

Hi Denman School Families,

We are looking forward to a very special week with our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov 10 at 10:45am. The assembly will take place rain or shine in the front of the school by the flagpole. The students have prepared poems to read, stories to tell, wreaths to lay and a song to sing. We also have a special guest speaker. The event will be approximately 30 minutes long and is open to the community. For safety, the parking lot nearest the school will be blocked off. I hope you will be able to attend. There is no school on Thursday, Nov 11.

The big, huge puddle at the back of the school has been drained! Yeah! We were going to need a lifeguard soon! Workers were there on Thursday and Friday adding additional drainage around the perimeter of the basketball court. It is still going to be muddy for a bit but hopefully that is the end of the giant puddles.

Parent conferences are coming up next week on Thursday, Nov 18th and Isabel has set up a calendar for you to book your preferred session times with each teacher. All conferences will be in-person and families will need to follow the COVID procedures to access the school; sign-in, wear a mask, and sanitize. If you would prefer an online or telephone conference, please contact the office to set one up. Some teachers may also have limited availability to meet outside the provided schedule. Here are the instructions to book a conference time:

Instructions:

1. Click here: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/DenmanIslandSchool@learn71.onmicrosoft.com/boookings/>
2. Select teacher
3. Select date (17th PM only - 18th all day)
4. Select one of the available times
5. Fill out parent's name, email address and phone number

The photos are in and the students looked amazing. Monday is the cut off for photo orders to be mailed from the school but you will still be able to order your photos online. Sorry there are no retakes at the school, but you can call the company and have retakes done in their studio in Coombs. I had retakes of my son's grad photos done in their studio and it was a great experience, except the drive...

National Child Day is celebrated on Nov 20th in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children and the adoption of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child. **This year's theme is The Right to Survive and Thrive.** This comes from Article 6 of the UNCRC and means that every child has the right not only to be alive, but to have access to what they need to develop to the fullest extent possible. The Denman students will be discussing this theme and 'celebrating' on Monday, Nov 22.

Have a fantastic week!

Yolanda Lehton, Vice-Principal

### **Upcoming dates:**

Salad Bar Nov 25 - vegan chili, salad bar and other yummy goodies

Friday Nov 26th - Crazy Hat or Hair Day

Wednesday Dec 8 - Div 3 Entrepreneur Fair in the gym - students at 10:30, families welcome at 12 pm

Tuesday Dec 14 - To be confirmed - school skating fieldtrip in Courtenay

Friday Dec 17 - Pjs and Popcorn day

Saturday Dec 18 - Monday January 3 - Winter Break