

Last Week At A Glance June 25, 2023

Hi Denman Families,

This is it! The final week of school before summer break. We made it and have so much to celebrate and be thankful for.

I am so thankful for such an amazing staff who worked with and lead our students to new levels of confidence and success in learning. We are TEAM Denman, and it has truly been an honour to work with this lovely group of humans who make school life on our beautiful little island so awesome.

We have a couple super stars who are moving on to other positions in the school district. We would like to wish Isabel Elgueta well in her new position at the board office. I know we will see her back here as a fantastic mentor to our new admin assistant next year. We thank you for all the patience, care and organizational expertise you have given to the students, families and staff of Denman School. You will be missed but we wish you well. We are also saying goodbye to Lindsay Reynolds, our stellar grade K/1/2 teacher. Thanks for creating such a warm, compassionate classroom for all our youngest learners to flourish. We wish you well in your next school, they are so lucky to have you.

Our amazing volunteers are also part of making TEAM Denman so great! We are having a **Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30**. Invitations have been delivered and we hope you can make it for some tea, cake and fun times. If we forgot you, I am so sorry! Come anyway! We would love to see you.

We are going to celebrate the students who are moving on to high school next year on **Thursday, June 29th with an assembly**. We will be meeting in the **gym at 9:15** for a slide show of photos from the year, speeches (bring a tissue or two) and probably some other entertainment. We will follow up with a reception for the grade 7 students and families in room 4 while the rest of the students enjoy recess. All families are welcome to attend. **School will end at 11:45 on Thursday** and the bus will be running shortly after.

The school is undergoing a huge upgrade this summer and will be closed from July 4 until Aug 18 or as soon as they are finished. We will come back to a different and more modern facility. This summer we are having a full HVAC upgrade including all new lighting and heating, new floors in two classrooms and of course the playground! The playground is not expected to be completed until the end of October, but we are hoping it is ready earlier! Over the past two years all the work will total around a \$1 million dollar upgrade!

Salad bar – There will be no salad bar this week, but I will be cleaning out the fridge which means random snacks and treats including morning toast and maybe some ice cream...

Garden Collaborative: We are working on setting up a timer, soakers hoses and a sprinkler for the garden this summer. I hope to knock down some of the tall grasses and weeds before the summer break. The summer camps will use the space occasionally as well. If you are interested in helping with some light garden work this summer, please contact me and we can set something up.

Awesome work returning library books! You can return them any time up to Thursday and if you find a couple over the summer, you can still return them in September. The lost and found will be outside the school all week, please make sure you have a good look for your child's items. All left over items will be donated to the free store.

The Elkhaven fun day and family picnic was great fun and a super success! Thanks so much to Shel for taking care of all the food and supporting us to try something new. Thanks so much to all the volunteers for helping out to make it such a fantastic day for everyone. Big hugs!

Thanks again for an amazing year. Have a fantastic summer!

Yolanda Lehton, Vice-Principal

Upcoming events:

June 27, Tuesday – Volunteer Tea – 1:30-2:30 in the library

June 28, Wednesday – Div 1 field trip to the Aquatic Center

June 29, Thursday – Grade 7 Recognition ceremony and year-end assembly 9:15 – reception to follow – all parents invited

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