



# ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance  
NOV. 20 -DEC.1, 2023

Monday Nov 20	Tuesday Nov 21	Wednesday Nov 22	Thursday Nov. 23	Friday Nov. 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC Meeting - 6:30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonanza</li> <li>• Curling - Div 9&amp;10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Fair 8-9am; 2:30-3pm</li> <li>• No Wheelie Wednesday</li> <li>• Salad Bar</li> <li>• Grade 5 Volleyball @ Royston</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Fair 9 am-2:30 pm</li> <li>• Parent/Teacher Conferences No School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Fair 8-9am; 2:30-3pm</li> </ul>
Monday Nov 27	Tuesday Nov 28	Wednesday Nov 29	Thursday Nov. 30	Friday Dec. 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Div. 9&amp;10 Curling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salad Bar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC Hot Lunch -Chicken Pot Pie</li> </ul>	

### Looking ahead:

**Dec. 2** – Arden PAC Winter Market

**Dec. 11** – PAC Meeting 6:30 in the library

**Dec. 20** – Last day for Santa’s Workshop donations

**Dec. 21** – Santa’s Workshop Shopping

**Dec. 22** – Last Day of School

### Happy Friday everyone!

What a wacky week of sunshine and rain and hail. I am wearing lots of layers for sure. We had some good adventures curling and volleyballing and even a trip for some down to Lake Trail to watch a play.

Next week, as you can see, is pretty full of Parent/Teacher meetings, Book Fairs, a PAC Meeting and our last Grade 5 mini-tourney at Royston. Thank you to all of the parents that have been driving to our many outings

these past few weeks. It is great to see so many people with their Criminal Record checks and driving paperwork submitted. We couldn't do it without you!

### **Wheelie Wednesday Thankyou!**

A huge thank you to Jessie SheridanBusch, Michelle Honeysett, JJ Goff and the multitude of volunteers that have helped with Wheelie Wednesday. I particularly enjoyed my year-end bike smoothie 😊 We will start up again sometime in Feb-Mar once the weather breaks.

### **First Student Busing**

Our office here at the school is generally closed by 3:00pm. If your child has not been dropped off, or you have some other difficulty with the buses, please call the dispatch directly at [\(250\) 703-2656](tel:2507032656) as they can radio the bus driver. You can certainly call here, and we will try to answer, but we will not always be by the phone. I apologize on the bus company's behalf for some recent mix-ups with some new drivers.

### **Winter Celebration Concert**

We are excited to have our Winter Music Celebration concert with a 'Snow Day' theme likely on the Monday or Tuesday before the Winter break. We have not decided yet how best to fit everyone in but will get back to you ASAP.

### **Santa's Workshop – Arden**

I think that the attached document says it all. There is a bin in the front foyer where we have started collecting new and gently used items.

### **EDAS – Everyone Deserves a Smile**

Arden is excited to participate in a district wide compassion project called Everyone Deserves A Smile (EDAS). Our hope is to educate, inspire, and involve local students in service learning, with the great hope that they will grow compassion, connect to unhoused or disadvantaged and help them feel seen, respected and loved.

EDAS is a local non-profit organization that delivers care packages to people during the holiday season. Each package contains a pair of wool socks, a scarf, a toque, mittens, homemade cookies and a hand made card that is then delivered in a hand painted bag.

Throughout the month of November up until December 5, we will be focusing on this compassion project as a school. What is it, how can we show compassion and what actions can we take to help others' who are needier than ourselves. Many of our classes will prepare our hand-painted bags, homemade cards, and learn more about how we can support and help this project.

We will also have a collection box for wool socks, scarves, toques, and mittens. A donation box can be found in the front foyer of the school with an EDAS poster attached. We are in more need of men's XL mittens and men's scarves at this time, all though any items donated will help. These items are being collected at Arden school as well as other schools throughout the district to support this cause. All donations will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate a monetary amount; cheques can be made out to EDAS or E-transfer to [Donate2ComoxValley@edas.ca](mailto:Donate2ComoxValley@edas.ca). **All donations are due by December 5.**

## **Parking**

Things seem to be going much smoother in the parking lot with our new arrows 😊 Thank you for respecting our new 'one entrance' and two exits.

## **Reminders**

### **Winter Market**

You're invited to our annual Arden Winter market. It will be from 10-3 pm on Saturday December 2nd. We will have an array of local vendors from woodworking to soap to baked goodies, handmade crafts and so much more!

If you are interested in becoming a vendor please reach out to [jwitt616@gmail.com](mailto:jwitt616@gmail.com) for more details. Also see attached

Please feel free to email me with any questions or comments at [andrew.ferneyhough@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:andrew.ferneyhough@sd71.bc.ca)

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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