



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance Jan 20-31, 2025

| Monday Jan. 20 | Tuesday Jan. 21 | Wednesday Jan. 22 | Thursday Jan. 23 | Friday Jan. 24 |
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| Grade 4's to Sid Williams for Symphony | Kindergarten for 2025-2026 Registration Opens | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salad Bar | | |
| Monday Jan. 27 | Tuesday Jan. 28 | Wednesday Jan. 29 | Thursday Jan. 30 | Friday Jan. 31 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bonanza | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salad Bar | | <p>Full School Assembly 10:50-11:15 a.m.</p> <p>PAC Movie Night 6:30 p.m.</p> |

Looking ahead:

Jan. 21 – Kindergarten for 2025-2026 Online Registration Opens

Jan. 31 – Arden PAC Movie Night 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 17 – Family Day (School Closed)

Feb. 18 – District Professional Development Day (No School)

Feb. 26 – Pink Shirt Day

March 4th – Parent/Teacher Day #2 – (No School)

Hello everyone,

I am going to skip the pleasantries today because I want to start off by catching your attention. 😊

We have had a second Parent/Teacher Day in the works for several months, however, I realized over the break that though the staff has been talking about it, I have not told the greater community. So, I am telling you now that we were granted a second full day in March to have a full day 'Parent/Teacher Day' in which to share student progress. This may look very similar to the day that we had in October, or somewhat different, depending on your teacher. Either way it is a '**No School Day**' on **Tuesday, March 4th**. I hope that this gives you enough time to make arrangements and I apologize again for the later notice.

Arden PAC Movie Night

This will take place on Friday, January 31 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Entrance is by donation and there will be popcorn and snacks for sale. It is **CASH ONLY**. Students must be with an adult to attend and the entrance will be at the back gym door.

Lunches and Lunch Program

Though our new lunch program has had many successes, one thing we have noticed is that some students are now not bringing any snacks at all with them. Could you please make sure that they still bring some food with them to get them through the first part of the day?

Also, once again, if you need help with the Munch-a-Lunch program, please reach out to Nicole at Nicole.Mann@sd71.bc.ca and she will be happy to help. If you hear from one of our staff, please don't take offence, we are just trying to determine which families would like to be a part of this program and which do not. Thanks for your patience as we work through the kinks.

Next, can you please get your orders in for January as next week we will be closing January to open up February.

Finally, if you are wanting and willing to volunteer some time with the lunch program, please let us know:)

And now for the pleasantries... We will be having our January 'whole-school' assembly on Friday Jan. 31st at 10:50-11:15 a.m. It is just a quick chance for us to get together, celebrate some of our students, and have some fun. Please join us if you can.

Reminders:

From Nicole Mann: Our Foods Program worker re: Munch-a-Lunch

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 😊

I am going to leave all of these registration items in here as they are all still active...

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](#)

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/

Info: www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/late-french-immersion/

Register January 28



**ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK
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ENTER Program Registration and Open House

Registration for ENTER and ENTER 2 will open on Feb. 1st and close on Feb. 28th. 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. 5th 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 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/



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

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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