

Week At A Glance April 30, 2023

Hi Denman Families,

Jungle Book Update: A ticket reservation email will come out this week to all families. Each family can reserve up to 4 tickets each for their preferred performance. The choices are 6:30pm Thursday, May 11 or 1pm Friday, May 12th. Additional tickets will be available by donation after all family tickets have been organized. Tickets will be available through Isabel at the office.

It is time to think about getting costumes ready for the musical. **All students need to wear black leggings or joggers** in the show, preferably not shorts. If there are any pictures or words on them, they can be turned inside out. Students also need to have their **hair pulled back from their face** in either **a single ponytail at the back of the head or braid(s)**. Students who have longer hair in their face can use **bobby pins** to tuck it back. Many students will be wearing headbands with their character ears as well. We will have some bobby pins available at the performances. Students will have bare feet so no need for any special shoes. Students will also be wearing face paint to help create their characters. The face paint is a very high quality, made for children and washes off with soap and water. Families can choose to apply mascara and a neutral colour lip gloss at home before productions. No bright colours please. If you need help finding black leggings or joggers, please email me asap and I can help find some for your child.

Garden Party time is here! Sam Croome from Two Roads can come and help us with our greenhouse assembly starting this Wednesday afternoon. We will **begin around 1pm** and work until at least 3-4pm. We will also have 10 yds of soil to move around, the new garden beds to install and fill and some soil for the greenhouse. If you are interested in learning how to assemble a bent-frame greenhouse or just have a few minutes to help move mulch and soil, please come by this Wednesday and check-in at the school garden. DICES is planning a regular Wednesday afternoon garden gathering at the school to help us build a beautiful space, work with the students and feed the community. We would love it if you wanted to be a part of our Denman Community School Garden Collaborative.

We had a delicious minestrone soup for lunch this week and our seasonal vegetable was maple tree blossoms! Thanks to Heather Royal Brant for introducing our students and staff to this yummy seasonal food. It was a lovely addition to our lunch program. This week we will have Ima's bread and Ham Potato Cheddar Soup including a vegetarian option. There will be no salad bar lunch the day of the musical May 11th as we will be at the hall all day. It will resume on Thursday, May 18th.

The Arts Center Denman School Student Art show will be held on Friday, May 19 -Tuesday May 23rd. The students will walk over with their classes to the Arts Center on the afternoon of May 19th to view the exhibit before it opens to the public. Saturday, May 20th will be the opening day for community members to view the exhibit and there will be refreshments provided. The Arts Center will be open from 12-4 for viewing daily.

We are getting a new playground! The district has secured a \$195 thousand dollar PEP grant from the Ministry of Education for a new playground at Denman School this coming summer/fall. We have only **one week to decide** from the 8 proposed plans from 4 companies. All the plans have been up in the hall since Monday and students, staff, parents and community members are invited to give input. We voted and narrowed the designs down to 3. Now we will work with the district and companies to come up with a design that fits the grant parameters, district, student, staff and school community wishes. This is very exciting news for Denman families!

Happy Spring!

Yolanda Lehton, Vice-Principal

Upcoming events:

May 2, Tuesday – Playground decision... beginning of the process

May 3, Wednesday – Garden Party! Greenhouse Build 1pm, please check in upon arrival

May 4, Thursday – Salad Bar – Ham Potato Cheddar Soup and Veg option

May 8, Monday – Track Jamboree – Grade 4-7 students all day at Vanier – watch for field trip forms this week

May 9/10 students at the hall for musical rehearsals

May 11, Thursday – NO SALAD BAR LUNCH

May 11, Thursday – Jungle Book Show 6:30pm – all students should be at the back hall by 6pm – Doors open at 6pm

May 12, Friday – Jungle Book Show 1pm – doors open at 12:30

May 19, Friday – Student Art Show – all classes walk to Art Center in afternoon – some parents volunteers may be required, check with your child's teacher.

May 20, Saturday – Student Art Show Community Event 12-4 with refreshments

May 22, Monday – Victoria Day – No School