

Week at a Glance Sunday, Feb 27, 2022

Dear Denman Families,

I hope you enjoyed the little bit of winter we had last week and this weekend. I love the clear, cold days as the sun can be so energizing. Were you dreaming about Spring? I know I was! This week's weather looks like it is going to be very wet. Don't forget to pack raincoats and boots as well as a change of socks in the backpack. We are developing resilient young people who can find enjoyment being outside in all weather conditions. Thanks for supporting student success.

I missed last week's WAG so it feels like I have to catch up on all the good news. Our Valentine's pancake breakfast was a hit and many thanks to Paola, Semilla and Lindsay for your help cooking and serving. The students also enjoyed our special walk to "share the love". I hope you have found a special heart or inspirational saying around town that brightened your day. Pink Shirt Day was celebrated by each class in their own way. Div. 1 is keeping track of 100 acts of kindness. Div 3 wrote kind words about their classmates, and Div 2 made wood art plaques with kind words on them for around town.

Lastly, our special guest, motivational speaker, Michael Bortolotto came for a visit on Thursday. He spoke to grade 4-7 students about the importance of social inclusion and 4 strategies they can use to help someone feel included. #1 Smile #2 Ask questions #3 Listen #4 Understanding He talked about how we are all learners and teachers from the day we are born, and we need to use these opportunities to see the unique differences in ourselves and each other. Michael talked to the grade K-3 students about the importance of not judging a person by what they see on the outside. He compared an apple, which was his favorite fruit to a pineapple, something he didn't want to try because the outside of it was prickly and funny looking compared to the shiny red apple. Turns out the pineapple was an amazing fruit and so delicious. We will review Michael's lessons this week and you can feel free to talk to your student about his positive messages.

Have a great week!

Yolanda Lehton, Vice-Principal

Upcoming Events

Salad Bar – Last week we had epic soft tacos with all the fixings! Isabel even made us a super yummy warm apple pie desert with cinnamon tortilla triangles! This week's salad bar is tortellini soup with Ima's yummy garlic olive sourdough bread. We will also have East Cider apple juice to drink. There is usually a hot entrée, 6+ veggies, 3+ proteins, 3+ grains and 3+ fruit options in the salad bar each week.

It is free to all students, staff and volunteers. No need to pack a lunch on Thursdays, take a break, pack a snack and a plate for your student. We are looking for a volunteer for each Thursday in March: 3,10, and 17. Come and volunteer, it is fun!

PAC – Next PAC meeting will be in March TBA

DPAC speaker series “What is Cultural Appropriation” has been moved to Thursday, March 10 at 7pm – This looks like a great session.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://comoxvalleyschools-ca.zoom.us/j/9189750968>

Meeting ID: 918 975 0968

DICES – stay tuned for an invitation to chat about the school garden collective

Kindergarten Registration – please pass this information on to families with a child who will turn 5 by Dec 31, 2022 – registration requires a laptop and families can come and use one at the school if needed

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration/>

Feb 28 Monday – K/1 hearing screening AM

Feb 28 Monday - School walk 12:45

Mar 14 Monday – Pie Day 3.14 Math focus day with a fun ending!

Mar 17 Thursday – St Pat’s Day wear green and enjoy a special green meal!

March 19-April 3 Spring Break – no school

April 4 Monday return to school

April 15 – Good Friday – no school

April 18 – Easter Monday – no school

April 22 Friday – Earth Day