ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance
November 9-20, 2026

Monday Nov. 9	Tuesday Nov. 10	Wednesday Nov. 11	Thursday Nov. 12	Friday Nov. 13
Hot Lunch – Pulled Pork Sandwich	**Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:50** Hot Lunch - Pizza	**REMEMBRANCE DAY** **School Closed**	Hot Lunch – Turkey Sandwich	Hot Lunch – Pasta w/ Meat Sauce
Monday Nov. 16	**Tuesday Nov. 17**	**Wednesday Nov. 18**	**Thursday Nov. 19**	**Friday Nov. 20**
PAC Meeting 6:30 Hot Lunch – Chicken Burger	Hot Lunch - Pizza	**Book Fair 2:30-3:00** Hot Lunch – Sushi Bowl	**Book Fair 8:30-2:30** **Parent/Teacher Meetings** **Non-Instructional Day** **NO SCHOOL**	**Book Fair 8:15-9:00am** Hot Lunch – Chicken leg with Potato Wedges

Looking ahead:

Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:50am – Parents Welcome
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – School Closed
Nov. 16 – PAC Meeting
Nov. 18-20 – Book Fair – More info to come
Nov. 19 – Parent Teacher Meetings – No Classes
Nov. 28 – PAC Winter Craft Fair
Dec. 3 – Winter Concerts – More to come

Hello Arden Families,

The weather sure came in force today. The kids did really well with their inside recesses!

This week we had Ms. Phye and Ms. Lyle organize the 'Salmon Smokehouse' experience. The kids got to see the process from beginning to end of fileting and smoking fresh fish. Very cool!

This past Wednesday, we had our last Wheelie Wednesday of 2026. Thank you to Ms. Honeysett and all of the other teacher and parent volunteers that made this possible. We will pick it up again in the Spring.

We had 'Poultry in Motion' here today (without the actual chicks) There should be some interesting dinner conversations tonight:)

Next week we have Our Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday at 10:50. Parents are more than welcome to join us. It is typically only 20-30 minutes long.

And obviously, there is **No School on Wednesday** as it is Remembrance Day.

I have attached flyer made by Ms. Stacey. It is a winter support newsletter for families. It has community resources for this winter season.

You will notice a note from the district below about 'Darker Mornings'. This is rather timely as I had a parent come in this morning saying that she had just grabbed a kid by the scruff of the coat to save him from being hit by a car. Point being, it is quite dark out there in the mornings so please try to be extra cautious, and try to teach extra cautiousness when moving through that lot. Thanks.

PAC Cookie Dough Fundraiser

A reminder that Arden PAC's Cookie Dough Fundraiser closes Thursday, November 12th at 10am!

Stock up on some delicious cookies while supporting our school. Cookie dough comes frozen in pre-formed cookie balls, packaged in convenient 2-dozen bags.

Place your order here: https://tally.so/r/yXXovX

Thank you for supporting Arden PAC!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Andrew

District News and Events

Be prepared: Emergency and winter weather information

With stormy weather upon us, we encourage families to take a few minutes to review Comox Valley Schools' Emergency Preparedness webpage.

Find information about school closures, power outages and severe weather, along with an overview of school emergency procedures, how families will receive updates and how students are reunited with parents and guardians after an emergency.

The page also explains how to sign up for text notifications so you can stay informed when disruptions occur.

Please bookmark this resource and refresh your understanding of what to expect: Emergency Preparedness.

Planning for Kindergarten or a district program in September 2027? Here are three important dates for your family.

NEIGHBOURHOOD KINDERGARTEN
Registration opens Jan. 14, 2027

Most Kindergarten students attend their neighbourhood school. Children starting Kindergarten in September 2027 must turn five by Dec. 31, 2027.

PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN EARLIER
Expression of Interest window open from **Dec. 1, 2026 to Jan. 13, 2027**

Families now have approximately six weeks, instead of two, to submit an Expression of Interest for:
• Early French Immersion
• Late French Immersion
• Montessori
• Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1
• Pathways Learning Community
• ENTER

Entry is by lottery, not application order. Apply anytime during the window. Program priorities continue to apply, and students already enrolled do not need to reapply.

- NIDES programs follow a separate registration schedule in February.

Learn more:
https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration
https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration

KINDERGARTEN & DISTRICT PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, Nov. 25 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Queneesh Elementary gymnasium

Details: This event is for all families interested some of the different program options offered by Comox Valley Schools. Drop in to explore neighbourhood Kindergarten, district programs. Meet staff, ask questions about the Expression of Interest process and connect with Inclusive Education, Indigenous Education and other district teams. All families welcome!

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EXPLORE THE 2027–28 SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten & District Programs

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MEET STAFF & EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

- Neighbourhood Kindergarten
- Early French Immersion
- Late French Immersion
- Montessori
- Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1
- Pathways Learning Community
- ENTER (K–7)
- Navigate (NIDES)

Connect with Inclusive Education, Indigenous Education and other district teams.

Ask questions about registration and the Expression of Interest process.

Learn more:
comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration

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DARKER MORNINGS.

BE SEEN.
STAY SAFE.

With school starting at 8:30–9 a.m., many students will travel or arrive before sunrise.

COMOXVALLEY SUNRISE TIMES

Winter 2026–27 • All times a.m.

NOV. 8	8:20	NOV. 22	8:42
DEC. 6	9:01	JAN. 3	9:16
JAN.17	9:09	FEB. 14	8:30



FAMILIES

Choose bright clothing and reflective gear.

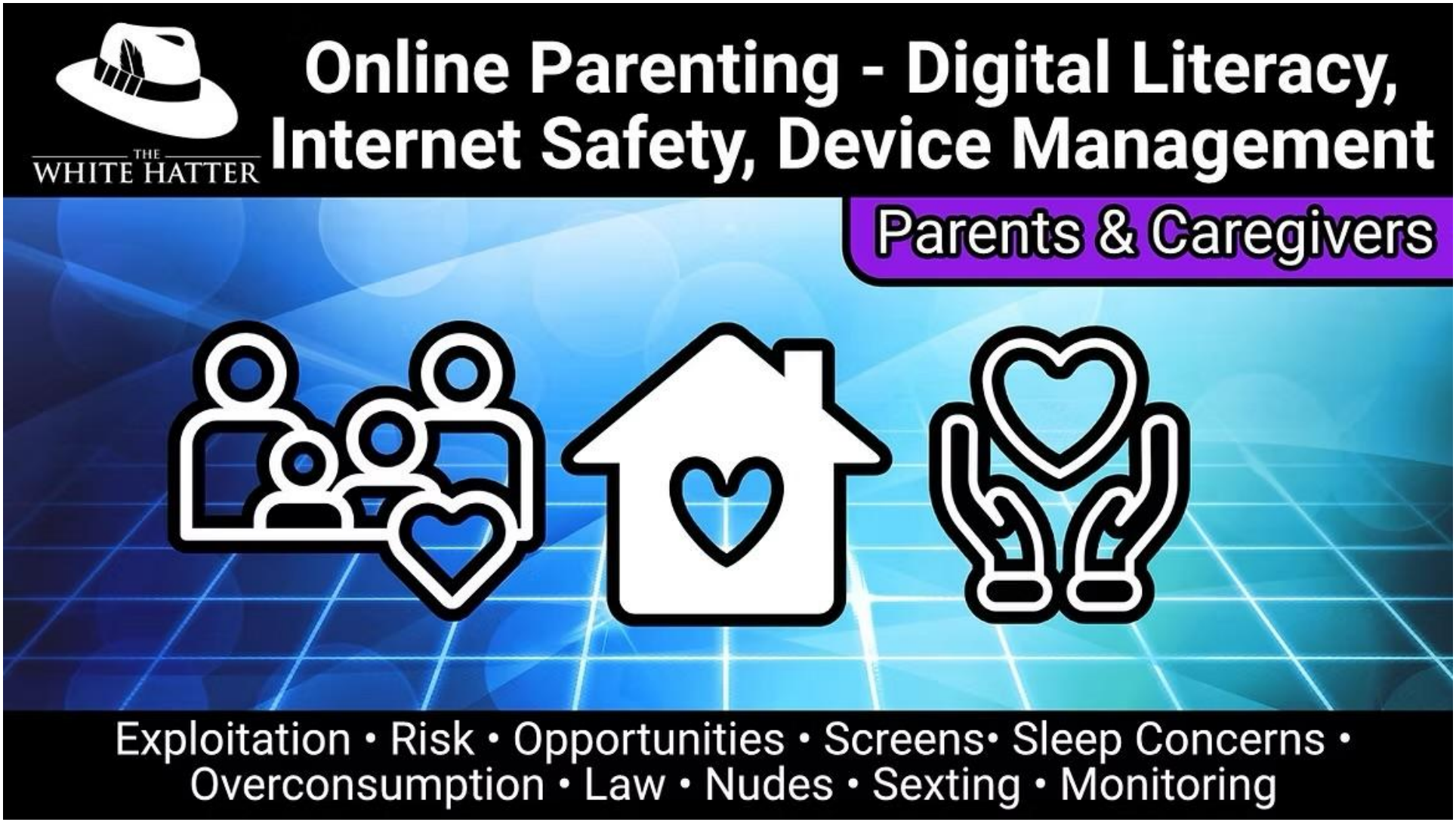


DRIVERS

Slow down. Stay alert. Watch for students.

Sunrise source: timeanddate.com • Comox, B.C.

Please share this in your school newsletters:



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Free Early Learning for Children Birth to Age 5

Learn • Play • Explore • Connect

- Story Time
- Creative Play
- Music & Movement
- Outdoor Exploration
- Family Connections

ASPEN STRONGSTART

2250 Bolt Ave, Comox BC
Facilitator: Mackenzie Leslie

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
9:00AM to 12:00PM
Wild Wednesday: 9:00AM to 12:00PM

AIRPORT STRONGSTART

1475 Salmonberry Drive Comox
Facilitator: Jennifer Johnson

Tuseday: 8:45am to 1:45pm
Wild Wednesday (Outdoor): 9:00 to 12:00
Thursday: 8:45AM to 1:45PM
Friday: 8:45 11:15 AM

COURTENAY STRONGSTART

1540 McPhee Ave, Courtenay, BC
Facilitator: Alia Zimmer

Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Wild Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

CUMBERLAND STRONGSTART

2644 Ulverston Ave, Cumberland, BC
Facilitator: Terri-Lyn Higgs

Monday: 8:45 AM - 1:15 PM
Tuesday: 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM
Wild Wednesday (Outdoor): 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday Classroom: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Thursday: 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM

QUENEESH STRONGSTART

2345 Mission Rd., Courtenay, BC
Facilitator: Jumana Adamjee

Monday: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Wild Wednesday (Outdoor): 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wednesday Classroom: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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