




ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance September 22- October 3, 2025

Monday Sept. 22	Tuesday Sept. 23	Wednesday Sept. 24	Thursday Sept. 25	Friday Sept. 26
Hot Lunch – Taco Salad Bowl	Meet the Teacher 8-8:35 a.m. Bonanza 2:30-4:30 p.m. Hot Lunch - Pizza	First Wheelie Wednesday  Hot Lunch – Breakfast Burrito	Hot Lunch – Ham or Veggie & Cheese Sandwich	Photo Day Hot Lunch – Pasta with Meat or Marinara Sauce
Monday Sept. 29	Tuesday Sept. 30	Wednesday Oct. 1	Thursday Oct. 2	Friday Oct. 3
Orange Shirt Day at Arden Hot Lunch – Greek Chicken or Hummus Salad Bowl	School Closed – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Wheelie Wednesday XC @ Puntledge 320pm		

Looking ahead:

Sept. 23 - Meet the Teacher - Before school - 8:00-8:35

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,

Thank you to all of the parents and staff that attended our first PAC meeting this past Monday. I had to keep going out to get more chairs:) What a great way to start the year!

Thank you also to Ms. Cameron for once again organizing our Terry Fox run as well as the collection of money throughout the week. We managed to raise approximately \$300 in loonies and toonies this year. Thanks to everyone who was able to contribute.

Thank you to Ms. Phye and Ms. Griffiths for coming up with and then implementing the idea of getting some of our students painting a variety of Orange hearts on our front walkway in preparation for Orange Shirt day on the 29th.

As you can see in the calendar above, we have several exciting events next week.

Our 'Meet the Teacher' event is on Tuesday morning. This is a great chance to pop in and say hello and just spend a few minutes in your child's environment. It is hard for me **not** to have coffee/tea and donuts for you, however, we did that two years ago and we ended up with kids with coffee and coffee on the floor and kids sugared up on donuts...so.. I think we will just have our usual breakfast tray out there and let you lug your own mug if you need it:)

We will also have our first Wheelie Wednesday Day out in the parking lot. This means that our **parking lot will be closed for drop offs in the morning**. I know this can be challenging, however, as a community, we feel that the benefits are worth the inconvenience. We ask that if you are parking, that you use the **rear of the Church parking lot** and walk your kids over. The Church has a kids group at that time and would really like to have their front parking lot saved for them. Please do not park on the road on the school side coming down the hill or in front of the school. I can't tell you how many close calls I have seen when someone opens their car door and just about takes out a biker coming down the hill. We will have extra duty out there on these mornings but we will also ask you to be extra careful, extra slow, and extra patient. Thank you for supporting this amazing Arden tradition.

Construction info...I am told that many of you received a notice about the "Lake Trail Multi-Use Path Project" that has begun along Lake Trail road. It's completion is anticipated for the end of October 2025. This is great news for us as it is a project that was initiated by our very own Ms. May and the Arden Ambassadors ten years ago. I have attached the notice that I received here at the school if you would like more information.

Finally, it is always a big moment when MS. May comes on the PA, as she did today, and announces this year's Arden Ambassadors. I am sure you will hear all about it if you own one of these children. I can't wait to work with this year's batch of leaders in assemblies and other fun, or sometimes not so fun, activities:)

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

Andrew

District Happenings

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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