



# ARDEN ELEMENTARY

## Week at a Glance May 4-15, 2026

Monday May 4	Tuesday May 5	Wednesday May 6	Thursday May 7	Friday May 8
<p>Div. 4 (Gr. 2/3) Field Trip to Danu Folk School &amp; Nymph Falls</p> <p>Non-Evacuation Earthquake Drill 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PAC Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. - <b>Everyone Welcome!</b> 😊</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><b>Gr 3 Meet the Author</b></p> <p>Hot Lunch – Ham Sandwich</p>	<p>Hot Lunch - Pasta with Meat sauce</p>
Monday May 11	Tuesday May 12	Wednesday May 13	Thursday May 14	Friday May 15
<p><b>Gr 1's to CR Museum</b></p> <p>Hot Lunch – Cheese Tortellini w/ pesto</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 – Taco Bowl</p>	<p><b>Grade 4 Kumugwe Big House Experience Field Trip</b></p> <p>Hot Lunch – Turkey Sandwich</p>	<p><b>Non-Instructional Day (No Classes)</b></p>

### Looking ahead:

-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)
- May 21: Arden PAC Penny Carnival 4:30-7:00 p.m. 😊😊😊
- May 26: Lake Trail Grade 5 Parent Info Night #2 at Lake Trail Community School 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- May 27: School Spirit Day: Colour Day (Wear your favourite colour, bright colours or rainbow colours!)
- June 3: Grade 5's Visit Lake Trail Community School
- June 5: Div. 4 (Gr. 2/3) Field Trip to the Courtenay Museum

Good afternoon Arden Families,

I want to begin by thanking Ms. Lloyd and Mr. Lamont for helping us to organize our first SOAR Day this week. (If you didn't know...like I didn't, a Soar is a group of Eagles) A SOAR day is when we arrange students into mixed-grade cohorts and they go to a different teacher. We have non-enrolling teachers involved so the groups are smaller. These groups should carry on as kids carry through the years with new Kindergartens replacing outgoing grade 5's. Among other benefits, one big element of this is that it provides a great opportunity for our grade 4's and 5's to show off their leadership skills. Yesterday went very well and we look forward to doing this once a month from here on in.

As friendships continue to grow, we love seeing students excited to spend time together outside of school! Just a gentle reminder that **we're not able to help arrange playdates during the school day**. If your child is hoping to connect with a friend after school, we kindly ask that plans be made directly between families before or after school. Thank you for your support in helping keep our school day focused and running smoothly!

## Reminders

### 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

**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.

## **District Happenings**

The **Comox Valley Volleyball Camp** is July 6th-9th this summer. It is for grades 5 and older. Please contact Brian at [bdstevens@hotmail.com](mailto:bdstevens@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC), with CES**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, from 6:30-7:45PM

-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:

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

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