

Week at a Glance Sunday, March 13, 2022

Dear Denman Families,

T-5 days to Spring Break and a well-deserved hiatus from getting up early and packing lunches. This week will be full of fun, educational activities daily. Please continue to phone or email the office if your student will be away.

Have a great week!

Yolanda Lehton, Vice-Principal

Upcoming Events

Salad Bar – Last week’s salad bar soup was a delicious Quinoa Vegetable Soup with roasted yams, with Pia and the Div 3 bakers’ homemade carrot muffins. This week, Thursday is St. Patrick’s Day, and we have some lucky charms up our culinary sleeves for some delicious green goodies.

PAC – Some highlights from last week’s meeting are the upcoming fundraising plans – Joint Plant Sale with DICES at the Saturday Market on April 23 and a Mother’s Day Basket Raffle – more information to come

Next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, April 12th at 4:30

DPAC – interested in the district parent advisory council, here is some more information <https://sd71dpac.com/>

DICES – Spring Break session and the Spring afterschool program is open for registration – notices should come home with students, more information included below

Mar 14 Monday – Pi 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 – students and staff are planning an outdoor art project – stay tuned for more information

April 23 Saturday – Plant Sale – Saturday Market – plant donations accepted at the school

May 3 Tuesday – Grade 4/5 school cycling program - Hornby

May 5 Thursday – Track Jambouree – All grade 4-7 students participate

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Denman Island Community Programs

Spring 2022

Chess Club

Open for all ages who have a strong interest in learning and playing chess. This is an opportunity to learn how to play chess with an experienced teacher, and practice with friends! We'll have lots of boards and adult helpers to guide kids through the basics of the game. This is a great opportunity to stretch your brain and hash out different strategies to the world famous game of chess. This program will require a level of focus and ability to follow the rules of chess in order to maintain a strong learning environment for the group.

- **Facilitators:** Karen Stewart, Margie Gang and Katarina Meglic
- **Date:** Mondays, April 4-June 27
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30pm
- **Location:** Denman School Community Room
- **Cost:** \$10/semester

Incredible Improv!

Grade 4-7. 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. Improv teaches how to think on your feet, adapt to new situations, and embrace the moment.

- **Facilitator:** Teesh Gardner
- **Date:** Tuesdays, April 5-June 28
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30pm
- **Location:** Denman School Community Room
- **Cost:** \$10/semester

Art Time

Grade K-3. A fun art class exploring new art techniques inspired by the nature of Denman.

- **Facilitator:** Angela Olson and Katarina Meglic
- **Date:** Wednesdays April 6-June 29
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30pm
- **Location:** Denman School Community Room

- **Cost:** \$10/semester

Soccer

Grade 2-6. Come on out for a semester of building basic skills in soccer through games and small sided games. Beginners and more experienced players are all welcome. This program will develop skills in teamwork and game play, all while having a ton of fun!

- **Facilitator:** Shel Brodsgaard, Finn, Quinn and Teesh Gardner
- **Date:** Wednesdays, April 6-June 29
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30pm
- **Location:** Denman School Gym or Field (weather dependent)
- **Cost:** \$10/semester

Kid's Club

All ages. One of our most popular programs, this program features free time in the gym along with free time in the craft room with all the Maker's Space crafting materials. Please note: this program runs a bit longer than our other programs to allow for kids to become more immersed in their projects and world building. Kids have access to all our gym equipment including: a giant parachute, gymnastic mats, scooters and sports equipment.

- **Facilitator:** Emily Guinane and Sophie
- **Date:** Thursdays, April 7-June 23
- **Time:** 2:30-4:00pm
- **Location:** Denman School Gym and Community Room
- **Cost:** \$10/semester

Garden

All ages. Spend a semester in the beautiful and abundant school garden with experienced growers who will guide you through a season of growth and learning! This is an opportunity to learn how to grow vegetables that will be served in our school lunch program. This program will include games, crafts and all kinds of garden infused activities.

- **Facilitator:** Jeanie Rogers and Emily Guinane
- **Date:** Fridays, April 8-June 24
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30pm
- **Location:** Denman School Garden
- **Cost:** \$10/semester

YOUTH

Teen Night

Grades 7 and up. Teen Night is a drop-in opportunity for youth to meet-up and hang-out in a relaxed environment. To keep up to date with our current Teen Night offerings, please follow us on Instagram @denman.teen.night or email us at dices.liticia@gmail.com

- **Facilitators:** Teesh Gardner and Sam Borthwick
- **Outreach Workers:** Mette Schaal and Sara Schouten
- **Dates:** Friday Mar 18th, Saturday Mar 26th, Friday April 1, Saturday April 9 (more dates to come soon...)
- **Time** 7:00-10:00pm
- **Location** CAP Site
- **Cost** \$2 drop-in

REGISTRATION & BURSARIES

To Register

Please email dices.liticia@gmail.com with:

- 1) Name of your kid(s)
- 2) Age of your kid(s)
- 3) Any accessibility needs that would be helpful for us to know (eg. physical mobility, sensory sensitivity, allergies)

We will be confirming enrollment by Friday March 18th, please register as soon as possible for the best chance of getting a seat. If this is your first program with us please fill out an emergency contact form, found here: <https://dices.ca/emergency-contact/>.

Bursaries

Bursaries are available for all of our programs, please reach out to dices.liticia@gmail.com if you require financial support.

Registration is OPEN for **Spring Break Camp**

“Stories of the Wetlands”

This Spring Break we are excited to offer an immersive week of adventure in the wetlands of Central Park, a place brimming with stories of humans and critters alike thriving and adapting to an ever-changing landscape. We will welcome a series of local storytellers who

will bring a sense of wonder and depth to our adventures in the wetlands. This program will be primarily an outdoor program with a plethora of fun artistic projects including book binding, painting, and other handicrafts as well as a range of science activities focused on the plants and critters who call the wetlands their home. This program will offer a range of optional activities with plenty of room for free play and interest-based inquiry.

When: Monday-Friday March 28th-April 1st, 9:00am-3:00pm

Age range: K-7 (homeschoolers welcome!)

Fee: \$60/week (please contact us regarding bursaries)

Registration: To register, send an email to dices.liticia@gmail.com by **March 7th** with the following information:

- name of your kid(s)
- age of your kid(s)
- any accessibility information that would be helpful for us to know (eg. physical mobility, sensory needs, allergies).

****As spots are limited, we invite you to register as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee space for all who register. Register by March 7th for the best availability. We will confirm your spot by March 10th, payment for the week is required to secure your spot. ****

COVID protocols:

We will be primarily outdoors for the entirety of this program, but when we are indoors all kids will be required to wear a mask. We will take special precautions at snack and lunch times, including increased spacing and hand sanitizing before and after eating. All kids will complete a Health Check questionnaire when arriving at Camp for the day. We ask that you do not send your kid to camp if they are feeling unwell.

Any questions?

Should you have any questions, please contact us by email dices.liticia@gmail.com or by phone [250-335-2058](tel:250-335-2058).

This camp is a collaboration with the Denman Island Conservancy Association and is made possible with funding from School District 71 and a grant from TD Friends of the Environment.

We are looking forward to a great fun-filled Spring Break Camp!

Teesh Gardner and Olena Russell