



# Aspen Park Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Aspen Park Families,

Here are this week's information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

## Week at a Glance

| December 15  | December 16  | December 17   | December 18  | December 19   |
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| <b>Gym Closed</b>  | 8:00 – SBT<br><br>Elder in Residence<br><br>1:00 and 6:00 pm –<br>Winter Concert | Open Gym<br><br>School Sprint Day –<br>Funky Socks          | School Sprint Day –<br>Holiday Hair/ Hat<br><br>Field Trip – D15 –<br>Swimming | Open Gym<br><br>School Sprint Day –<br>PJ and Stuffy<br><br><b>Last Day of School<br/>Before Winter<br/>Break</b> |
| January 5  | January 6  | January 7   | January 8  | January 9   |
| Open Gym<br><br><b>Frist Day Back<br/>After Winter Break</b> | 8:00 – SBT<br><br>Elder in Residence<br><br>2:45 – Health and<br>Safety          | Open Gym<br><br>5:00 – ENTER Open<br>House for<br>2026/2027 | Staff Committee<br><br>Tonnie Sale   | Open Gym<br><br>Elder in Residence  |

Upcoming dates to note:

- January 12 – Indigenous K/1 Open House for 2026/2027 Students
- January 13 – PAC Meeting
- January 19 – Grade 4 students at Symphony

## Expanded ENTER Program, Indigenous K/1, and Neighborhood K Registration Information

All information about upcoming registration can be located on the district website at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration/>

### Comox Valley Schools announces registration dates and expanded program options for the 2026-27 school year

**Comox Valley, B.C.** – Comox Valley Schools is advising families of important registration dates for kindergarten and other programs for the 2026-27 school year.

Families will notice expanded program options this year, including a new K/1 Indigenous Kindergarten at Aspen Park Elementary, an expanded ENTER Program now proposed for kindergarten to Grade 7, and an extended Pathways Learning Community (currently the Airport Primary Learning Community) growing to serve Kindergarten to Grade 5.

On **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Expressions of Interest** for the following programs open:

- French Immersion (Ecole Robb Road and Ecole Puntledge Park)
- Montessori (Queneesh and Courtenay)
- K/1 Indigenous (Aspen Park and Ecole Robb Road)
- ENTER K-7 (Aspen Park)
- Pathways Learning Community K-5 (Airport)

Program entry is based on a lottery system, not first come, first served. Siblings of current students in these programs, and Indigenous students applying to the Indigenous K/1 receive priority if their expression of interest is submitted before January 16, 2026.

Most students attend their local **neighbourhood school and registration for kindergarten for the 2026/2027 school year begins on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.**

The late-French Immersion program at Ecole Puntledge Park is for students entering Grade 6 and the Expression of Interest to apply is open from Monday, January 26 until Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Registration for Compass and FAe Kindergarten will take place in February 2026. Families are encouraged to check the website for specific dates and details. Registration for all Navigate programs is completed online at [www.navigatenides.com](http://www.navigatenides.com).

Several open houses are scheduled for families wanting to learn more about specific programs:

- **Indigenous K/1 programs** Aspen Park Elementary: Jan. 12, 5 to 6:15 p.m. École Puntledge Park: Jan. 13, 5 to 6:15 p.m.
- **Montessori programs** Queneesh and Courtenay Elementary: Jan. 8, 6 to 7 p.m., at Queneesh Elementary
- **Pathways Learning Community (K to 5, Airport Elementary)** Jan. 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Airport Elementary

- **ENTER program** (K to 7, Aspen Park Elementary) Jan. 7, 5 to 6 p.m., Aspen Park Elementary
- **Early French immersion** Program details at École Puntledge Park and École Robb Road  
Expression of interest open online Jan. 13 to 16
- **Late French immersion** (Grade 6 entry, École Puntledge Park) Open house: Jan. 22, 6 to 7 p.m., École Puntledge Park
- **Navigate (NIDES)** – Compass Program and Fine Arts eCademy (FAe) Open house for both programs: Jan. 30, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tsolum Campus

A full list of program options and registration links is available at [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration).

Families with questions about kindergarten can email [kindergartenreg@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:kindergartenreg@sd71.bc.ca)

### **Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 16th**

Get ready to celebrate the holiday season with the wonderful musical talents of our students! We are delighted to offer two performance options for families, an afternoon concert and an evening concert.

To ensure we have enough space for everyone, we kindly ask families to choose one concert to attend. This helps us accommodate all guests comfortably.

#### **Afternoon Concert**

- Time: 1:00 pm

#### **Evening Concert**

- Time: 6:00 pm

We look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon or evening of festive music and holiday cheer. These performances are a special opportunity for friends and families to come together and enjoy the creativity our students bring to the stage.

### **Lost & Found Reminder**

Our Lost & Found is bursting with cozy sweaters, jackets, and other treasures looking to make their way home! Families are encouraged to stop by the school and take a quick peek for any missing items. All unclaimed belongings will be donated on December 19th. Thanks for helping us reunite these items with their owners!



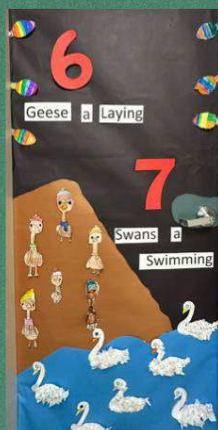
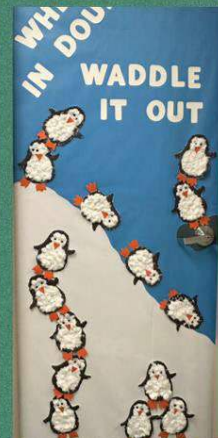
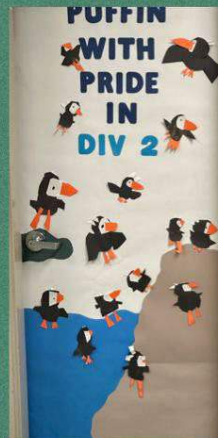
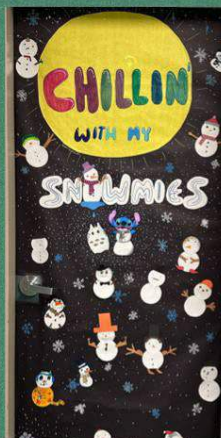
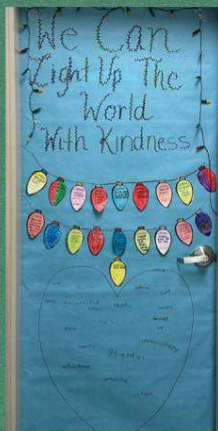
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## Door Decorating





## Community Information

### 2025 Comox Valley Volleyball Camp

December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

**Brian Stevens**, along with local athletes playing/played at college or university, will be hosting a two day athlete development camp on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. *This is a locally developed and longest run camp in the North Island.* The camp will include both skill development and tactical knowledge development. You will receive a lot of ball contacts, tons of coaching feedback, and improve your volleyball skills, techniques, and strategies.

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#### Event Information

**For:** All youth currently in grades 5 through 12  
**When:** Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Youth Session** - 9:00 am - Noon (Grades 5-8)  
**Elite Session** - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Grades 9-12)  
(bring a snack and a water bottle)  
**Where:** Highland School - 750 Pritchard Road, Comox  
**Cost:** \$80 dollars (cash and e-transfers to [bdstevens@hotmail.com](mailto:bdstevens@hotmail.com) are accepted)  
**Deadline:** Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (space permitting)

Contact Brian Stevens at: email [bdstevens@hotmail.com](mailto:bdstevens@hotmail.com) phone (250) 339-0434 Mailing Address- 1433 Hillside Avenue, Comox, BC V9M 3G5

Feel free to email me at [zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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