

Week at a Glance Sunday Jan 16, 2022

What a whirlwind of a week! From torrential downpour early in the week to an absolutely beautiful Friday afternoon. The whole school was outside enjoying the warm, fresh air. Div 1 was in the garden exploring during center time and Div 2 and 3 were playing a fun game of capture the flag that we didn't want to end! I can confidently say, we all had a great afternoon.

### Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Registration – Kindergarten registration is coming up very soon. Programs of choice open Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and regular programs Jan 31-Feb 4. There is an online overview of programs and more information on how to register on the school website. Please pass this on to any families in the community that are new to school this year. Thanks!

Late French Immersion registration – The late French Immersion program is open to grade 5 students and is held at Ecole Puntledge Park in Courtenay. There is an info session coming up on Thursday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom.

<https://comoxvalleyschools-ca.zoom.us/j/68904050763> Registration opens Monday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and details can be found on the Comox Valley Schools Website.

Entrepreneur Fair – The entrepreneur fair was a success! There was a lot of effort put into developing a quality product with great selection. It was hard to decide what to buy! Thank-you families for sending your children with a few dollars, they had a great time shopping for something special. Some students even sold out!

I have included photos of the items that are for sale to families on a first come, first served basis. Here is the process to order an item from the photos:

- Choose the items you are interested in and note the code beside the items
- Email your order with the item numbers to [denman@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:denman@sd71.bc.ca)
- We will confirm your order and respond with the items that were available and a total owing
- Please pay within 24hrs by either sending the money through etransfer to [denman@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:denman@sd71.bc.ca) or drop off cash to the school
- After we confirm your order, items will be available for pick up outside the school, on the bench, by the front doors, in a paper bag with your name on them

- Important not to send money with your initial order as some items may no longer be available
- Do not pay students directly for the items, the money needs to be processed through the office and dispersed once the sale is over
- A minimum of 10% of proceeds from each sale will be donated to a charity of the students choice
- Thanks for your patience.

Indoor shoes and extra socks – This is a gentle reminder to send your children with extra socks daily and indoor shoes for their classroom and gym time. The shoes can be summer shoes or runners that are clean. It is hard on little feet to run in the gym with big boots. If you have clean shoes your children have outgrown, we will take them and hand them out to other students and families.

Snowshoeing Field Trip – The field trip is on Wednesday, Jan 19th. It looks like it might be a wet day so make sure to keep checking the weather and dress your student in layers. The temperature is about 5 degrees colder up there. Students that ride the bus will get on as usual, but the bus will not wait for you, please be early to your stop! The bus will take students directly to the terminal, it will **not** be stopping at the school. Students who normally walk or are dropped off at school please meet us at the ferry terminal by 8:25. We will do attendance at the terminal and walk on the ferry. There will be no supervision at the school as all students will be on the field trip.

We have many protocols in place to make it very safe for the students and staff. All students will wear masks on the ferry and bus, bus windows will be open to maximize air circulation and the activity will be primarily outside. Students will be allowed inside the lodge to use the washroom only. Students will need to dress warmly for the bus ride as well as snowshoeing and eating lunch outside. I will have sanitizer available. It has been an amazing snow year and I am looking forward to this fun adventure together! **Permission slips have gone home and need to be returned by Tuesday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Salad Bar – This week's salad bar was very popular, and the loaded baked potato soup was a hit! I am looking for 1 volunteer a week to work with myself, Teesh, and the students to prep., cook, serve and clean up. It is a two-hour commitment from 11-1pm on Thursdays. I am looking for volunteers to sign up for Jan. 20, Feb 3, 10, 17 and 24. With the new restrictions limiting guests in the school, this is the

best opportunity for parents to come into the school and help with this important and valuable program.

Please remember to send a container or plate for food, a spoon for soup and a fork weekly. This week we will have roast chicken noodle soup and veggie noodle soup as well as the classic salad bar.

PAC – Thanks to all who donated and helped to sort at the bottle depot last weekend, it was a very successful bottle drive.

PAC – Monday's PAC meeting will be on ZOOM at 4pm if you would like to attend, please see the link below or email me for an invite.

DICES – New Winter Programs start this next week. Visit their website <https://dices.ca/> for more information.

#### Month at a Glance

Jan 17 Monday – School walk

Jan 19 Wednesday – Snowshoeing Fieldtrip, so exciting....

Jan 20 Thursday – Salad bar lunch with soup

Jan 24 – 28 Literacy Week! Yeah!!! Watch for contests, special events and dress up days!

Jan 31 Summary Reports Home – a mid-year report to summarize student learning and supplement the assessment found on student portfolios

Feb 14 Monday – Valentine's Day Pancake breakfast

Feb 18 Friday – Professional Development Day – no school

Feb 21 Monday – Family Day – no school