



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

week at a Glance
SEPT 11-22, 2023

Monday Sept 11	Tuesday Sept 12	Wednesday Sept 13	Thursday Sept 14	Friday Sept 15
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Full Day of Kindergarten		
Monday Sept 18	Tuesday Sept 19	Wednesday Sept 20	Thursday Sept 21	Friday Sept 22
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wheelie Wednesday begins		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Fees due

Looking ahead:

Sept. 27 – Picture Day

Sept. 29th - Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Oct. 2nd – **No School Day** (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

Oct. 9th – Thanksgiving Day- **No School**

Oct. 20th – Pro-D Day – **Schools Closed**

Nov. 13th – Remembrance Day – **Schools Closed**



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Hello everyone,

What a wonderful first couple of days! We had a fun assembly today with lots of brave students willing to be actors for my photos. Please read the information items below.

We wish you all a hopefully sunny weekend 😊

Self-Identification of Indigenous Ancestry (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit)

Indigenous Education Services in School District #71 (Comox Valley) offers various supports and opportunities to over 1,750 students of Indigenous Ancestry. Our goal is to enrich the educational opportunities for all our Indigenous students. The focus for our service is to enhance all Indigenous students' understanding of their heritage, their sense of belonging and the personal belief that they can be successful in the British Columbia public school system.

Indigenous Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through verbal self-identification. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. We do not require further documentation. Ancestry may go back several generations and a Status Card is not required.

For more information or if you have any questions, please speak with the Indigenous Support Worker assigned to your school (sandi.phye@sd71.bc.ca) or contact our office at 250-331-4040 or email indigenous.education@sd71.bc.ca

Backpack Buddies will be available again this year for any families interested. Please email our YFPW at deanna.caswell@sd71.bc.ca if you are interested in this program. For any families not familiar with this program, please see attached document.



The Breakfast Program will also continue to run this year. Healthy choices are available starting at 8:00. We do provide take away bags to ensure all students are able to transition to class by the bell. If you have any questions, please contact our YFPW, Ms. Dee. deanna.caswell@sd71.bc.ca

Outside At Recess and Lunch – last time I promise

Students will be outside at recess and lunch unless the weather is really bad outside. It has to be very nasty out there for us to deprive them of their chance to get some fresh air and physical exercise. Please ensure students have weather appropriate clothing with them at school.

Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms have been sent home or will be sent home on Monday to confirm contact information. Email will be the main source of communication between school and home. Please ensure your contact information is current and up to date.

School Supplies

For the 2023-24 school year Arden will be providing basic school supplies to students in Kindergarten to grade 5. For Kindergarten to grade 5, the fee will be \$15.

The office will accept e-transfer, cash, or cheque.

Fees are due no later than September 22nd. Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to arden@sd71.bc.ca. Please make sure you include the following message: **School Supplies-Student(s) Name**

Please feel free to email me with any questions or comments at andrew.ferneyhough@sd71.bc.ca

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