



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance

January 19-30, 2026

Monday Jan. 19	Tuesday Jan. 20	Wednesday Jan. 21	Thursday Jan. 22	Friday Jan. 23
Gr. 4 Symphony Field Trip 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs	Kindergarten Registration Opens Hot Lunch – Pizza	Hot Lunch – Pulled Pork w/ Cornmeal Muffin	Hot Lunch – Turkey & Cheese or Veggie Sandwich	Hot Lunch – Chicken Quesadilla
Monday Jan. 26	Tuesday Jan. 27	Wednesday Jan. 28	Thursday Jan. 29	Friday Jan. 30
	Bonanza 2:30-4:30 Hot Lunch – Butter Chicken			1:30 Lock Down Drill Hot Lunch – Cheese Tortellini with pesto
	Hot Lunch – Pizza	Hot Lunch – Beef Burritos	Hot Lunch – Ham or Veggie Sandwich	

Looking ahead:

- 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** – 2nd Parent Teacher Day – No School

Happy Friday everyone,

Thanks for walking carefully in the parking lot this morning. Even when it is salted it can still be slippery. I also want to thank you for a better movement of traffic at 'pick up' this week. Our biggest challenge still seems to be people stopping behind the Handicap parking and waiting for your kids. If they are not waiting right there, please keep circling or find a parking spot. I have been directing traffic out there, but I really should not have anyone, including myself, in that position.

We had a fun 'Spirit Day' yesterday. I was great to see all the different teams and local organizations that kids are a part of. Thanks to Ms. Cameron for organizing that.

Next week we have the Grade 4's going to the symphony on Monday and the Kindie registration opens on Tuesday. Other than that it looks like a pretty quiet week.

I feel like there should be more..but that's all I got for now.

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

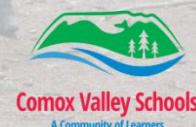
- French Immersion – Ecole Robb Road and Ecole Puntledge Park
- Montessori – Queneesh and Courtenay
- Indigenous K/1 – Aspen Park and Ecole Puntledge Park
- ENTER K-7 – Aspen Park
- Pathways Learning Community K-5 – Airport Elementary

**Expressions of Interest Open January 13-16

Late French Immersion

- Ecole Puntledge Park

**Expression of Interest open Jan. 26-30



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[COMOXVALLEYSCHOOLS.CA/STUDENT-REGISTRATION](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration)

Reminders

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