




# DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of January 13, 2025

## Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Jan. 20</b> Grade 4s go to the symphony 	<b>Jan. 21</b> <b>SALAD BAR</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>Jan. 23</b> <b>HOT LUNCH</b> Chicken bowls with roasted vegetables	<b>Jan. 24</b> 
<b>our extended team...</b>				
		Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya Lowe (Teacher-librarian)
<b>← Looking ahead →</b>				
<b>Jan. 27</b> <b>FAMILY LITERACY DAY... &amp; week!</b> Book bingo, Abraxas book fundraiser, and more!			<b>Jan. 30</b> "Bedtime Stories" 6:00-7:00 pm. Listen to stories read by DIS staff and community members... in your PJs!	<b>Jan 31</b> Come dressed as your favourite book character... or just a character if you don't have a fav! School-wide D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read!)

### Dear parents and caregivers,

I can feel the excitement in the air as the days get longer and the sunshine promises that Spring is indeed around the corner. January, thus far, has been a sunny, yet brisk month and students have enjoyed playing outside in the fresh air. I know that some classes have been outside more than usual for this time of year to play games, study the growth in the garden, and do other (literacy) activities. Great to see!

The grade 4s had a wonderful time at the symphony at the Sid Williams Theatre on January 20th. Thanks to EA, Cat Vader, and Hornby Island Community School principal, Lisa Malones for chaperoning.

## NEW PRIMARY TEACHER



I would like to introduce our new primary teacher, Emily Krasman. She will be teaching the K/1/2 class starting Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>! Emily is an experienced teacher who absolutely loves teaching the primary grades.

Emily earned her teaching degree in 2016 from Vancouver Island University, and also holds a two-year post graduate certificate in Early Childhood Education (E.C.E., 2019). She has

taught in a number of kindergarten, grade 1, and K/1 classes, as well as grade 2/3, 3/4, and other grades since 2016. When she's not teaching, Emily loves her dog, yoga, cooking, reading, hockey, and more!

Please help me in welcoming Emily to Denman Island Community School.

## FAMILY LITERACY WEEK - JANUARY 27-31

We're excited to announce a celebration of all things related to reading. We plan to host a book bingo, "Bedtime Stories" and more!

### My Library Bingo Card

Name:		Grade:		
A book with a red cover	A graphic novel	A book about a holiday	A book with a rainbow on the cover	A book that was turned into a movie
A book that your teacher likes	A newly-released book	A fairytale or folktale	A book about an artist	A book with more than 100 pages
A book about space	A book of poetry or songs	A book that is being displayed	A book with a one-word title	A book with a person on the cover
A book that your library teacher likes	A book with a blue cover	A book with an animal on the cover	A book that your friend likes	A book that was published in 2023 or 2024

### BOOK BINGO

Students can see the Bingo sheet on display in the library display (on the library wall by outside door). There is family literacy info on the back page for parents & guardians to gather ideas to support reading!

### BOOK FUNDRAISER

We are teaming up with Abraxas books for this school community fundraiser. Our teacher-librarian, Tonya Lowe, is creating a library book wish list link and posters of the book covers and prices that will hang in Abraxas. (I will forward Ms. Lowe's 2025 wish list link as soon as she's done putting it together). Islanders can then select a title on our wish list to order through Abraxas. The books are then added to our school library.



### BEDTIME STORIES - January 30th @ 6:00-7:00 pm

Come in your PJs & enjoy a rotation of stories told by DIS staff and community members!

If you would like to be one of our readers/story tellers on this Thursday evening, please email me at [amei.mai@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:amei.mai@sd71.bc.ca).

Please note that your criminal record check must be up to date. Thank you!

### **DRESS UP AS YOUR (FAVOURITE) BOOK CHARACTER – Friday, Jan. 27th**

Harry Potter, the Fantastic Mr. Fox, Anne of Green Gables, the Lorax, Percy Jackson, Madeline, Charlotte, Augustus Waters, the Very Hungry Caterpillar, Charlie, Aslan, the Cat in the Hat... who will you come dressed as on Friday, January 27th?

### **Drop Everything and Read – Friday, Jan. 27th**

We'll read... just read... on Friday. Anywhere and everywhere! Bring or borrow a great book & we'll celebrate the printed word together in peaceful concentration!

### **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF D.I.C.E.S.**

Please welcome Gracie Macdonald as the new Executive Director of DICES. Gracie has been a teacher and administrator in our school district and is an active community member here on Denman. She's taking over from Jessi Schlegel. I thank Jessi for her positive, proactive service! She has been a joy to work with.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – JANUARY 21, 2025**

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) will be enrolling Kindergarten students in District schools for attendance in September 2025. To be eligible for enrolment in September 2025, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2025. Each child's birth certificate and proof of address must be uploaded for registration. BC Services Cards will not be accepted as proof of birth however your child's BC Personal Health Number (PHN) is required on the registration form. A Passport or Landed Immigrant authorization are suitable forms of documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

For more information, please see: [Kindergarten Registration - Comox Valley Schools](#)

### **HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS**

#### **January, February & March Menus**

Jan. 23 – Chicken bowls with roasted vegetables

Jan. 30 – Sloppy joes with vegetables

Feb. 6 – Borsisupp (borscht)

Feb. 13 – Green goddess soup & flatbread

Feb. 20 – Shepard's pie & biscuits

Feb. 27 Cheesy veggie quesadillas

March 6 – Swedish meatballs with lingonberry jam and cucumber salad

March 13 – Hot dogs, chips, and fruit skewers.

**Note from Bee:** Gluten free/vegan/vegetarian will be available for all meals.

Have a wonderful week. Enjoy January's moments of beautiful sunshine!

Gilakas'la!

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