



# ARDEN ELEMENTARY

## Week at a Glance March 2-13, 2026

Monday March 2	Tuesday March 3	Wednesday March 4	Thursday March 5	Friday March 6
Hot Lunch - Chicken Burger	<b>Student-Led Conferences No School</b>  <b>Paper Portfolio Learning Updates Go Home (for Div. 5, 7, 10 &amp; 11)</b>	Hot Lunch - Pizza	Hot Lunch – Turkey Sandwich	Hot Lunch – Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl
Monday March 9	Tuesday March 10	Wednesday March 11	Thursday March 12	Friday March 13
<b>6:30 p.m. PAC Meeting</b>  Hot Lunch - Cheese Tortellini w/ Pesto	<b>2:30-4:30 p.m. - Bonanza</b>  Hot Lunch - Pizza	Hot Lunch - Breakfast Bowls	Hot Lunch - Ham Sandwich	Hot Lunch – Meatballs w/ mashed potatoes

### Looking ahead:

**-March 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Teacher Day/Student-Led Conferences - No School & Paper Portfolio Learning Update Goes Home ( FOR DIV. 5, DIV. 7, DIV. 10 & DIV. 11)**

**-March 20: School Spirit Day – Fun Hair Day**

**-March 21 – April 2: Spring Break**

**-Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday, School Closed**

**-Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday, School Closed**

**-Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – First day back to school**

**-Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Arden PAC Spring Kids Market 10:00-3:00 p.m.**



Happy Friday everyone,

Well, that was a pretty action-packed week! We had an amazing 'Friendship Dance' on Wednesday night. Thank you to all the parents that helped to make that happen. So fun to see parents out on the dance floor with their kids.

We then had one of the best guest performers that I have ever seen. Daniel Duggan from 'Resilient Rhythms' put on an hour long show in the morning and then worked with our classes throughout the day. He came with a great message and huge energy. Thank you to PAC again for supporting this very fun day.

Today we had a short but sweet school-wide assembly this morning. Thanks to the parents that were able to join us. I so enjoy reading the amazing comments that the teachers write about our kiddos. Thank you to Jake and Lennox for being wonderful MC's and to Mags and Kendyll for doing our Ambassador's report. Great job Ambassadors!

I will scream it from the rooftop one last time (well that might not be true...I might send one out one Monday night) that we have our Parent/Teacher meetings on **Tuesday so there is no school on that day** 😊

I have one parent request, or comment, this week. We have had some students showing up as early as 8:05 in the morning. I just want to remind parents that the school is not open until 8:35 and we have no supervision until 8:20. I know people have to get to work, I just ask you to be mindful that students are out there unsupervised at that time. Thanks for considering this.

Lots of district happenings below..

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Mr. F

## District Happenings



**TRY  
RUGBY**

**SUN, MARCH 1ST**

**G.P. VANIER CLOSED**

**NEW LOCATION  
LEWIS PARK**

**11:00**

**non contact**  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

grades 3-8

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## **Budget Conversations Underway – Be in the Room**

Comox Valley Schools is inviting families and staff from across our school community to attend a public engagement session focused on planning for the year ahead.

The session will provide an overview of the feedback we've received about the district's **preliminary budget for the upcoming school year**, along with information about **enrolment protections and their potential implications**. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about these topics and share feedback. Over 500 people responded to our recent budget survey – thank you!

### **Public engagement session details:**

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 10
- **Time:** 6:00 pm
- **Location:** School Board Office, 2488 Idiens Way, Courtenay

Community input plays an important role in the budget development process, and families and staff are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their perspectives.

We hope to see you there.

The CVCDA in partnership with SD71 DPAC, CCRR, and Early Years Collaborative, are offering **free screenings of "Seen"** the film, at North Island College on Friday, March 13th, at 12:00pm and 6:30pm. "Seen" is a groundbreaking feature-length documentary that not only explores the transformative power of personal healing for parents, but also delves into the scientifically supported effects of such healing on parenting and its impact on child brain development.

Registration is required. Please go to <https://comoxvalleyseenthefilm.eventbrite.ca> to sign up for the event.

A limited amount of childcare spaces are available. Please email [childcare@cvcda.ca](mailto:childcare@cvcda.ca) to inquire about a spot.

Thank you to North Island College for their generous support.

**District Musical | March 10–14 | GP Vanier Secondary School**

The ghost-with-the-most takes centre stage in Beetlejuice Junior, an irreverent musical comedy adapted for schools from the Broadway hit Beetlejuice, inspired by Tim Burton's dearly beloved film.

Beetlejuice Junior tells the hauntingly comedic — and unexpectedly touching — story of Lydia Deetz, a strange and unusual teenager fascinated by the whole “being dead thing.” When Lydia moves into a new house, she quickly discovers it's already haunted by a recently deceased couple, Adam and Barbara Maitland, and a delightfully devious demon named Beetlejuice.

Hoping to help the Maitlands keep their home, Lydia summons Beetlejuice by calling his name three times. What follows is a whirlwind of chaos, comedy, and musical mayhem as the double-crossing specter unleashes a Netherworld full of pandemonium.

Hosted this year by GP Vanier Secondary School, the district musical showcases the creativity, talent, and dedication of student performers from across Comox Valley Schools. With dynamic songs, bold characters, and laugh-out-loud moments, Beetlejuice Junior is a theatrical experience audiences of all ages will enjoy.

 Performance dates: March 10–14

 Tickets: <https://events.sd71.bc.ca/musical/>

Tickets traditionally sell out — audiences are encouraged to purchase early.

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