



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance December 8-19, 2025

Monday Dec. 8	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 – See above 😊	Last Day for EDAS Donations – See below Hot Lunch – Ham or Veggie & Cheese Sandwich	School Wide Assembly 10:45 a.m. Festive Friday (wear festive clothing!) Hot Lunch – Pasta with Meat Sauce
Monday Dec. 15	Tuesday Dec. 16	Wednesday Dec. 17	Thursday Dec. 18	Friday Dec. 19
 Hot Lunch – Sushi Bowl	 Hot Lunch – Pizza	Santa's Workshop Shopping Hot Lunch – Pulled Pork w/ Cornmeal Muffin	Christmas Food Hamper Pick-Up Hot Lunch – Turkey or Veggie Sandwich	Festive Friday (wear festive clothing!) Hot Lunch – Chicken Quesadillas

Looking ahead:

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 10:45 a.m.
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,

Arden welcomed the holiday season in the best way possible—with a magical Winter Concert yesterday! Our students shone on stage, and their performances were an absolute delight. A heartfelt thank-you to all the staff who helped bring this production to life, and an extra-special shout-out to Ms. Kiwanuka, our wonderful Music Teacher. It was wonderful to see so many Arden families gathered together to celebrate this special event! We’ve attached a few pictures below from our Dress Rehearsal. 😊

If you are curious about our flag being at Half Mast over the weekend it is because of ‘Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. [Half Masting Notification to Mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women – Deputy Minister's Bulletin](#)

From Ms. Phye - please send your child with an extra set of clothing as winter and the wet season is here!
With Gratitude, Ms. Phye

Ms. Bell is wondering if there are any families who would like to donate hay or woodchips for the guinea pigs Ginger and Brenda? They have been a wonderful part of our school community:)

Volleyball Camp - Comox Valley Volleyball December Camp is December 20th and 21st at Highland School. The morning session is for grades 5-8 and the afternoon session is for grades 9-12. Please email Brian at bdstevens@hotmail.com for more information.



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.



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



Throughout 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

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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**

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