



# ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance  
Dec 9-20, 2024

Monday Dec. 9	Tuesday Dec. 10	Wednesday Dec. 11	Thursday Dec. 12	Friday Dec. 13
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salad Bar</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PAC Hot Lunch - Pita Pit</li><li>• Christmas Hampers – picked up</li><li>• <b>Santa's Workshop</b></li><li>• Shopping in gym</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Festive Friday</b></li><li>• <b>Santa's Workshop</b></li><li>• Shopping in gym</li></ul>
Monday Dec. 16	Tuesday Dec. 17	Wednesday Dec. 18	Thursday Dec. 19	Friday Dec. 20
	<b>Winter Concert:</b> Gifts, Toys. And Holiday Joys 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salad Bar</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PAC Hot Lunch - Old Farm Market</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Festive Friday</b></li></ul>

## 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

Winter Break – Dec. 23 to Jan. 3

Jan. 6 – First Day of Classes

Hello everyone,

That was pretty fun seeing folks in their festive wear today. It gave me a chance to be festive about Tom Brady's illustrious 23 year career:) But I also had four different hats rotating through the day:)

The other crew of Intermediates sound like they had a great time at curling today. Next week, the big things are handing over our Christmas Hampers as well as Santa's Workshop on Thursday and Friday (see below).

### **Winter Concert**

The 2024 Arden Winter Concert - "Gifts, Toys and Holiday Joys" - is coming up soon! We will have 2 shows on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **FSPW**

I have the pleasure of announcing that Nicole Mann has been hired as our Foods Services Program Worker. Nicole will be working closely with the District Food Services Program Worker Thea Cochrane on the upcoming lunch pilot program at Arden. To elaborate on that..."We are thrilled to announce that Arden will be participating in a new pilot lunch program starting in the new year! Lunches will be offered every school day, with the Salad Bar continuing on Wednesdays. Families will be able to order online and select meals for their children. The program's funding model is pay what you can. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!"

### **EDAS**

Thank you everyone for your donations to the Everyone Deserves a Smile campaign. And thanks to all staff that helped make and bake and decorate the 350 cookies:) But most of all, thank you to our tireless leader Katie Arsenault for getting us to the finish line. She may have a more eloquent blurb for us next week with more details about the project.

### **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](mailto:bdstevens@hotmail.com) for more information.*

**Santa's Workshop** - We are very excited to be preparing for Santa's Workshop!

**How it works:** We collect gently used and new items. On the day of Santa's Workshop, kids get to shop, for free, for gifts for family members. It

would be nice to have lots of items that could be gifts for mom's, dad's, guardians, and of course toys for siblings. There is a box in the foyer for donated items. What a great time to start decluttering your house:)

This is a great opportunity for kids to feel the gift of giving. It is always very special.

Santa's Workshop will be on **December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Please start donating!

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact [katie.arsenault@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:katie.arsenault@sd71.bc.ca) for clarification.

Hope you all have a great weekend,

Andrew

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