

Monday Jan. 29	Tuesday Jan. 30	Wednesday Jan.31	Thursday Feb 1	Friday Feb 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guest Speaker</b> -Benoit Vaillant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonanza</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salad Bar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School-Based Team</li> <li>• <b>PAC Hot Lunch</b></li> <li>• - Pizza</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guest Speaker</b> -Michael Bortolotto</li> </ul>
Monday Feb. 5	Tuesday Feb. 6	Wednesday Feb. 7	Thursday Feb. 8	Friday Feb. 9
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salad Bar</li> <li>• <b>MDI – Gr. 5's</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School-Based Team</li> <li>• <b>PAC Hot Lunch</b> - Pita Pit</li> </ul>	

**Looking ahead:**

**Feb 15 & 21** – Cross Country Skiing – Grade 5's

**Feb 16** – ProD Day – **No School**

**Feb 19** – Family Day – **No School**

Hello everyone,

It took a while, but the snow/slush is almost gone. I have never had to walk around in 6 inches of slush covering the entire field before:)

It was also weird to do five days in a row. But lots of fun was had around here. We had chili and bannock and salad bar. We had rave reviews from the Grde 4's about the Symphony at the Sid Williams theatre. Tonight we have Dr. Cam, the Optometrist, joining us at 6:30 in the gym – please feel free to join us last minute.

Next week, we have some great speakers coming in to talk to some of the classes. Never a dull moment. I should highlight that the Family Movie night mentioned below is indeed that...a family affair with adults included:)

**Childcare Registration** – Please see the attached poster. We are not attached to this registration. Please see the website for details.

### **Bannock Recipe**

On Salad Bar day the other day, our Elder-in-Residence, Kookum Sheila, came in early and made enough bannock to feed the whole school as a side to our chili and salad. I have had the pleasure of having this many times, but it was the first time for many students here and it sound like lots of kids went home asking for you to make some. So...I was somewhat shocked, but Kookum Sheila has agreed to share her recipe with you. You will find it attached. Hope you enjoy 😊

### **This from our PAC fundraising committee...**

Get your coffee pots ready, our fundraiser is live! Check out the link below, feel free to share it with friends & family. The profit for this fundraiser goes towards the long list of great things our school is doing for our kids, like the salad bar & our awesome playground equipment!

\*Please note this fundraiser will be open until February 6th, 2024.

<https://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/arden/>

And also announcing the movie night:

Your PAC will be hosting a family movie night on February 15th! The Super Mario Movie won by a landslide! Doors will open at 6, entry will be by donation. We will need some volunteers for set up, food, and a few chaperones. Please contact Jessica at [jwitt616@gmail.com](mailto:jwitt616@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer some time.

Watch the PAC Facebook page and your emails for more details in the following week.

## A reminder from our Hot Lunch coordinator Nicole...

### Volunteers For Hot Lunch:

Our hot lunch program is powered by volunteers. Every Thursday, some Thursdays, random Thursdays, it all helps! Lunch service usually takes about an hour from 11:15-12:15. Please reach out to me at my contact email below if you are interested in helping out and have completed the required criminal record screening.

ardenschoolhotlunch@gmail.com

## A Few District Things

### Kindie Registration

The 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration Page is live. All new students must register. Please share with families. Use the advert seen below and this link to program information: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

**Late French Immersion Registration Information:** The Late Immersion Open House is January 25<sup>th</sup> at Puntledge from 6:30-7:30 pm with Registration/Expression of interest opening at 6 pm January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### ENTER Program Open House

Aspen Park will be holding an ENTER open house on Thursday, February 1st from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in room 159 at Aspen Park Elementary. The Expression of Interest will open on Monday, February 5th.

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

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