

Week at a Glance Sunday, March 6, 2022

Dear Denman Families,

The countdown to Spring Break is on! We have 10 great days of learning and fun events planned for students in the next two weeks. We are going to earn our break! Please continue to phone or email the office if your student will be away.

This past week, Div 3 spent the day on Wednesday with our Indigenous Cultural Leader Heather Royal Brant and guest Carroll Church, making 10 amazing drums for our school. The drums are a gift from the school district Indigenous Education department and this year's grade 5/6/7 students had the privilege of making these beautiful instruments with Heather's guidance and Carroll's support. The drums are a true legacy project for the students as the drums will be used by our students for many decades to come. The drums are drying now, and we will start making the tams to play on them soon. Carroll is going to make a canvas bag for each drum and students will continue their creative journey by designing an image to be painted on each bag. We are eager to play the drums and share their beautiful sound with the school community. We will share photos on the school website soon.

Have a great week!

Yolanda Lehton, Vice-Principal

#### Upcoming Events

Salad Bar – Last week we had yummy roasted tomato and tortellini soup with fresh spinach and garlic from Two Roads, garlic olive sourdough bread from Ima's and apple juice from east Cider. These are some lucky kids! This week's salad bar is Quinoa Vegetable Soup, all the usual veggie goodness and homemade carrot muffins. Next week Thursday is St. Patrick's Day, and we have some lucky charms up our culinary sleeves for some delicious green goodies. Emily and I would love some parent help on either of these days from 11-1pm. Please email me to volunteer.

PAC – Next PAC meeting will be this Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in the school library – we would love to see you there

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>

DICES – Spring Break session is now open for registration – more information included below

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/>

Mar 7 Monday – School walk 12:45pm likely to Piercy Beach, low tide at 3:18pm

Mar 8 Tuesday – PAC meeting 4:30pm

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

## 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](mailto:dices.liticia@gmail.com) by **March 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dices.liticia@gmail.com) or by phone [250-335-2058](tel:250-335-2058).

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

Teesh Gardner and Olena Russell