

Week at a Glance Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022

Hi Denman Families,

I hope all is well and you are enjoying the new snow making the island look so pretty! As usual, I quite a few things to share in this week's newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Bottle Drive Fundraiser– The PAC is having a **bottle drive fundraiser** to support the student activities and field trips. The bottle drive is on **Saturday, Jan 8 from 10-3 at the recycle depot**. It would be great if you could save your deposit recycling and donate it at this fun event. If you need to drop it off earlier, you can leave it at the school from Jan 1-7 or if you would like it picked up, please email the denmanpac2021@gmail.com They are also looking for a few volunteers to help with sorting, please email if you can help.

Entrepreneur Fair – The entrepreneur fair will now be an online sale except for sales to students in the school. On Wed, Jan 12th, school students will have the opportunity to purchase items ranging from \$1-\$20 each from Div. 3 in the gym as usual. All unsold items will be listed with photos and a price list for families and community members to purchase. Items will be sold on a first come first served basis through email orders. Payments can be made by etransfer, or cash to the school. We hope to list the items on the Denman Bulletin in the afternoon on Wednesday, Jan 12th. Items will need to be picked-up from a designated area outside the front of the school. More details to come. Thanks for your patience.

Walking Field Trips – Our weekly walking field trips will continue this winter on Mondays from 9-10am – we may continue to walk to the beach, but we are also looking for a great place to play in a forest within a 2km radius of the school. If you happen to know of a place, we can play for a few minutes each week, feel free to email me or even better, lets go for a walk! Please make sure your child dresses for the weather and extended outdoor play time as this walk continues into recess playtime until 10:30.

The Turkey Lunch this week has been cancelled. I look forward to a nice sit-down meal with everyone in the near future. It will be even more special when it happens!

Snowshoeing Field Trip –This field trip is on Wednesday, Jan 19th. 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. It has been an amazing snow year and I am looking forward to this fun adventure together! A permission slip will come home on Monday, Jan 10.

Salad Bar – No salad bar this week but we will resume with this great meal program on Thursday, Jan 13th. I am looking for 2 volunteers a week to work with myself 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 the month of Jan. Dates are Jan. 13, 20 and 27. With the new restrictions of no guests in the school, this is the only opportunity for parents to come into the school and help with this important and valuable program.

PAC – If you haven't done so already, the PAC would like to request that families complete this very brief (3 questions) [survey](#) about spending some money. They require a quorum for these decisions, and we didn't quite have enough people at the last meeting. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RWV6NNZ>

DPAC - SD71 DPAC is thrilled to welcome back Kerry Cavers of Moms Against Racism (Canada) to present an online workshop “How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child” via Zoom on January 20th at 7pm. See this link for more information on this free parenting workshop.

DICES – New Winter Programs Below or visit their website <https://dices.ca/> for more information.

Month at a Glance

Jan 4-7 Staff planning for Continuity of Learning and adjusting to new protocols

Jan 10, Monday - all students in attendance – curricular instruction resumes

Jan 12 Wednesday - Entrepreneur Fair in person for students, online for families and community members

Jan 13 Thursday - Salad bar lunch with soup

Jan 17 Monday – School walk

Jan 19 Wednesday – Snowshoeing Fieldtrip

Jan 20 Thursday – Salad bar lunch with soup

Jan 24 – 28 Literacy Week! Yeah!!!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS WINTER 2022

Hi kids and caregivers!

This winter all our after-school programs will run from January 17th- March 18. We have some awesome programs coming up, although you might notice that we are not able to offer the full programming that some of you have come to expect. DICES is going through some staffing shifts this winter which have impacted our ability to offer programming every day. We are grateful for your patience with us as we train new staff and settle into our new groove as a team.

To register for after-school programs please email dices.communityprograms@gmail.com or call 250 335 2058. Contact us as soon as possible since there are limited spots available!

Tuesdays: Floor Hockey

with Kevin, Steve & TBD

Welcoming experienced and beginners alike. Come out and learn the basics of floor hockey!

Age Range: Grade K-7

Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm

Where: Gym

Cost: \$10/per semester

Register By: January 10th.

Wednesdays: Incredible Improv

With TBD

Incredible Improv is all about teamwork, creativity, and having fun. Through interactive warmup games and diverse activities, students will engage their mind and build self-confidence. Every week we'll practice a new skill.

Age Range: Grade 4-7

Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm

Where: Community Room

Cost: \$10/per semester

Register By: January 10th.

Thursdays: Kid's Club

with Shel & TBD

An opportunity for free time in the gym with a smorgasbord of gym equipment and access to the craft room with all the fun recycled supplies kid's have come to love in our Maker's Space program. Kids can move between rooms depending on their interests that day- great for quiet tinkerers and those who have lots of energy after a long day at school!

Age Range: Grade K-7

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm (**this program runs for 1.5hrs**)

Where: Gym

Cost: \$10/per semester

Register By: January 10th.

Fridays: Ballet

with Rhianna & TBD

Rhianna is offering an introductory ballet class. Rhianna danced throughout her childhood, including studies at the National Ballet School of Canada, and is excited to create a space where Denman kids can engage in the joy of dance. We will focus on the foundations of movement, stretching, steps and timing. No previous experience required. No specific attire or footwear required, but please wear clothes that are comfortable for movement – tight fitting is best to avoid your clothes getting in the way of your movement.

** No class on Friday, Feb. 18 as there is a PRO-D Day. **

Age Range: Grade 3-7

Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm

Where: Gym

Cost: \$10/per semester

Register By: January 10th.

Payment: Can be made via e-transfer to dices.director@gmail.com or in cash when collecting your child after the first week of after-school programs. Bursaries are available, email us if you would benefit from a bursary.

DICES will follow COVID-19 protocols to limit the possibility of spreading the COVID-19 virus. Please contact us if you have any questions.

We're looking forward to a fun-filled winter!

Warmly,
Teesh, Emily, & the DICES Team