



THE COAL TIPPLE

Coal Tye Elementary School Newsletter
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<http://www.coaltyee.mysd68.ca/>

Dear Parents,

November is a time for reflection, to appreciate the sacrifices of previous generations in preserving our cherished freedoms and way of life. Our Remembrance Assembly will take place on Thursday, November 10th at 9:30 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

We are well into the school year. Halloween is behind us and it won't be long before the school will be alive with the sights and sounds of the Christmas season.

With this time of year comes cold weather. Please don't let your children leave home in the morning without proper clothes for the weather. We encourage students to play outdoors during our recess break and proper attire is important. Also, note supervision is provided for students starting at 8:35 in the mornings.

On October 31st, our short recess break was shifted to the end of the day and students are now available for dismissal at 2:25 (Monday to Thursday). Supervision is still provided until 2:40 for recess if your child does remain. Our Friday schedule is unchanged, with dismissal taking place at 1:25.

Our school website is now linked from the main School District Website (www.sd68.bc.ca/) or can be accessed at: <http://www.coaltyee.mysd68.ca/>. If you still wish to have paper copies of school newsletters please phone the office and let us know (your name, your child's name and class) and we will ensure copies are printed for you.

Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon,
(Acting) Principal

TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011 – 2012 Please note the BCTF job action may change or cancel some of these dates. Up to date information is available at www.sd68.bc.ca

Remembrance Day	Fri. Nov 11
Report Card 1 issued (see note below).....	Wed Nov 30
Christmas Variety Show (K-5) (10-11 AM).....	Mon Dec 12
Last Day before Holiday	Fri. Dec 16
First Day back	Tue. Jan 3
Pro-D [district wide]	Mon. Feb 20
Pro-D [school based].....	Tue. Feb 21
Report Card 2 issued	Wed Mar 14
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. Mar 16
First Day back.....	Mon. Mar 26
Good Friday.....	Fri. Apr 6
Easter Monday	Mon. Apr 9
Pro-D (school based)	Mon. Apr 23
Victoria Day	Mon. May 21
Report Card 3 issued	Wed Jun 27
Last Day of School	Wed. Jun 27
Pro-D Day (school-based).....	Thu. Jun 28
Administration Day	Fri. Jun 29

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

Parents may be aware that the Labour Relations Board (LRB) has said that as part of Phase One of job action by the B.C. Teachers Federation, teachers are not required to prepare report cards. The B.C. Public School Employers

Association, which represents school districts, has asked the LRB to rule that report cards are an essential service. Our school district is waiting for the LRB's ruling before making a final decision on the format of the November/December report cards. Once there is a decision, parents will receive a letter with more details and information will also be posted on the school district website www.sd68.bc.ca.

ABSENCES OR LATES

If your child is absent or late for school please phone the school as early as possible to notify the office (and preferably before 8 AM). The school office does have a 24 hour voice mail and you can leave a message stating your name, your child's name, grade and teacher. This will avoid the phone call from the office to you in the morning, as well as help us to ensure all students are accounted for as quickly as possible. On the topic of lates please ensure your child arrives to school prior to 8:47 as class starts at 8:50 and being late to class can cause distractions for students and staff.

THANK YOU TO ALEXANDRA'S

We would like to thank the Turna family and Alexandra's Restaurant for their donation of \$500 to the school. The Turna girls worked this past summer at the family restaurant and donated their tips to the school and the tips were matched by Alexandra's restaurant.

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.

CHANGE IN RECESS

As per the letter sent home on October 20th from our Superintendent, students are now available for pick up at 2:25 (Monday to Thursday), if you wish. Our Friday pick up (1:25) remains unchanged.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the Cross Country Team members of our school who attended the North Zone Large schools cross country meet in late October at Hammond Bay School and Neck Point Park. It was a perfect morning for running and all our runners gave their very best in the competition. It was really exciting to watch our team members come across the finish line.



Our team displayed commitment, hard work and good sportsmanship throughout and represented our school well. We can all be very proud of them.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

Tyke Boys:

Kaya Saunders	Riley DeRuiter
Owen Eshelby	Cameron Boudrot
Korman Branter	Ethan Gelderblom
Lucas Calliou	Noah Urbanoski
Nolan Kehoe	Kolten Pieters

Tyke Girls:

Sarah Bonnici	Charley MacDonald
Grace Boas	Caralee Bremner

PeeWee Boys:

Delano Burtini	Nathaniel Richmond
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PeeWee Girls:

Alyssa MacDonald	Claire Boudrot
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Bantam Girls:

Cyndie Oyao	Julie Wood
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Way to go Coal Tyee!!

Thanks to helpers at the zone meet:

Mrs. Boudrot	Mrs. Bremner
Mrs. Bonnici	Mrs. MacDonald
Mrs. Boas	Mrs. Urbanoski
Mrs. Pieters	Mrs. Eshelby and Mrs. DeRuiter
Mrs. Gelderblom	Mrs. Branter

On November 4th, the following athletes participated in the districts and represented our school very well: Noah Urbanoski, Kaya Saunders, Riley DeRuiter, Korman Branter, Alyssa MacDonald. Thank you to Mrs. Urbanoski, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs DeRuiter for accompanying the team to the districts.

Thank you to Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Patterson for coaching the team this season and to Mrs. Hoover for accompanying the team to the zone meet.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season starts in mid November this year and is wrapped up before the end of January. Thank you to Mrs. Julie Wood for coaching our Bantam Boys Volleyball Team which will include Grade 6 and Grade 7 boys as we did not have enough Grade 7 boys to field a team. The team is practicing Wednesdays at lunch recess and playing their games Wednesday after school. Also thank you to Mrs. Rhonda Wood for coaching our Bantam Girls Volleyball team. The girls are practicing at lunch time on Mondays and after school on Fridays once the season starts and their games will take place Thursdays after school. If you know anyone who might be interested in coaching our PeeWee Girls Volleyball team (Grade 6) please ask the individual to contact Mr. Dhillon at the school in the next couple of days as the season is about to start next week. The volunteer will need to go through a criminal record check.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW (Divisions 4-13)

On Monday December 12th, starting at 10 AM, Mrs. Raducu plans to hold a Christmas inspired variety show, showcasing the singing talents of the students she works with (K-5). Mrs. Galloway's class will also be participating.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

The following is a reminder about the Board's school closure policy for students and employees.

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other

problems such as power outages or bad weather, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station --- tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Coal Tyee will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Families who wish to participate are invited to fill shoe boxes with small gifts for children around the world who are suffering from war, famine, disease, extreme poverty, or natural disaster. The destination country for 2011 is Haiti. Further information regarding this project can be picked up in the office. Shoe boxes are due between November 23rd and November 26th.

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club runs **Wednesdays** after school in the library. It will take place in the library from 2:25 pm - 3:15pm. There will be adult supervision by either/both, Tamara Mize and Greg Skala.



Thanks, Good Luck and Good Game!
Sincerely, Greg Skala and Tamara Mize

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Welcome to Ms. A. Bowman, who is a new EA to our school. She plans to start her position in mid November. In the mean time Mrs. A. Laird has been filling in for the past few weeks. Also welcome Mrs. A. Aitken as our new, two day per week, Kindergarten teacher. She will be working with Ms. Symbaluk.

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 appears to have arrived 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 lunch recess 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.

OUTERWEAR DONATIONS (JACKETS, WINTER PANTS)

Thank you to parent, Mrs. Tamara Mize, for continuing the used coat/outerwear program. If you have jackets, winter pants etc... that are no longer in use at home and wish to donate them please send the washed item to the school and the item will be made available for students who do not have proper cold weather clothing. The school has a rack, located just outside the library where these jackets are stored. Students who are in need of cold weather items are welcome to take (and keep) something from this rack.

