



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance December 1-12, 2025

Monday Dec. 1	Tuesday Dec. 2	Wednesday Dec. 3	Thursday Dec. 4	Friday Dec. 5
Hot Lunch – Chicken Burger	Bonanza 2:30-4:30 p.m. Hot Lunch – Pizza	Dress Rehearsal - Winter Concert Hot Lunch – Butter Chicken with Rice and Naan	Winter Concert 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Hot Lunch – Turkey Sandwich	Festive Friday (wear festive clothing!) Hot Lunch – Cheese Tortellini with Marinara Sauce
	Tuesday Dec. 9	Wednesday Dec. 10	Thursday Dec. 11	Friday Dec. 12
PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. Hot Lunch – Taco Bowl	Hot Lunch – Pizza	PAC Pancake Lunch in the gym Hot Lunch – Pulled Pork with Cornmeal Muffin	Hot Lunch – Turkey Sandwich	School Wide Assembly Festive Friday (wear festive clothing!) Hot Lunch – Chicken Quesadillas

Looking ahead:

Dec. 4 – Winter Concert – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 – PAC Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Dec. 10 – Arden PAC Pancake Christmas Breakfast – in Gym

Dec. 12 – School-Wide Assembly (time TBD)

Dec. 17 – Santa’s Workshop in Gym – See below

Dec. 19 – Report Cards go home – for some divisions

Jan. 5 – First Day Back

Jan. 12 – PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 15 - School Spirit Day - Jersey Day

Jan. 19 – Grade 4 Symphony Trip at the Sid Williams Theatre



Happy Friday everyone,

Who knew a simple fake, real, or marked Mustache (on Mustache Day) could be so much fun. Thanks for the idea Ms. Cameron:)

Starting next Friday we will have our 'Festive Fridays', which of course can be about Christmas or other holiday gear, but it can also be about celebrating things that give you joy like the New England Patriots:)

Next week we have a very exciting couple of days with our Dress Rehearsal and then our Winter Concert. Just a reminder that our performances are at 1:00pm and 6:00pm on Thursday December 4th.

Details:

- 5:45 p.m. drop-off for the evening show
- What to wear – Kids should come dressed in their "holiday best" - think sparkly dresses, bow ties, festive sweaters . . . Anything that makes them feel fancy and festive!
- I hear we may have the Christmas Dumptruck our front before the concert – How cool is that?:)

It is a blue sky out there right now, but it is getting chilly out there. Please do your best to start sending the kids in with their winter/water gear. Please let me know if you could use a hand with that.

Thanks so much to Sandi and Shawna and Kendall Packham (for donating the Salmon) for the end result of a delicious piece of smoked salmon on a cracker today. Definitely a tasty labour of love.

I think that's it for now:)

Reminders

On December 17th we will have our Annual Santa's Workshop in the gym. For those of you that don't know about it, this is where students take turns going to the gym and selecting free items for gifts for their families for the holidays. The items come from donations from our families (box is in the front foyer) as well as a large donation of items from the church.



Winter Concert – Some information from Ms. Kiwanuka

- Showtimes are 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday December 4th
- 5:45 p.m. drop-off for the evening show
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On Wednesday December 10th we are having a Pancake Breakfast for lunch in the gym. This will show up in Munch-a-Lunch as a regular \$4.00 meal, however, your child will be offered the meal whether you pay for, or choose, the lunch. Should be fun. 😊

EDAS - From Mrs. Arsenault

Arden is excited to participate in a district wide compassion project called Everyone Deserves A Smile (EDAS). Our hope is it educate, inspire, and involve local students in service learning, that they will grow compassion, connect to unhoused or disadvantaged and help them feel seen, respected and loved.

EDAS (Everyone Deserves A Smile) is a local non-profit organization that delivers care packages to people during the holiday season. Each package contains a pair of wool socks, a scarf, a toque, mittens, homemade cookies and a hand made card that is then delivered in a hand painted bag. If your family is interested in baking and decorating batches of cookies for this project please reach out to Mrs. Arsenault at katie.arsenault@sd71.bc.ca



Through out the month of November up **until December 11**, we will be focusing on this compassion project as a school. What is it, how can we show compassion and what actions can we take to help others' who are needier than ourselves. Many of our classes will prepare our hand-painted bags, homemade cards, and learn more about how we can support and help this project.

We will also have a collection box for wool socks, scarves, toques, and mittens. A donation box can be found in the front foyer of the school with an EDAS poster attached. We are in more need of unisex scarves. These items are being collected at Arden school as well as other schools throughout the district to support this cause. All donations will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate a monetary amount; cheques can be made out to EDAS or E-transfer to Donate2ComoxValley@edas.ca. **All donations are due by December 11.**

Have a great weekend everyone.

Andrew and Teresa

District Happenings



**INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION**



Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary Indigenous K/1 Program Information Session



**Tuesday, January 13, 2026
5:00pm - 6:15pm
Ecole Puntledge Park El.
@ 401 Willemar Ave.
Room 8**

**We are Connected
to our Cultures.
We are Connected
to the Land.
We are Connected
to Each Other.**

[Andrew Ferneyhough](#)

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