



# ARDEN ELEMENTARY

## Week at a Glance April 27-May 8, 2026

Monday April 27	Tuesday April 28	Wednesday April 29	Thursday April 30	Friday May 1
<p>School Spirit Day – Twin Day School-Wide Assembly</p> <p>Hot Lunch – Breakfast Bowls</p>	<p><b>CLASS PHOTO DAY</b></p> <p><b>Bonanza – 2:30-4:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Hot Lunch - Pizza</p>	<p><b>Wheelie Wednesday</b></p> <p>Hot Lunch – Hamburger Casserole</p>	<p>Arden SOAR Grade Groups School-wide Activity</p> <p>Hot Lunch - Turkey Sandwich</p>	<p>Hot Lunch - Chicken Burgers</p>
Monday May 4	Tuesday May 5	Wednesday May 6	Thursday May 7	Friday May 8
<p>Div. 4 Field Trip to Danu Folk School &amp; Nymph Falls</p> <p>Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs</p>	<p><b>Track Meet at GP Vanier Secondary Track for Gr. 4&amp;5 Students</b></p> <p>Hot Lunch - Pizza</p>	<p><b>Wheelie Wednesday</b></p> <p>Hot Lunch – Chicken Teriyaki</p>	<p>Hot Lunch – Ham Sandwich</p>	<p>Hot Lunch - Pasta with Meat sauce</p>

### Looking ahead:

- Apr. 27: School Spirit Day, Twin Day
- Apr. 27: K-5 School-wide Assembly
- Apr. 28: Classroom Group Photos Day
- May 4: Non-Evacuation Earthquake Drill
- May 5: Track Meet for Grade 4-5 Students at GP Vanier Secondary Track
- May 11: Arden PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
- May 14: Grade 4 Kumugwe Big House Experience

- May 15: Indigenous Learning **Non-Instructional Day**
- May 18: Victoria Day **(School Closed)**
- May 20: Third Annual Inclusive Sports Festival (Gr. 3-7)

Good afternoon Arden Families,

First, a **BIG thank you to our Arden PAC** for organizing and hosting such a wonderful Spring Kids Market last weekend! It was fantastic to see many of our students' creativity and entrepreneurial spirit on display. **A big shout-out as well to all the students** who participated and shared their creations!

I'd also like to **recognize our Kindergarten teachers**, Ms. Lloyd, Ms. Honeysett and Ms. Arsenault for hosting a **Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Q&A evening** along with a **Welcome to Kindergarten event** this week. It was a pleasure to meet both new and returning families, as well as our **future Arden students!**

This week, we also celebrated **Administrative Professionals Day** and took time to acknowledge our amazing Senior Administrative Assistant, Ms. Keltie. We truly appreciate all that she does to keep our school running smoothly each and every day.

**Class building for next year** - Over the coming months, our staff will begin creating class placements for next year. We recognize how important class placement is for students, families, and the school as a whole. Thoughtful placement plays an important role in helping students feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn. This is why we have a careful process in place to support this work.

If there are significant considerations that could impact your child's learning or well-being at school that the school may not already be aware of, please share that information with us by contacting Mr. Ferneyhough so it can be taken into account during class placement.

Lastly, we hope you enjoy our newly completed Native Plant Garden, located near the Gaga Ball Pit on the intermediate side. With support from the **Learning by Nature Biodiversity Grant through the BC Parks Foundation**, we've added a variety of native plants, along with a birdhouse, bug hotel, and informative signage. We're excited to release butterflies and ladybugs into the space later this spring!

We're looking forward to another fun-filled week ahead. Please see the important upcoming dates highlighted above.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Ms. Teresa Cameron



### School-Wide T-Shirt & Hoodie Screen Printing Activity

We're excited to share that we'll be offering a **school-wide T-shirt and hoodie screen printing activity** for students.

Students will be screen printing an Indigenous eagle feather design created by **Michelle Stoney**, with our **school name incorporated into the feather**. This hands-on activity will give students a meaningful opportunity to learn about screen-printing techniques and design in a creative and engaging way.

### What we're asking from families:

**Please send a T-shirt or hoodie for your child to print on.** The item does **not** need to be new (new is also fine) — it just needs to be something your child can screen print their feather onto.

Please send the clothing item to your child's **classroom teacher as soon as possible**, as we're hoping to get started **next week**.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at [Sandi.Phye@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:Sandi.Phye@sd71.bc.ca).

Thank you for your support — this will be a very special experience for our students!

Warm regards,

Sandi Phye  
Indigenous Support Worker

### Reminders

*A gentle reminder to please continue to be mindful of the traffic adjustments in place during **Wheelie Wednesdays**. We appreciate everyone's support in helping keep our students safe!*

### District Happenings

**-May 2 - Market at Courtenay Elementary!** Comox Valley Makers Market proudly supports Courtenay Elementary PAC. **They are hosting a Mother's Day market on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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### **-ERASE Family Learning Sessions**

Due to high demand, we continue to offer our complimentary FAMILY Sessions on the topics of “**Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities.**” There is one training per month. Link: [erase Family Sessions](#)



### **-Crisis Notification Network**

Parents can be informed of emergency situations via the School’s Crisis Notification Network (phone or electronic notifications). Parents can opt in to receive text-based notifications for certain emergency events. Instructions on how to opt-in for SMS text messaging can be found Link: [here](#). Website, Social Media and Media [SMS Change 2015- to community from schools](#)

**-The erase|Report It tool** lets you send a secure, anonymous and confidential message to your school or school district’s safe school coordinator, who will follow up on it right away. You do not have to provide your name unless you want to.

Messages are only monitored during your school's operational hours. Here’s a good video about ERASE report it tool: [What is the Report It tool?](#) Also [Learn about erase](#)



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