



# ARDEN ELEMENTARY

## Week at a Glance

### January 12-23, 2026

Monday Jan. 12	Tuesday Jan. 13	Wednesday Jan. 14	Thursday Jan. 15	Friday Jan. 16
<b>Arden PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.</b>  Hot Lunch – Mac & Cheese	<b>Bonanza 2:30-4:30 p.m.</b>  Hot Lunch – Pizza		<b>School Spirit Day – Jersey Day</b> (or t-shirts or hoodies or hats or socks)  Hot Lunch – Ham & Cheese or Veggie Sandwich	Hot Lunch – Cheese Tortellini w/ Pesto
Monday Jan. 19	Tuesday Jan. 20	Wednesday Jan. 21	Thursday Jan. 22	Friday Jan. 23
<b>Gr. 4 Symphony Field Trip 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>  Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs	<b>Kindergarten Registration Opens</b>  Hot Lunch – Pizza		Hot Lunch – Pulled Pork w/ Cornmeal Muffin	Hot Lunch – Turkey & Cheese or Veggie Sandwich
				Hot Lunch – Chicken Quesadilla

#### Looking ahead:

**Jan. 12** - PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.-All are welcome! 😊

**Jan. 15** - School Spirit Day - Jersey Day

**Jan. 19** - Grade 4 Symphony Field Trip at the Sid Williams Theatre

**Jan. 20** - Kindergarten 2026-2027 Registration Opens

**Feb. 4** - Gr. 5 Cross Country Skiing at Raven's Lodge, Mt. Washington

**Feb. 9** - PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.-All are welcome!

**Feb. 11** - Gr. 5 Cross Country Skiing at Raven's Lodge, Mt. Washington

**Feb. 16** - Family Day (No School)

**Feb. 17** - District Professional Development Day (No School)

**Feb. 18** - Gr. 5 Cross Country Skiing at Raven's Lodge, Mt. Washington

**March 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Teacher Day – No School**

Happy Friday everyone,

There has been some frustration in the parking lot recently at the end of the day. It is time for me help everyone get back to the basics to help with traffic flow as well as safety. I will ask that if all spots are full then you simply have to circle around or perhaps go and park at the church. Please see the recent post on our Facebook page for some other good reminders. I will try to be out there on a more regular basis to help out...and to wish you a wonderful evening of course:)

As you can see above, we have our first PAC meeting of 2026 on Monday evening at 6:30. We will hold this in the library.

Thanks to Ms. Mann this week for some quick thinking when her protein of choice did not arrive:)

We also had some concerns about our 'Jersey Day' next week. It does not have to be a jersey. It can be any sort of shirts, hoodies, hats, socks with team logos, dance troupes, Taekwondo studio...you name it.

I want to take this chance to thank Ms. Stacey, our Youth and Family Program Worker. Among many other things, she is helping to serve out our breakfast tray (that Ms. Misti works hard to assemble) every morning as well as organizing the Cobbs Bread that you see me putting out on Friday afternoons.

Please see some important notices below.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr. F.

## **District Happenings**

[Non-Instructional Day Scheduled for Friday, May 15](#)

Comox Valley Schools is advising families and staff that a **Non-Instructional Day will take place on Friday, May 15, 2026**, following a decision of the Board of Education.

At the December Board meeting, the Board passed a motion confirming this Non-Instructional Day, which will be dedicated to **Indigenous learning for all staff**. On this day, **students will not attend school**, and staff will participate in professional learning activities.

This Non-Instructional Day aligns with provincial requirements under the **School Calendar Regulation**, which requires all school districts in British Columbia to include at least one non-instructional day each year focused on Indigenous student achievement and learning. The day is intended to provide dedicated time for staff to deepen understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives, and to support ongoing Truth and Reconciliation efforts within public education.

This learning also aligns with the **Comox Valley Schools Strategic Plan**, including commitments related to equity, relationships, and Indigenous education.

The updated school calendar with the May 15 non-instructional day now added is here on the district website: [District Calendars - Comox Valley Schools](#)

### **Registration Opens Soon for the 2026–27 School Year!**

Comox Valley Schools is pleased to announce key registration dates and expanded program options for next year — including the new **Indigenous K-1 Program**, expanded **ENTER Program (K-7 at Aspen Park)**, and the growing **Pathways Learning Community (K-5)**.

For full details — including important dates, program descriptions, and how to apply — check out our news release:

👉 <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/comox-valley-schools-announces-registration-dates-and-expanded-program-options-for-the-2026-27-school-year/>

To register or submit an Expression of Interest, please visit:

👉 <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration/>

Please mark your calendars and share with friends and neighbours. We look forward to welcoming new learners in 2026–27!



## Comox Valley Schools Kindergarten & Program Registration 2026/2027 School Year Opens Soon!

### Neighbourhood Kindergarten

- Registration opens January 20, 2026

\*\*Most families will register at their neighbourhood school

### Other Programs

- French Immersion – Ecole Robb Road and Ecole Puntledge Park
- Montessori – Queneesh and Courtenay
- Indigenous K/1 – Aspen Park and Ecole Puntledge Park
- ENTER K-7 – Aspen Park
- Pathways Learning Community K-5 – Airport Elementary

\*\*Expressions of Interest Open January 13-16

### Late French Immersion

- Ecole Puntledge Park

\*\*Expression of Interest open Jan. 26-30

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## Reminders

**\*Important Notice\*** – At the last PAC meeting a motion was put forward, and then approved, to have PAC's permission for Arden to have a **second Parent Teacher Day on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**. This means that there will be **no classes that day**. We know it is an imposition to ask parents to arrange childcare for that day, however, the teachers also unanimously agree that that day is a very valuable time to connect with our families mid-year. Just FYI, Lake Trail Community School and Courtenay Elementary are doing a similar thing on that same day. Please let me know if you have any questions about this day.

## **Report Card Formats and Dates:**

At Arden, we have two different types of reporting. One is 'Paper Portfolios' and the other is 'Report Cards'. The staff thought it would be a good idea to provide you with an outline of what you can expect and when...

- **March 3:** Paper Portfolio Learning Update goes home (Div. 5 Ms. Lyle, Div. 7 Ms. Smith, Div. 10 Mr. Atkinson, Div. 11 Mr. Lamont)
- **March 3:** Student-Led Conferences/Parent Teacher Day, Non-Instructional Day
- **April 17:** Term 2 MyEd Report Cards Go Home (Div. 1 Ms. Honeysett, Div. 2 Ms. Lloyd, Div. 3 Ms. Arsenault/Mr. Holt, Div. 4 Ms. Kerr, Div. 6 Ms. Popiel, Div. 8 Ms. Cameron/Mr. Holt, and Div. 9 Ms. May)
- **June 25:** Term 3 MyEd Report Cards and Paper Portfolio Summaries of Learning Go Home

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## 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.