



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

January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16
Open Gym 5:00 - Indigenous K/1 Open House	8:00 – SBT Elder in Residence 2:45 – Staff Meeting 6:30 – PAC Meeting	Open Gym	Toonie Sale	Open Gym Elder in Residence
January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22
Open Gym Grade 4 Symphony	8:00 – SBT Elder in Residence	Open Gym Grade 7 Basketball -Boys @ Home Vs Cumberland -Girls @ Cumberland	Toonie Sale	Open Gym Elder in Residence

Upcoming dates to note:

- February 16 – No School (Family Day)
- February 17 – No School (Pro-D Day)

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, 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.

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

- K/1 Indigenous (Aspen Park)
 - Open House – January 12, 5:00 to 6:15pm
- ENTER K-7 (Aspen Park)

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.

Registration for kindergarten for the 2026/2027 school year begins on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

A full list of program options and registration links is available at www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration.

Parking & Pick-Up / Drop-Off Reminder

As our school community continues to be busy during arrival and dismissal times, we would like to share a few friendly reminders to help keep everyone safe and traffic flowing smoothly.

Please continue to follow our established pick-up and drop-off routines. When using the drop-off lane, we ask that drivers do not pass other vehicles and that you pull forward as far as possible before your child exits the vehicle. This helps maximize space and reduces congestion for everyone.

At pick-up time, if your child is not ready when you reach the front of the lane, please circle around rather than waiting in the lane. This allows other families to move through efficiently and keeps traffic moving safely.

We also remind families that parking in crosswalks is not permitted, as these areas must remain clear to ensure student safety. In addition, the accessible parking space is reserved for vehicles with a valid permit and should not be used for pick-up or drop-off.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience, and continued support in keeping our school community safe and respectful. Working together makes arrival and dismissal smoother for everyone!

Check in at office when coming into the school

To help keep our school safe and running smoothly, we kindly remind all families that anyone entering the school during the day must check in at the office upon arrival. This allows us to ensure student safety and have an accurate accounting of who is in our building in the event of an emergency.

We would also like to remind families that student drop-off and pick-up takes place outside. Class meeting spots outdoors are the best and most efficient places to connect with students at the end of the day. This helps us maintain a calm dismissal routine and keeps hallways clear during a busy time of the day.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us create a safe and organized school environment for everyone.

Library

Please join us on Tuesday January 27th from 8-8:40am to celebrate Family Literacy day. The Library Learning Commons will host you by offering warm beverages and snacks to go along with this years theme of, "Make mealtime family learning time." You will have the chance to browse books, read with your child and hopefully discover some new reading materials together.



Pictures



Feel free to email me at zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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