ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Monday Nov. 24	Tuesday Nov. 25	Wednesday Nov. 26	Thursday Nov. 27	Friday Nov. 28
Hot Lunch – Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap	**Spirit Day - Movember Mustache Day** **Kindergarten Hearing Screening (morning)** Hot Lunch – Pizza	**Gr. 4/5 Volleyball @ Arden El** Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs	Hot Lunch – Turkey or Veggie and Cheese Sandwich	Hot Lunch – Mac & Cheese
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** Hot Lunch – Cheese tortellini with marinara sauce

Looking ahead:

Nov. 25 – School Spirit Day – Movember Mustache Day

Dec. 4 – Winter Concert – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
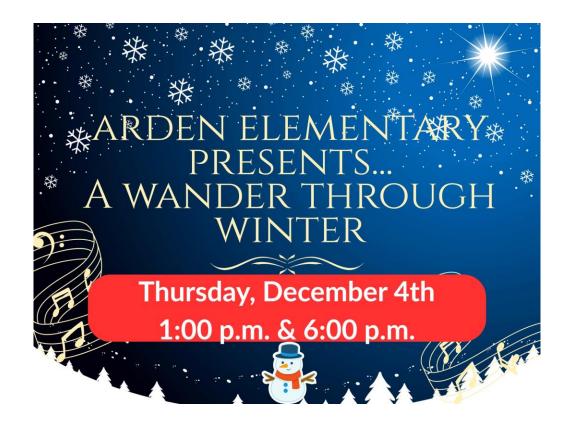
Dec. 8 – PAC Meeting – 6:30pm

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

Happy Friday everyone,

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.

Thank you to the 14 families that participated in our Evacuation 'Parent pick-up' Drill on Wednesday. It was a great chance to have our team figure out what to do at their stations and for everyone to see how it would roll out. Mind you…there were only 14 of you, and there was no earthquake, and you all seemed very happy to be there, nonetheless, thanks for participating. It was very helpful to us:)

Winter Concert – Some information from Ms. Kiwanuka
- Showtimes are 1:00pm and 6:00pm on Thursday December 4th
- 5:45 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!

- PAC is going to organize a 50/50 for both shows. PAC will sell tickets before the show and they'll do the draw after the show as the kids are heading back to their classrooms.

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:)

We have the Kindergarten Hearing Screening on Tuesday.

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 bakingand 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

A new Non-Instructional Day focused on Indigenous Learning will take place on Friday, May 15, 2026. On this day, teachers and staff will engage in professional learning centred on Indigenous histories, cultures, and ways of knowing.

This initiative reflects the district's Truth and Reconciliation Commitment and aligns with Design Principles in our Strategic Plan.

The addition follows a change to the provincial school calendar regulations, which now require all school districts to dedicate one professional learning day each year to advancing Indigenous student success and strengthening understanding of Indigenous perspectives.

Read more and provide feedback here: [Introducing a New Non-Instructional Day Focused on Indigenous Learning - Comox Valley Schools](#)

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