ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance
November 23 – December 4, 2026

Monday Nov. 23	Tuesday Nov. 24	Wednesday Nov. 25	Thursday Nov. 26	Friday Nov. 27
Hot Lunch – Cheese Tortellini w/ Pesto	Hot Lunch - Pizza	**VB @ Courtenay EL 3pm** Hot Lunch – Chicken Teriyaki	Hot Lunch – Grilled Cheese Sandwich	**Whole School Assembly 10:50** **SOAR (PM)** Hot Lunch – Meatball Sub
Monday Nov. 30	**Tuesday Dec. 1**	**Wednesday Dec. 2**	**Thursday Dec. 3**	**Friday Dec. 4**
Hot Lunch – Chicken Ceasar Wrap	Hot Lunch - Pizza	**Concert Dress Rehearsals** Hot Lunch – Chicken Nuggets w veggie sticks	**Winter Concerts 1:00pm and 6:00pm** Hot Lunch – Grilled Ham and Cheese	Hot Lunch – Perogies

<u>Looking ahead:</u>
Nov. 28 – PAC Winter Market 10:00am-3:00pm
Dec. 3 – Winter Concert – 1:00pm and 6:00pm – See separate email or see below
Dec. 18 – Last day of School
Dec. 19 – Jan. 3 – Winter Break

Hello everyone,

My my…it is a bit brisk out there:) Is that really what 5 degrees feels like? Please ensure that you send your child with clothing for all occasions. I only keep so many extra pairs of little mittens in my coat pockets:)

I have attached a ‘Santa's Workshop’ poster. We are once again accepting donations for this wonderful event that Ms. Smith organizes every year. Basically, if you don’t know about it, we get donations from many sources (families, Church, staff) and then students get to go to the gym with their classes and choose ‘free’ items to give as holiday gifts. Please see the poster for more details. There is a bin in the front lobby.

I sent an email earlier regarding important information about our upcoming Winter Concerts. I have also copied that info below. A poster is attached as well. Please read carefully!

I would like to thank Ms. Kay and Ms. Scarff-Way for all of their hard work on the Book Fair. It seemed to be a great success. Congrats to Harmony and Mr. A. for winning the big prize:)

I have distributed the ‘Adopt-a-Family’ Hampers to the classes. Expect to see some communication about which non-perishable items your class is collecting. We are also attempting to collect $50 per 2 classes, so anything you can give would be much appreciated.

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Attach posters

Have a great weekend everyone,

Andrew

Winter Concert!!

I wanted to get you some important information about our **Winter Concerts on December 3rd at 1:00pm and 6:00pm** entitled 'Tangled Lights and Blizzard Nights'.

We are going to do things a little differently this year...

For the 6:00pm evening concert - Students and parents will be asked to wait outside until the front doors are **unlocked and open at 5:30.** Parents are asked to have someone walk their child to their classroom door (which will open at the same time) **before** going to the gym to find their seats. Students are asked not to come into the gym before the concert.

Parents should also know that their child will be returning to their classroom following the end of the concert and should be picked up from there.

For the 1:00pm afternoon concert - Parents will be welcomed into the building at 12:30. That way, we will be able to make sure the gym is set up and ready to go following our morning rehearsals.

Outfits - Students are asked to come dressed in their "holiday best!" This can mean fancy dresses, suits, festive sweaters - clothes that they might wear for school photos or for a special event.

K/1 Classes – Ms. Llyod's, Ms. Honeysett's and Ms. Arsenault's classes will all meet in Ms. Arsenault's room at the end of the hall, to your left as you come in the building. Please do not try to go around the back as we will have our staff cars parked back there in the evening.

I have attached the poster that Ms. K. made.

Please let us know if you have any questions,

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District News and Events

Join our Kindergarten & District Programs Open House from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Queneesh Elementary gymnasium.

Do you know someone with a child who will be entering kindergarten next year? Are you interested in learning about some of the different programs offered by Comox Valley Schools?

Explore district programs and connect with our teams who support students.

Get information about the Expression of Interest process and discover the options available for your child.

Drop in anytime. All families welcome!



Learn more about district program options :

- Information Registration Dates
- **Pathways Learning Community at Airport Elementary** https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/pathways-learning-community/
- **Montessori Program at Queneesh and Courtenay elementary schools** https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/queneesh-elementary/montessori-program/
- **Friench Immersion at Ecole Puntledge Park, Ecole Robb Road and Mark R. Isfeld Ecole Secondaire** https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/french-immersion/
- **ENTER program at Aspen Park and Highland** https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/enter-programs/

- **Student Register Information here: https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration/**
- **Kindergarten Registration Information https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/**

Please share this volunteer opportunity in school newsletters:



Could you give one afternoon a week to help a local child thrive?

Start2Finish is coming to Queneesh Elementary, and volunteers are needed to help bring this exciting new program to life.

The Running & Reading Club will support approximately 35–40 Grades 1–6 priority learners through weekly sessions that combine physical activity, reading and mentorship. priority learners through weekly sessions that combine physical activity, reading and mentorship.

- Every student receives a free pair of running shoes

- Two hours of fitness and reading each week

-Snack included

-Caring adults and youth providing mentorship and encouragement

-No cost to families

Want to find out if volunteering might be right for you? Come meet us next Thursday.

Details: Thursday, November 26 | 6:30–8 p.m.

Queneesh Elementary

The club runs Tuesday afternoons from January through May. No teaching or coaching experience is required.

High school and post-secondary students, working adults, retirees, adults 55+ and other community members are encouraged to come learn more.

You don't have to commit that evening. Just come, meet the team, ask questions and see how you could make a difference

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