



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance May 12 – May 23, 2025

Monday May 12	Tuesday May 13	Wednesday May 14	Thursday May 15	Friday May 16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical Safety Week Presentations from BC Hydro PAC Meeting in the Multipurpose Room at 6:30 p.m. <p>Lunch – Ham & Cheese Kaiser</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonanza <p>Special Track Meet</p> <p>Div 7 & 8 Puntledge Fish Hatchery</p> <p>Welcome to Kindergarten Event, “Eye Spy Evening” 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lunch – Pizza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelie Wednesday <p>Lunch – Build Your Own Burger Bar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4 K’omoks Big House Experience Field Trip <p>Lunch – Chicken Caesar Wrap</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Div. 5 Field Trip to the Campbell River Museum <p>Lunch – Cheese Tortellini</p>
Monday May 19	Tuesday May 20	Wednesday May 21	Thursday May 22	Friday May 23
<p>Victoria Day No School</p>	<p>Div 1,2,3 (Gr 1’s) to Campbell River Museum</p> <p>Lunch – Pizza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelie Wednesday <p>Lunch – Build Your Own Taco Bar</p>	<p>Penny Carnival 5:00</p> <p>Lunch – Ham & Cheese Wrap</p>	<p>Lunch – Pasta Marinara & Meatballs</p>

Looking ahead:

May 12 - PAC Meeting in the Multipurpose Room at 6:30 p.m.

May 13 - Special Track Meet and Welcome to Kindergarten Event, “Eye Spy Evening” 5:00 p.m.

May 19 – Victoria Day – No School

May 22 – PAC Penny Carnival – 5:00pm

May 27 – Kindergarten Transition Event – Eye Spy Evening

Hello everyone..Happy Mother's Day to all of you wonderful Mothers 😊

Sorry for the delayed WAAG.

One of the highlights of our week was our Intermediate trip to the track. We represented amazingly well in all categories. We had one of your students volunteer to do the Land Acknowledgement while another sang the National Anthem. We also had a huge participation level in all events with many students achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold status. Just a great day overall!

We also had a very nice feeling assembly. It was great to see those parents that could make it. Something about the enthusiasm around the singing of Oh Canada gave me shivers. It was also awesome to see Mr. Lamont's class show off their 'Drums Alive' skills on the yoga balls.

This week we have a Pac meeting on Monday evening and a variety of field trips including the Grade 4's heading to the Big House.

We are also gearing up for our big event...our Penny Carnival on May 22nd. Please see the Arden facebook page for more details.

Think that's all for now...hope you are all having a great day.

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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Upcoming Events:

NEW

Farm to School BC, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, is hosting a three-part free webinar series



Don't miss this opportunity to connect with BC educators who have firsthand experience creating Board Authority Authorized (BAA) certified courses and integrating agriculture concepts into existing curriculum. Hosted by Farm to School BC and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Cultivating Curiosity is a three-part webinar series designed to inspire and empower educators who want to incorporate more agriculture and food systems education into their classroom or school.

Cultivating Curiosity: Innovative Models for Agriculture and Food Systems Literacy in BC Secondary Schools. Participate after school (3:30 – 4:30 pm PDT) on May 15th and May 27th (the first session was on April 29th). Register and learn more at farmtoschoolbc.ca/cultivating-curiosity

Attend at least two webinars and complete related participant surveys to be entered for a chance to receive one of ten **\$1,000 field trip grants** for Autumn 2025!

Reminders:

From FamilySmart:

FamilySmart have a free in-person event coming up at the end of May for caregivers in the Comox Valley:

Topic: [ADHD: The Real Deal](#)

There are many myths about ADHD and it can be hard to understand how to support our kids who have ADHD. Join us as we listen to Dr. Don Duncan, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, dispel the myths, learn how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does, and talk about medications for ADHD.

This video presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion by Carolyn McCarthy and Megan Watson, Family Peer Support Workers in the Comox Valley.

Note: This is a repeat topic for the Comox Valley - showing the same video from our event in November. We welcome you to join us whether you've joined us before for this topic or if it's your first time.

When: Wednesday, May 28 from 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose room)

Cost: Free

Register: For more information and to register, [click here](#). Even if you are not sure if you can make it, we encourage you to register as you will receive access to resources following the event via email.

*While the event is held at the secondary school, this event is for parents of all school aged children and youth who are interested in learning more about ADHD.

Preliminary Budget Survey

Comox Valley Schools invites our school community to participate in our **Preliminary Budget Survey** for the 2025–2026 school year.

This year, we're engaging earlier in the process to ensure your voices help shape our priorities from the outset. Your input is vital in helping the Board of Education make informed decisions that reflect the needs of students, staff, and the broader school community.

All feedback will be reviewed by the Board as they work to set fiscal priorities and align resources with our Strategic Plan.

 **Take the survey now: [2025/26 Annual Budget Input Survey - Comox Valley Schools](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/preliminary-budget-process/)**

Thank you for your continued commitment and contribution to student success.



From the City of Courtenay: Public Works Week Day Event and Colouring Contest

Public Works Week (PWW) is recognized across North America to celebrate the essential role that public works plays in the daily lives of our communities. This year, PWW is taking place from May 18 to May 24, 2025. The theme of this year's events is People, Purpose, Presence—the three cornerstone ideals that motivate public service professionals to serve their communities every day.

To celebrate and raise awareness of the important work carried out by the City of Courtenay's Operational Services Department, the Department is organizing a series of community engagement activities, culminating in a public Open House. Operational Services is pleased to welcome the participation of the City of Courtenay Fire Department, further highlighting the collaborative efforts across City departments that contribute to public safety and well-being.

Public Open House

1. **Date:** Saturday, May 24, 2025 -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
2. **Location:** Operational Services Center (1000 Piercy Ave. , Courtenay)
3. **Planned Activities:**
 - a. Heavy equipment displays and live demonstrations
 - b. Interactive displays showcasing the work of City Operations
 - c. Facility tours
 - d. Tree and plant giveaways
 - e. Free hot dogs for visitors
 - f. Display of painted snow plow blades
4. City of Courtenay Fire Department
 - a. Display Fire Truck
 - b. Fire Safety House
 - c. Display of painted snow plow blades created by local elementary school students
 - d. Children's colouring contest entries display

Children's Colouring Contest [PWW 8.5x11 OpenHouseColouringPage PRINT.pdf](#)

A colouring contest will be offered to children. Colouring sheets will be distributed to local schools and the community prior to PWW. Completed entries can be submitted during school visits or at the Open House event, where they will be displayed, and prizes awarded to children of different age group categories.

Supporting Families in the Comox Valley – Meet YANA

With so many new families settling in the Comox Valley, we want to help spread the word about a local charity doing incredible work. **YANA (You Are Not Alone)** provides travel and accommodation support to families who need to leave the Valley for medical treatment for a child or expectant mother. Please take a

moment to visit www.yanacomoxvalley.com to learn more about how they can help – or how you can support them. No one should face medical challenges alone.



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YANA is a community organization that provides financial support and accommodation to Comox Valley families who need to travel for medical treatment for a child or for a pregnant mother.

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