



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

WEEK AT A GLANCE
DEC 4 - DEC.15, 2023

Monday Dec. 4	Tuesday Dec. 5	Wednesday Dec. 6	Thursday Dec. 7	Friday Dec. 8
	- Bonanza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Bar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Hot Lunch - Pepperoni Pizza • Glacier Kings -gr 5's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive Friday
Monday Dec. 11	Tuesday Dec. 12	Wednesday Dec. 13	Thursday Dec. 14	Friday Dec. 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC meeting -6:30 p.m. library 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Bar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Hot Lunch - Pita Pit • Remax Hamper p/u 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive Friday

Looking ahead:

Dec. 2 – Arden PAC Winter Market 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

Dec. 18 – **Dress Rehearsal** for Winter Concert– Students only

Dec. 19 – **Winter Concert: Snow Days** – Two Daytime showings – 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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

Dec. 21 – Santa’s Workshop Shopping

Dec. 22 – Last Day of School

Happy Friday everyone!

I’ll begin by saying that if you are planning on coming to the Winter Market tomorrow here at Arden, that you should be prepared for a busy parking lot. The church will be needing their parking for their Gingerbread

baking challenge. So...if you are within walking/biking distance then I may recommend that. The event is 10am-3pm in the gym. The entrance will be around the back. See attached for more details.

It has been great to see the K/1 classes making good use of their new outdoor classroom. With the new garden being fenced in, things really feel like they are coming along out there.

Finally, if you have a child on bus 802 after school, you may have heard that we have implemented a seating plan to try and help with some challenges they have been having on the bus. I know some students will not be happy but please help them to see that it is for everyone's safety. It is also not set in stone. We can adjust it along the way if need be. Thanks for your support with this.

Student Release Protocol

The Health & Safety team here would like to put out our first little bug in your ears about what should happen should there be an emergency at the school and we need to ask all parents/guardians to come and pickup their children. I have attached a much more formal document, however, the nuts and bolts of it is that if you were to arrive at the school to pick up your child, you will need to have photo ID on you and you need to be prepared to wait in a line and fill out a few lines of paperwork. I know this seems crazy and I also know it will be very hard if and when the time comes, but I also know that no one would want us handing your child over to the wrong person. We are thinking about doing a 'test release' some time in the Spring/Summer. Should be fun. 😊

Reminders

Winter Concert: 'Snow Day'

We will have a 'Students Only' dress rehearsal on Monday Dec. 18, followed on Tuesday Dec. 19th with two daytime showings for parents. The first show will be at 11:00am and the second will be at 1:30pm. The shows will be approximately 40 min long. We are asking that you come to only one of the two shows in order to fit everyone in. The afternoon showing will be taped and a link will be sent out to all families.

Santa's Workshop

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.

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. **All donations are due by December 5.**

Winter Market - Tomorrow

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! The 'Bake Sale' table will be cash only and not all of the vendors will have interac so please remember to bring some cash. There will also be a table of items that will be 'by donation only'.

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

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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