ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Monday Sept. 15	Tuesday Sept. 16	Wednesday Sept. 17	Thursday Sept. 18	Friday Sept. 19
6:30 p.m. PAC Meeting **Lunch Program Start**		**CLEVR Student Verification Due**		**School Fees Due** **Terry Fox Run 1:30 p.m.**
Monday Sept. 22	Tuesday Sept. 23	Wednesday Sept. 24	Thursday Sept. 25	Friday Sept. 26
	Meet the Teacher 8-8:35 a.m. **Bonanza 2:30-4:30 p.m.**	**First Wheelie Wednesday**		**Photo Day**

Looking ahead:

Sept. 15 – First PAC meeting 6:30 p.m. in Multi-Purpose Room
Sept. 23 - **Meet the Teacher** - Before school – More info to come
Sept. 24 – First Wheelie Wednesday
Sept. 26 – Photo Day
Sept. 29 – **Orange Shirt Day at Arden**
Sept. 30 – School Closed – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 13 – Thanksgiving – No School

Happy Friday everyone,

I just want to begin with a reminder, as well as a request, to please be kind and patient in our parking lot and around our building. It can be very slow out there and sometimes confusing. However, of the 10 schools that I have been at we are in far better shape than some.

So, please be kind to each other out there. Some of you have noticed that I try to be out there as much as possible during the busy times, but obviously, I need your help as well. Thank you.

We had a great first full week here at Arden! Things are feeling pretty good around here if I do say so myself:) We had a fun little assembly today where the new K's got to see the "Big Show":)

I should let some of our K/1 parents know that if your child is showing up on the morning 802 bus at 8:15 (before we have duty outside) I have had them hanging out with Ms. Baillie in the Library until there is coverage outside. I will also let bus parents know that I am going to do a concerted effort to talk with the bus kids about staying in their seats as well as being kind to each other on the bus. Typically, the bus drivers wait until something drastic happens on the bus before they do a 'written notice', but I would like to nip things before it gets to that point. If you could chat about bus expectations with your child as well, that would be very helpful.

Speaking of the bus, I am sorry to hear about the disruption in bus 802 service today. I see that you were sent a notice saying that, "In the future, families must be set up in the FirstView bus tracking app to receive these notifications". It sounds like they will not be using the email callout system in the future. I just wanted to make sure you got that message.

A huge shout out to Ms. Mann for getting the menu and Lunch-a-Munch up and running. We have lots of orders in for Monday!

Our first PAC meeting is this coming Monday at 6:30 in our Multi-purpose room. We are still hoping to find some nominees for PAC Chair as well as Treasurer. We would really love to have you join us.

Arden is collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation! Terry Fox's dream was to raise **one dollar for every Canadian** during his 1980 Marathon of Hope, and he successfully achieved this goal by raising **$24.17 million** for cancer research by February 1981. This goal of "$1 per Canadian" remains a central part of the Terry Fox Foundation's legacy, though the foundation has since raised over $850 million in total for cancer research through subsequent Terry Fox Runs and other initiatives. Every day, students from Ms. Cameron and Mr. Holt's class visit each Division to collect donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. If your child is able to bring in $1.00, $2.00 or more to school to donate towards this cause for cancer research, it would be greatly appreciated! Next week is our last week to collect donations before the school-wide Terry Fox Run/Walk event on Friday!

Ancestry: Please note that Indigenous Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations, Metis, or Inuit. No documentation other than a verbal self-identification is required and ancestry can go back several generations.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Andrew

District Happenings

ROBOTICS71

Engineering your Future

"An afterschool S.T.E.M. Program based around Robotics for Comox Valley School students in Grade 9 through Grade 12"

Location: Highland Secondary School BotShop (Shop Building)

Days/Times: September through June, Tuesday/Thursday 4:00pm—6:00pm*
* Times can vary for students and often go into the evening
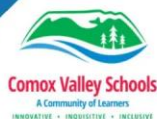
Instructor/Coach: Matt.Sydor@sd71.bc.ca

Program Highlights

- District-wide STEM program for students interested in robotics and the engineering field.

- Builds skills in; coding, communication and collaboration, electronic wiring, mechanical design and assembly, machining & fabrication, & 3D printing.

- Students have the opportunity to compete in Vex Canada tournaments (locally, provincially, nationally, internationally)

- Prepares students to enter College/University engineering programs with a skill set in coding and mechanical design

- Public Transit gets students to Highland from G.P. Vanier and Mark R. Isfeld by 4:00pm

* Space may be limited depending on signup and preference given to returning Robotics71 students.

For more information visit comoxvalleyschools.ca/robotics71 or contact Matt.Sydor@sd71.bc.ca (Coach/Instructor)

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Understanding Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for Parents & Caregivers

Join Comox Valley Schools Inclusive Education and SD 71 DPAC for an important session to help parents and caregivers better understand Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

📅 Thursday, September 25th

🕐 6:30 – 8:00 pm

📍 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

🖥 Zoom option available

👶 Free childcare option available

This session will provide families with tools and knowledge to support their children's learning journeys.

☑ Registration is required.
✉ To register or learn more, email: dpac@sd71.bc.ca

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