

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of Oct. 9th, 2024 😊

Important Upcoming Dates

- Monday, October 14th – Thanksgiving (no school)
- Thursday, October 17 – The Great ShakeOut (BC-wide earthquake drill)
- October 25th – provincial professional development day (no school)
- Thursday, October 31st – Halloween – parade and class parties (more info to follow)
- Friday, Nov. 1st – school in session (regular hours)
- Between Oct. 1st-Nov. 8th – grade 4 and 7 students write Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA's)
- Tuesday, Nov. 5th – Health Education with Shift Education educator, Jenn Williams. Please see the attached letter.
- **Salad Bar** Every Tuesdays
- **Hot Lunch** Every Thursdays

BIG PUMPKIN CONTESTS!



A big thank you to farmer, Roger Smith, and his helper, Mike Lindsay, for (gently) dropping off a HUGE pumpkin just in time for Thanksgiving and Halloween!

Students are invited to participate in our 2-part contest about this ginormous fruit.

1. Students can submit a question for our student community to answer about the pumpkin (no later than Tuesday, October 15th). Contest forms are to be given to teachers. Students can submit multiple questions (but we'll choose only 1!)
2. Students will guess the answer to that question. We'll announce the winner to THIS contest on Halloween!

Contest judges will consist of Denman Island Community School staff members.
Thanks for participating!



Photo Day (if your child missed it on Sept. 17th)

Royston Elementary School is holding their photo retakes day on Friday, Nov. 1st. If you were away for picture day in September, Royston Elementary has graciously invited parents/guardians to bring their children to their 'retake day' for photos. Please let me know if you plan to go (before Oct. 30th) and I will let their principal know you are coming. Thank you.

Hot lunch Thursdays

Note from Bee: Gluten free/vegan/vegetarian will be available for all meals in November & December.

October Menu

Oct 10- Buddha Bowls

Oct 17- Lasagne

Oct 24- Sandwiches

Oct 31- Breakfast for lunch!



November Menu

Nov 7- Pasta and Meatballs (or tofu balls)

Nov 14- Three Sister's Soup & Salmon

Nov 21- Shepherd's Pie

Nov 28- Enchiladas

December Menu

Dec 5- BLT Wraps and Chickpea Salad

Dec 12- Vegetable Fried Rice

Dec 19- Pizza and Caesar Salad

Participation/ permission forms will be sent to families soon.

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs)

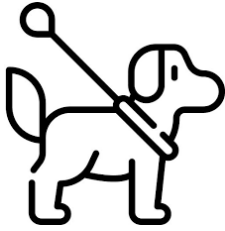
The FSA is learning assessment for all grade four and seven students. It focuses on the areas of literacy and numeracy. FSA results are one way of measuring how the

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate, and reflect – not just know the facts.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. More information about the FSA is being sent home to grade 4 and 7 students this week.



Dogs on School Property

After consulting with the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and other school administrators across our school district, we have updated our dog policy to better accommodate the needs of our school community. We kindly ask that you follow these important guidelines:

- Dogs must always remain leashed on school property, especially during the busier drop off (8:40 am) and dismissal times (2:30 pm),
- If your dog tends to jump, bite, or bark at people or other dogs, we ask that you avoid crowded areas, especially during dismissal.
- Please ensure your dog gives children ample space, especially for those who may be afraid. Dogs should be kept at a distance from the school entrance.
- Always clean up after your dog.

If any child becomes frightened by a dog on school property, we may kindly request that you refrain from bringing your dog to school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a safe and comfortable environment for everyone.

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