



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance Dec 16-20, 2024 - Jan 6-10, 2025

Monday Dec. 16	Tuesday Dec. 17	Wednesday Dec. 18	Thursday Dec. 19	Friday Dec. 20
Concert Dress Rehearsal 12:45	Winter Concert: Gifts, Toys. And Holiday Joys 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Salad Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PAC Hot Lunch - Old Farm Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Festive Friday
Monday Jan. 6	Tuesday Jan. 7	Wednesday Jan. 8	Thursday Jan. 9	Friday Jan. 10
First Day Back at School Universal Lunch Program Begins		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Salad Bar		

Looking ahead:

Every Friday in December – Festive Friday – Dress up in anything Festive

Dec. 12 & 13 – Santa's Workshop – see below

Dec. 17 – Winter Concert – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 20 – Last day of Classes

Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 - Winter Break

Jan. 6 – First Day of Classes

Jan. 6 – Universal Lunch Program Begins – See separate email to come

Jan. 13 – PAC Meeting – 6:30

Jan. 20 – Grade 4's to Sid Williams Theatre – Concert

Jan. 31 – Arden PAC Movie Night

Hello everyone,

Fun to see everyone leaving with arms full of puzzles and cutting boards and mugs after Santa's Workshop today:)

Ms. Cameron and I also had a lot of fun with the four winners of the Arden Golden Eagle draw.

Thanks for another great week everyone. One more to go:)

Santa's Workshop – I am very remiss to announce that I was missing Ms. Lyle's name in all of my 'Thank You's' for the organization of Santa's Workshop. A huge thank you to Ms. Lyle as well as Ms. Smith for putting together this wonderful opportunity. Thank you as well to our families and to the Courtenay Baptist Church for all of the donations. Hopefully, it also served as a good chance to 'clear out' some things from the house:)

Winter Concert

The 2024 Arden Winter Concert - "Gifts, Toys and Holiday Joys" - is coming up soon! We will have two shows on Tuesday, December 17th at 1pm and 6pm. Students have been working hard learning their songs and are very excited to perform for an audience! Students are asked to come dressed for both concerts in their "holiday best" - think holiday sweaters, fancy dresses, tuxedos - clothes that are colourful, festive and fun! Stay tuned for further instructions about student drop off times and locations for the evening concert. We look forward to seeing you there!

Universal Lunch Program

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a **Universal Lunch Program** at Arden Elementary! This pilot project is the first of its kind in our district and will give every student the opportunity for **nourishing lunch, every school day**. Please welcome **Nicole Mann** who has been hired to coordinate **NourishEd** at Arden.

Lunches are a suggested price of \$4 each. With support from provincial Feeding Futures funding, we are piloting a **pay-what-you-can** model. This means you can **pay the full balance, nothing, or anything in between**, whatever works for your family. For more information, please see the info sheet coming home with your student or in your email.

Hot Lunch – Just to confirm there will be **no more 'Hot Lunch'** on Thursdays as it will now be everyday as part of the above program.

Reminders

*Comox Valley Volleyball December Camp is December 21st and 22nd at Highland School. The morning session is for **grades 5-8** and the afternoon session is for grades 9-12. Please email Brian at bdstevens@hotmail.com for more information.*

Hope you all have a great weekend,

Andrew

Please feel free to email us with any questions or comments at: andrew.ferneyhough@sd71.bc.ca and teresal.cameron@sd71.bc.ca

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