




DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of Nov. 6th, 2024 😊

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>Nov. 5 Health Education ☑</p> <p>SALAD BAR ☑</p> <p>PAC meeting @ 5:30 pm in the library & Zoom ☑</p>		<p>Nov. 7</p> <p>HOT LUNCH</p> 	<p>Nov. 8</p> <p>Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:40 am Everyone welcome.</p>
<p>Nov. 11 Remembrance Day. No school.</p>	<p>Nov. 12</p> <p>SALAD BAR</p>		<p>Nov. 14</p> <p>HOT LUNCH</p>	
<p>Looking ahead</p> 			<p>Nov. 21 Parent/Teacher Interviews Sign up 8:30-3:00 pm</p>	
				<p>Nov. 29 Skating field trip to the Comox Regional Sports Centre.</p>
				<p>Dec. 13 Written Learning Update #1 goes home</p>
			<p>Dec. 19 Winter concert @ 6-7 pm @ the Community Hall</p>	<p>Dec. 20 Last day of classes Winter Break: Dec. 23-Jan. 3, 2025</p>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As Halloween fades into fond memories, we're settling into November, welcoming brisk weather and shorter days. With the change in seasons, students have settled into their routines and continue to engage in new learning experiences.



I'd like to extend a big thank you to Bee for leading the "big pumpkin prep" this past Monday. The aroma of pumpkins and cinnamon filled the hallways, creating a cozy, festive atmosphere, and the anticipation of delicious soups and pies added smiles to everyone's faces!

This week, students participated actively in their Health Education curriculum, where they worked with Sexual Health Educator, Jenn Williams, on Tuesday. Jenn provided a respectful and informative session, and we're pleased to welcome her back in April 2025 for another installment.

Gilakas'la to the Parent's Advisory Council

A huge thank you to the PAC for supporting our whole-school skating trip November 29th, as well as other field trips throughout the year. Your contributions make these enriching experiences possible and help foster a meaningful family-learning partnership. We are grateful for your ongoing support in enhancing our students' educational journeys!

Whole School Skating Field Trip

Permission forms are going out this week for our skating trip to the Comox Valley Regional District Sports Centre on **Friday, Nov. 29th**.

Students are asked to bring these if they have them: a pair of skates and a bike or skate helmet. For new skaters, the rink will supply some "skate gates" or "skate trainers."



Nov. 29th Itinerary: *Subject to minor changes (and we will keep you posted)

9:00 am	Attendance at school, then walk to Denman Island Ferry Terminal
9:40	Take ferry to Buckley Bay
9:50 -10:30	Take school bus to Comox Valley Sports Centre (3001 Vanier Drive)
10:40	Have a snack, get skate rentals
11:30-12:30 pm	Skate!
12:45	Take school bus back to Buckley Bay
2:00	Take BC Ferries back to Denman Island
2:10	Walk back to Denman Island Community School
2:30	Regular dismissal



- * We do not currently need chaperones (as space on the bus is limited).
- * 6-7 staff will accompany our students.
- * Please return permission forms by Nov. 18th. Thank you.

Congratulations to EA, Jeremy Hallett

Many thanks and congratulations to Jeremy for successfully completing his Education Assistant practicum during October and November. Jeremy is on our “spare board” list and we’re happy to say he’ll be helping to support students in the near future! Thank you for all your energy, quiet and positive efforts, and know-how! Thanks, also to his practicum supervisor, Karla Neuffer, and the EA team!



Winter Concert – Thursday, December 19th

With November around the corner, December comes close on its heels! Our Winter concert will start at 6:00-7:00 pm at the Community Hall. We’ll hang decorations in the morning on Thursday, Dec. 19th.



Note: Farm to Family will be serving dinner in the hall before the concert (from 4:30-5:30 pm).

Reporting Student Learning

Each time teachers report – see below – we strive for inclusive, clear, and accessible communication with students and their families. We want to ensure students and families understand where the child is at in their learning, and areas for further growth. We acknowledge that learners benefit from individualized descriptive feedback and personal involvement in the assessment process.

Date	Type of Report
Nov. 21, 2024	Parent/teacher conferences
Dec. 13, 2024	Written Update of Learning #1 goes home
March 14, 2025	Written Update of Learning #2 goes home
June 6, 2025	“Sharing our Learning” student-led conferences
June 26, 2025	Summary of Learning #3 goes home

Teachers will communicate your child(ren)’s progress in the core learning areas (language arts, math, social studies, science, art, physical education, and other subjects). When making comments and observations, teachers take a strengths-based approach; they consider many factors when giving feedback. They also provide “next steps” as a way to describe what the next learning priorities are for each student.

Our goal is to work together proactively to enhance learning. We look forward to the continued dialogue about your child's learning and the best ways to support and further learning and growth.

Hot lunch Thursdays

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



November Menu

Nov 7-Pasta and Meatballs (or tofu balls)

Nov 14-Sushi Bowls with Edamame

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



Thank you for your continued support and partnership.
Here's to a fruitful and enriching November for all!

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Principal, Denman Island Community School

Halloween and other pictures below... keep scrolling!

