



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance April 20-May 1, 2026

Monday April 20	Tuesday April 21	Wednesday April 22	Thursday April 23	Friday April 24
<p>Hot Lunch – Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl</p>	<p>Welcome to Kindergarten (WTK) Parent Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hot Lunch - Pizza</p>	<p>Earth Day</p> <p>Administrative Assistant Day (Thank you for all you do for us, Ms. Keltie! 😊)</p> <p>Wheelie Wednesday</p> <p>WTK Event 5:30-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hot Lunch – Beef Stroganoff w/ Egg Noodles</p>	<p>Cultural Connections Activities - Melanin & Diversity</p> <p>Hot Lunch - Ham Sandwich</p>	<p>Hot Lunch - Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Caesar Salad</p>
Monday April 27	Tuesday April 28	Wednesday April 29	Thursday April 30	Friday May 1
<p>School Spirit Day – Twin Day</p> <p>Hot Lunch – Breakfast Bowls</p>	<p>CLASS PHOTO DAY</p> <p>Bonanza – 2:30-4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hot Lunch - Pizza</p>	<p>Wheelie Wednesday</p> <p>Hot Lunch – Hamburger Casserole</p>	<p>Hot Lunch - Turkey Sandwich</p>	<p>Hot Lunch - Chicken Burgers</p>

Looking ahead:

-Saturday, April 18 – Arden PAC Spring Kids Market 10:00-3:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 21 - Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 22 - Welcome to Kindergarten Event 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 27 – School Spirit Day, Twin Day
- Tuesday, April 28: Classroom Group Photos Day

Happy Friday everyone,

We had an awesome experience with a business called ‘Poultry in Motion’ this week. I am sure that some of your kids talked about the chicks. Thank you to Leah Lloyd for organizing this event for us.

We also had a pretty short but sweet PAC meeting on Monday night. Thank you PAC members for all of your hard work and dedication. Thank you also to the executive for organizing the plant fundraiser. Those ferns and hanging baskets look very healthy.

Just a reminder for some of you to look for your child’s report cards in backpacks tonight. Hopefully by now you know if your teacher does report cards or Paper Portfolios:)

Please join us here tomorrow for the Kids Maker Market from 10-3pm

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Andrew

Reminders

A Message from The Arden Green Team Volunteers of Wheelie Wednesday:

Hello Arden Families, Volunteers, and Staff...

Just a reminder to everyone that this Wednesday, April 15th, is our first SPRING SESSION of Wheelie Wednesday!

If you are new to the school or did not participate in the FALL SESSION, Wheelie Wednesday is an initiative of the Arden Green Team, that happens in Fall and Spring. It is when we CLOSE the school parking lot and WE ALL PARK OUR VEHICLES at the **rear** of the Church parking lot across the road!!

This way kids can ride their bikes and scooters at recess, for an extra special exercise opportunity in their day! Wheelie Wednesday began as a way to encourage physical activity and active school transport, and get kids riding or walking to school, even if that only means parking a little distance from the school (at the Church parking lot) and getting in a few extra steps at morning drop off!

As always, this program is not possible without parent and staff support. If you are interested in helping out the Arden Green Team, please let us know, as we would appreciate a few more parent hands! We are also looking for SCOOTER DONATIONS—our Scooter Fleet has been well used, broken down, and dwindled to a few usable scooters. If you have a scooter in good used condition, we would welcome donations.

Some reminders for kids:

_ **Label your scooter and helmets.

**Bring a lock for your bike.

**Scooters can be parked in the courtyard.

**We do NOT share personal equipment for safety reasons.

**We do have a couple of loaner scooters and helmets for kids who do not have their own.

**We listen to the adult who are volunteering their time.

**We practice safe riding and scooting.

**If students are being unsafe or not listening to the adults who are volunteering their time, then they will be asked to put their scooter or bike away and choose another Recess Activity.

Some reminders for adults:

**Please park at the Church Parking lot, as our parking lot is CLOSED and there is NO parking along Lake Trail Road.

**Please drive safely. DO NOT U-turn on Lake Trail Road at the entrance of the parking lot, if you forget about the parking lot being closed. Drive up to Salsbury and turn around there.

**Please walk your child from the Church Parking lot, modelling safe crossing. DO NOT jay walk, instead walk out the back exit of the church parking lot along Webb and use the crosswalk!

Please Note:

_ This year ONE CHANGE from last year that we practiced this fall and will continue is that we are only going to offer Wheelie Wednesday for Grade K-3 at morning recess. We found Gr. 4-5 were not taking advantage of the second session at lunch recess and it requires a lot of set up and supervision.

IF you have a Gr. 4-5 who is really keen to take part, please have them come speak to the supervisors at morning recess for the chance to still ride... they will be welcome, with the awareness of the need to look out for younger riders and the promise of modeling the Arden Way!

The forecast is back to sunshine on Wednesday and we look forward to some nice days ahead for another 6-8 weeks of getting active on scooters and bikes. Huge thanks to the staff and parents who volunteer their time to make this activity happen!

Thanks,
The Arden Green Team

District Happenings

May 2 Market at Courtenay EL! Comox Valley Makers Market proudly supports Courtenay Elementary PAC. **They are hosting a Mothers Day market Saturday May 2nd from 10am -3pm at Courtenay Elementary 1540 McPhee.** There are 40+ Vendors, 50/50 draws, PAC bake sale and raffles.

EducationPlannerBC, in collaboration with school district partners and the Career Education Society of B.C., invites parents, families, and student supporters to join our final virtual parent presentation of the school year:

Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC), with CES
Wednesday, May 6, 2026, from 6:30-7:45PM

Virtual, hosted on MS Teams. Registration is required. [Register here](#)

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Arden Elementary School PAC
– Presents –

Kids Maker Market



Saturday April 18, 2026
10am - 3pm

at the
Arden Elementary School Gym

This is a Children's Market – anything
they want to create, bake or make is welcome!

Tables are \$10 each, or share a table for \$5

Ages: Grade 7 and under

<https://grasshoppersignup.com/s/ogeehc>

Concession, plant sales and sweet treats with funds
raised supporting the Arden PAC

✉ Any questions? Email us at ardenpacexec@gmail.com

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