



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

June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
8:15 - Open Gym D05 – Hands on Farm D12 – Field Trip Library Summer Reads	8:00 – SBT Elder in Residence D08 – Field Trip	Open Gym 9:00 - Strong Start D01 & D02 – Hands on Farm	Aquarium Visit 6/7's @ Playland D09/D10/D11 – Field Trip D12/D13 – Field Trip	Open Gym Elder in Residence Aquarium Visit D06 – Field Trip
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19
D14 & D15 – Field Trip 12:45 – ENTER Welcome for New Students	School Spirit Day – Sports Theme	9:00 - Strong Start School Spirit Day – Anything but a Back Pack	School Spirit Day – Wacky and Tacky	Beach Day

Upcoming dates to note:

- June 22 – Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 24 – Grade 7 Graduation Celebration
- June 25 – Last Day of School

Universal Lunch Program



Aspen Park Elementary School

Feeding Futures Universal Lunch Program
September 2026



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A NEW UNIVERSAL LUNCH PROGRAM IS COMING!

Starting September 2026, a universal lunch program will be available at Aspen Park Elementary School, offering all students the opportunity for nourishing lunch, every school day, regardless of their ability to pay.

Lunches are a suggested price of \$4 each. With support from provincial Feeding Futures funding, we are offering a pay-what-you-can model. This means you can anonymously pay the full balance, nothing, or anything in between, whatever works for your family.

What is a Universal Lunch Program?

A universal lunch program provides all students equitable access to nourishing food, supporting better learning outcomes, focus, and overall well-being. By offering the same meal to all students, the program reduces stigma, encourages students to try new foods, and promotes food equity across the school community.

Questions?

Please email Thea Cockerton
thea.cockerton@sd71.bc.ca

How will it work at Aspen?

Monthly menus will be posted online around the middle of the previous month. (For September 2026, online ordering will open on September 11, with food delivery starting Monday September 21st). Families will create a Munch a Lunch account, select the meals their student would like, make a payment at their discretion, and that's it! Meals will be delivered directly to students in their classrooms on the days they've ordered.

Will I have to pay with a credit card?

Yes, currently, we can only accept online orders paid by credit card. If using a credit card is a barrier, you can select \$0.00 as your payment amount. Cash or cheque donations can be made separately, but they won't be connected to your account or order.

How do I place an order?

- Go to www.munchalunch.com/schools/aspen to create an account.
- Click 'Register Here'
- Add each of your children, their grade, and teacher
- Go through each meal a day, making sure to 'Add' your selections to your cart.
- Click 'Finished' then 'Next' to 'Yes, this is correct' then 'Checkout'
- Complete the pay what you can page and submit your order.

Reusable Containers!

Meals will be served in *Friendlier* reusable containers that will be collected from the school, professionally washed, and reused to reduce single-use packaging waste!



Details coming in September!

Provincial Feeding Futures funding is provided so that 'students have access to food, daily, in an equitable, accessible, and non-stigmatizing manner'
Offering the same meals to all students helps create a school environment where everyone feels included and supported.

Lost and Found Reminder

Our Lost and Found is very full! Please remind your child to check the Lost and Found for any missing clothing, water bottles, lunch containers, or other personal items. Families are also welcome to stop by and take a look.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the day on Thursday, June 25.

School Supplies For 2026/2027

For the 2026-2027 school year Aspen Park Elementary School will be providing basic school supplies to students in Kindergarten to Grade 7. Instead of parents purchasing individual sets of supplies, we ask parents to provide money to the school in June - September and the school will purchase supplies for each student. This approach will ensure equity and equality among all students and will save families time (no shopping!) and money. As we order in bulk our discount on school supplies is significant. Students will have the materials when needed as everything will be in the classroom. The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, a lunch bag, and appropriate shoes for gym.

- Kindergarten to Grade 7 the fee will be \$40
- The office will accept cash, cheque, or email transfer
- Fees will be due September 30th

Those who are choosing the email transfer option you can send the transfer to AspenPark@sd71.bc.ca
When using this option in the comments section please make sure you use the following message:

School Supplies-Student(s) / Student Name

School Jersey Return

If your child has borrowed a school jersey this year (or in past years), please help it find its way back home to Aspen Park. We are collecting all school jerseys so they can be washed, organized, and ready for future teams and events.

Please check backpacks, laundry baskets, bedrooms, and any other places jerseys like to hide. Jerseys can be returned to your child's classroom teacher or dropped off at the office.

Thank you for helping us keep our Aspen spirit gear ready for the next group of athletes!

Planning for the 2026/2027 School Year

As we begin planning for next school year, we ask that any families who know they will not be returning to Aspen Park Elementary for the 2026/2027 school year please let our office know by emailing aspenpark@sd71.bc.ca

This information helps us with class organization and planning for the year ahead. Thank you for your support as we prepare for another great year at Aspen Park!

Pictures















Community Information

A promotional poster for the Comox Valley United Soccer Girls Summer Camp. The background features two young girls in red soccer uniforms running on a grass field with a soccer ball. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow. At the top, it says 'Comox Valley United Soccer' in white on a red banner, followed by 'GIRLS SUMMER CAMP' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'Develop New Skills this Summer!' in yellow. The dates are 'July 27th to July 31st'. Two sessions are listed: Session 1 for U5 & U6 (8:30am to 12pm, \$175) and Session 2 for U7 to U11 (8:30am to 4:30pm, \$350). Registration opens March 30th and closes July 1st. The location is the 19 Wing Base Soccer Field in Comox. A paragraph describes the camp as a full-day youth girls camp in partnership with CVUSC and coaches, focusing on player development, tactical skills, and games. It mentions that the camp will also include non-soccer activities and that no previous experience is needed. A yellow banner says 'Spaces Limited so register early'. Registration is done through www.cvusc.org, and contact information for Rob is provided at the bottom.

Comox Valley United Soccer

GIRLS SUMMER CAMP

Develop New Skills this Summer!

Dates: July 27th to July 31st

Session 1: U5 & U6 8:30am to 12pm. \$175
Session 2: U7 to U11 8:30am to 4:30pm. \$350

Registration Opens March 30th and closes on July 1st

Location of camp is at the **19 Wing Base Soccer Field, Comox**

The 2013 PDL girls will be hosting a full day youth girls camp in partnership with the CVUSC and coaches. It will be focused on player development, tactical skills, high energy skill building challenges, and games with our finest players and coaches. Players will be trained in the essential elements of BC Soccer's recommended player development training program. The camp will also incorporate non soccer fun activities. Be prepared to train, play hard. No previous soccer experience needed as we will have appropriate sessions for all!

Spaces Limited so register early

Registration will be done through www.cvusc.org
Email Rob at robcaya@hotmail.com with any questions.

Comox Volleyball Camp - July 6th to 9th

Brian Stevens, along with local athletes and coaches, will once again be hosting the longest running volleyball camp in the North Island from July 6th-9th. You will receive maximum ball contacts, tons of coaching feedback, improve your skills, techniques, strategies, and have A LOT of FUN!! This camp has both an indoor and outdoor (grass) component.

Contact Brian Stevens at: *email* bdstevens@hotmail.com

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

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel

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