



# ARDEN ELEMENTARY

## Week at a Glance Jan 13-24, 2025

Monday Jan. 13	Tuesday Jan. 14	Wednesday Jan. 15	Thursday Jan. 16	Friday Jan. 17
<b>PAC Meeting 6:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bonanza</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Salad Bar</li></ul>		
Monday Jan. 20	Tuesday Jan. 21	Wednesday Jan. 22	Thursday Jan. 23	Friday Jan. 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 4's to Sid Williams for Symphony</li></ul>	<b>Kindergarten Registration Opens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Salad Bar</li></ul>		

### Looking ahead:

**Jan. 13 – PAC Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Jan. 21 – Kindie Online Registration Opens**

**Jan. 31 – Arden PAC Movie Night**

Hello everyone,

Thanks for the great week back. It was a bit tricky getting used to the new sleep routines, me included, but I'd say we did pretty well:)

One thing that came up at our last staff meeting was the importance of making parents aware that Arden has several different types of ways of reporting about student achievement. This can be confusing for families with multiple children. First, there are those that are doing MyEd reporting which comes in the form of 'Report Cards' as were handed out before the break. Then, there are ePortfolios which come out on a regular basis in the online portfolios. Finally, many of our teachers have Paper Portfolios which they can either send home at certain times of the year or invite you in to look at them together. Please contact your teacher if you would like to know more about their particular reporting process. I hope this helps to clarify..a bit:)

The first week of our universal lunch program was a huge success! We are serving an average of 120 meals per day!! Based on parent feedback I want to clarify the following :

- This program is pay what you can. Regardless of the wording on Munch a Lunch, there is no expectation for families to contribute more than what they can. We will continue to work with Munch a Lunch to update the wording to reflect our intent but in the meantime please don't let the wording deter you from accessing the lunch program.
- This week we have been able to test the anonymity function of Munch a Lunch in real time. We can now confirm that there is no connection between payment amounts and student orders. All students who have ordered receive the same food as their classmates with no differentiation between payment methods.
- Families who have ordered but not paid, receive an order confirmation that looks like a bill. This is purely an order confirmation and no action needs to be taken. We are working on having the wording changed to reflect this, thank you for your patience.
- Salad bar is operated by LTCES and will continue to be offered to all students on Wednesdays, regardless of whether it was ordered, paid for or not. We will be changing the option for financial contributions to salad bar for the February menu. Thank you for your feedback and patience while we worked out a plan to continue with a free salad bar that could be supported by parent contributions.
- This is a pilot program and your feedback is appreciated - we want this to be accessible and sustainable! Nicole is available Monday-Friday to chat about everything school food, please get in touch with her 😊

It is the time of year to announce all of the upcoming registrations and programming information.

So...here we go...

## **Kindergarten Registration:**

Expression of Interest opens for: French Immersion, Montessori, and Indigenous programs: **Tuesday, January 14 at 6 pm.**

Neighbourhood School Registration: **Tuesday, January 21.**

Here is an advert for school newsletters – please link to this website: [Kindergarten Registration - Comox Valley Schools](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration)

## **Late French Immersion Open House and Registration Details:**

Link to this website: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/late-french-immersion/>



### **Late French Immersion Registration for 2025-2026 School Year**

The Late French Immersion program accepts students who have completed Grade 5 in an English program at a neighbourhood school.

As they enter Grades 6 and 7 at École Puntledge Park, they study French, in an Immersion setting. For Grade 8, they join Early French Immersion students transitioning to Mark R. Isfeld Secondary.

In addition to the provincial "Dogwood" certificate, successful graduates of the Late French Immersion program receive a Bilingual Graduation Certificate at the end of Grade 12.

We would like to invite interested families to an Open House Information Session at Puntledge on Thursday, Jan 23 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**\*Registration is first come first serve, with sibling priority.**

Register: [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/late-french-immersion-form/](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/late-french-immersion-form/)

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**Register January 28**



**ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK  
ELEMENTARY**



## **ENTER Program Registration and Open House**

**Registration for ENTER and ENTER 2 will open on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and close on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.** You can get the registration link from Brendan Gallagher or direct them to the school district website.

There will also be an open house for ENTER at Aspen Park where families can attend to find out more info on the program, see the classroom space and ask any questions they might have on **Wednesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Aspen Park.**

What is ENTER? The eCademy of New Technology, Engineering and Robotics (**ENTER**) is a fast-paced, hands-on learning environment with a focus on how things work. You can learn more here: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/enter-programs/>

**If you have questions contact:**

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## ENTER ENTER2

Registration for ENTER and ENTER 2 will open on Feb. 1 and close on Feb. 28.

ENTER Program Open House  
Aspen Park Elementary  
Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.

ENTER covers the BC grades 6-7 curriculum through themes like computer systems, digital game design, and robotics. ENTER2 is an alternative program for grades 8-9, focusing on science and technology for students passionate about discovery.

[www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/enter-programs/](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/enter-programs/)



**And finally, a really great opportunity for families passed on to me by Ms. Stacey our Youth and Family Program Worker...**

## A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Courtenay!

Learn together about:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Screen time
- Sleep Routines
- Wellness



**For families with at least  
one child ages 8-12  
(One parent/caregiver  
must attend each week)**

**Online self-directed option is  
available for families outside  
of the age range**

Program includes:

- Q&A's with health professionals
- A family cooking class
- Post program recreation credit based on attendance

Lewis Recreation Centre - Courtenay  
Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm  
February 6 - April 24, 2025  
Generation Health Community funding is  
provided by the BC Ministry of Health



**Scan QR Code or  
Click Here to  
Register and  
Learn More**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Andrew

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