and their nits, and may cause skin irritation. Inexpensive conditioner and special lice combs, used as directed, will eliminate lice. Hair conditioner and lice combs are available at most drug stores.

Remember that head lice are a nuisance. They do not carry disease and are not a health risk. Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly limit the spread of head lice in our school. We would appreciate each family taking the time to read the information on the Greater Vancouver Lice Clinic website and check their child's head regularly. Checking other members of the family is also a good idea.

<http://greatervancouverliceclinic.ca/>

More information is available from the public health nurse at 250-755-3388.

Thank you for helping to prevent head lice from becoming a problem. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retakes for student that missed photo day or are not happy with their photo package will take place on Friday October 28th. **Students must return their original photo proofs to the photographer on photo retake day.**

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 340 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. Finally, please do not park in the driveway in front of the school unless you have a disability placard.



BC SCHOOL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of our goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables as snacks. If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the program, please let us know in the office.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is expected that students will dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to a positive and safe learning environment. Appropriate dress is safe; is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, discrimination, sex and/or violence; is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting. Clothing should appropriately cover the body from the shoulder to the mid-thigh. Students who wear inappropriate clothing will be asked to change into acceptable attire, which may require being sent home. In this case, parents will be contacted.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS

The cool wet weather will arrive and there will be many days students will ask the question “Is it an inside day?” The answer on most days is no. Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. At Coal Tyee we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. **It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks.**



MEETING WITH STAFF MEMBERS



First thing in the morning, 8:40, as well as right at the end of the day is a particularly busy time in classrooms with students getting ready to start or finish their school day and parents picking or dropping students to and from class. At 8:40 teachers are trying to start their classes and at 2:30 trying to help students as they leave for the day. These times are not appropriate to be having conversations with teachers about students as privacy of students, including your own child, cannot be guaranteed in this environment. Teachers are always happy to meet with parents, please contact the office and a message will be left for the teacher of your child to contact you to schedule an appointment.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 21	Pro D Day
Oct 27	Zone Cross Country
Oct 28	Photo Retakes
Oct 28	Monsters Ball
Oct 31	Halloween Activity
Nov 3	District Cross Country
Nov 6	Daylight Savings (Fall Back)
Nov 7-10	Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 9	PAC Meeting
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Stat
Nov 25	Spirit Day

School List Serve

The advent of the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation has changed the way that schools can email information to parents. In order to send email that contains commercial content, schools must have the consent of parents. Unfortunately, the rules have changes so much that we are not able to send anything home that pertains to money collection including things like fundraising activities, fun lunch, school photos etc. This information is common in our newsletters.

We would like to continue to be environmentally conscious and utilize the list serve as much as possible. There are two ways that you can subscribe:

1. Subscribe to our school newsletter! Because of the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation, we require parents' consent to send you our school newsletter via email. By signing up at: https://wwwssl.sd68.bc.ca/Parent_Subscription/Subscribe.aspx?Schoolcode=coal you are giving your consent and you will receive the school newsletter to your email address. Alternatively, you can email subscribe-coalteeelementary-news@listsrv.sd68.bc.ca. If you don't receive a confirmation email, be sure to look in your Spam folder. You can unsubscribe from this service at any time.
2. You can send us your email address and we can submit the information for you.



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.