

Week at a Glance Friday October 8, 2021

Hello Denman Families,

We have had a beautiful week of learning inside and outside our school. The school walk to Piercy beach on Mondays was fun and the students enjoyed finding their “sit spot” on the beach and peacefully connecting with nature. Students are divided into family groupings (multi-age) and each group has an iPad to take pictures of the weekly focus task. The students have taken some very stunning photos and I hope to have them posted up on the [school website](#) soon. The students also had the idea of collecting garbage along the walks and on Monday they collected a big bucket of trash. I was very impressed with their hunting skills. We are going to begin a group inquiry project at the beach next week where students will be asked to choose something to learn more about together. If you or someone you know, has a particular interest or background in marine biology, it would be great to connect with them at the school.

School Supplies Payments - The school is all set up for e-transfers now and is ready to accept school supplies payments of \$40 per student. Please forward this payment at your earliest convenience and use the instructions below to help us keep things organized. The payment options are etransfer, cash or a cheque made out to Denman Island Community School. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need to make other arrangements.

You may provide this email address to the parents to issue the etransfer to: denman@sd71.bc.ca

We ask for the parent to indicate the following on the comment/description box:

Name of student

Purpose of payment

No need for a question/answer

Salad Bar program – We had an amazing start to the salad bar program this week. There were many choices of fresh local veggies, bread, fruit and soup. I think we had some very happy students with full bellies! Thank-you so much to the parents who have volunteered for this week, I will get back to you shortly with a schedule. Some students brought containers for their salad which is awesome!.. but they were a bit too small. I would suggest a plate or a medium sized container. We will always have plates and utensils if needed.

It has felt a little more “normal” with the start of afterschool programs this week. If you haven't registered your child for the DICES programs, there is still some spaces. Check out their offerings on their [website here](#).

Last year the school district contracted Current Environmental to do an environmental inventory of each school site. It is a very comprehensive report that includes the terrestrial and aquatic habitats, wildlife features, species at risk and outdoor education opportunities. I have included the report as an attachment to this email as there are also some great photos. This report is a great resource for our school planning and I am happy to share this valuable information with our school community.

I hope everyone is enjoying their long weekend and making the most of this Day of Thanks!

See you tomorrow!

Yolanda Lehton