

Week at a Glance Sunday, Feb 6, 2022

My favorite part of the commute to Denman is the stunning sunrises in the morning on the ferry. This is followed closely by the beautiful sun in my eyes and fresh ocean breeze on the way home after a fulfilling day of working with students and staff. With the days getting longer, I don't think a few wet or cold days can hamper the enthusiasm for the anticipation of Spring's return. Such a beautiful part of the world we live in!

This week we had a beautiful school walk in the afternoon and a great time playing in the forest making animal puppets from sticks, leaves and clay. We hope to have a little fun reader's theatre tomorrow with our nature puppets. The taco salad bar was also a hit! We could hardly keep up making the taco bowls. Many people asked how to make them... 1) you put a glass container like a measuring cup upside down on a plate in the microwave 2) you drape a tortilla over the cup evenly and microwave for one minute 3) open the microwave and let the steam out then microwave for one more minute 4) carefully take the tortilla off the cup (it is hot) and turn right side up to cool and harden 5) fill with your favorite taco salad ingredients! Yum!

### Upcoming Events

Summary of Learning – Families should have received your student's summary of learning this week in a yellow envelope. This is a snapshot of how your child is progressing so far this year. It is a formal record that is included in their permanent school file. Please return the yellow envelope so that we can reuse it at the end of the school year.

This year, all teachers have started to use the eportfolio system of documenting student achievement and progress. Eportfolios are a paper-free way of communicating student learning to families and they have the added advantage of including authentic evidence through photos, videos and student voice (students comment on their work). The eportfolio allows for reporting student learning on a continuum as it follows students through their years at school and it is great to see student progress in the photos. You should have received your invitation by email to view your child's portfolio online. If you are having difficulty accessing the portfolios, contact your child's teacher for help. There is also a space on each post for you to write something in the comments if you want.

Salad Bar – This week’s salad bar is cheesy broccoli potato soup with a vegan version as well as salad bar goodies. I am still looking for volunteers to help out on Thursday Feb 10, 17, 24 if you are free... It is so much more manageable with one more person and it allows us to plan for a few more local options on the menu.

Attendance and special arrangements – Reminder that we need to submit the school attendance to MyEd BC by 10 am daily and it would be helpful if you know your child will be absent or late to either call 250-335-2324 or email [denman@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:denman@sd71.bc.ca) by 9am. Additionally, if you would like to make special arrangements for your child such as busing or afterschool care, please contact the school before 12:30 daily. Messages left after this time may not be answered.

PAC/DPAC – Next PAC meeting will be in March TBA

DICES – Evening programs are starting up again, see the website for details [dices.ca](http://dices.ca)

Kindergarten Registration ongoing through  
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration/>

Feb 7 and 14 Monday – school walk will be at 12:45-1:45 instead of usual 9am-10

Feb 14 Monday – Valentine’s Pancake Breakfast – **looking for volunteers pls**  
**7:30am – 9:30am**

Feb 18 Friday – Professional Development Day – No School

Feb 21 Monday – BC Family Day – No School

Feb 23 Wednesday – Pink Shirt Day!

Feb 24 Thursday – Michael Bortolotto – Inspirational Speaker presentation

Mar 14 Monday – Pie Day 3.14...