

# DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of Feb. 3-7, 2025

## Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Feb. 11</b> <b>SALAD BAR</b> <b>PAC Meeting</b> 5 pm in the DIS library	<b>Feb. 12</b> <b>A celebration of Numeracy w/ district math lead, Serina Allison</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b> <b>HOT LUNCH</b> Green goddess soup & flatbread  PM: Counsellors, Nina Fleming & Margot Janz visit	
<b>OUR extended team...</b>				
Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language)		Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya Lowe (Teacher-librarian)
<b>← Looking ahead →</b>				
<b>Feb. 17: FAMILY DAY (No school)</b> <b>Feb. 18: Professional Development Day (No school)</b>				

### Dear parents and caregivers,

Way to go to all our Denman Island Community School basketball players & coach! It was such a joy to watch our team play against the Hornby team last Thursday. I enjoyed feeling the energy and witnessing the teamwork. Our gym was a-buzz with the sounds of drillbling, cheering, and the shared held breath of anticipation! It was so fun to see players make a fast break, do gravity-challenging layups, grab a rebound, throw a precise pass to teammates, or sink a three-pointer!



A big thank you to Mr. Farrow for organizing the Denman-Hornby basketball game and bringing together our island communities! *Gilakas'la* to all!

## NEW COUNSELLOR, NINA FLEMING



Margot Janz is assisting with the transition between herself and our new counsellor, Nina Fleming. Both counsellors will be at school on Thursday afternoon (February 13<sup>th</sup>) so that Ms. Janz can introduce Nina (as she'd like to be called) to our students and staff. We anticipate that Nina will start during the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these transitions together.

## NEW INDIGENOUS SUPPORT WORKER, KAILA STORRING

We are also welcoming a **new Indigenous Support Worker, Kaila Storring**. Kaila will be on Denman (and Hornby) one day a week until mid-May. Kaila brings with her a strong background in supporting Indigenous children and youth. We welcome Kaila to the Indigenous Education team and can't wait to meet her (after she finishes her district orientation).

## MOVIE NIGHT... THURSDAY, FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 4:30 PM

Students voted for the latest Minion film, where Gru, the world's favorite supervillain-turned-Anti-Villain League-agent, returns for an exciting, bold new era of mayhem in **Despicable Me 4**.



- Everyone is welcome.
- Parents and caregivers can drop children off. 2 DICES supervisors will be at the event.
- \$5 entrance at the door,
- Popcorn and pizza will also be for sale,
- Doors will open at 4:30 on Thursday, Feb. 20. Movie will start at 5 pm.

Sponsored by DICES, proceeds go towards after school and camp programs.

## NALOXONE TRAINING FOR D.I.S. STAFF THIS WEEK

As we know, Denman Island, like many communities across the country, is not immune to the effects of drug use and the risks of overdose. In response to recently finding drugs in our own playground, we are taking proactive steps to ensure that our staff is prepared to respond to emergencies and hopefully save lives if we have to respond to an opioid overdose. This week, we are collaborating with Hornby-Denman health to get training on how to use naloxone.

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can rapidly reverse the effects of opioid overdoses, restoring normal breathing and increasing the chance of survival. Knowing how to recognize the signs of an overdose and properly administer naloxone can make a

critical difference. Together, we can make Denman Island a safer place for everyone. Thank you to our PAC for helping to organize the training.

If you would like more information about getting training on how to use naloxone, please contact Hornby-Denman Health. Here is an informative training unit on how to use naloxone: [Home — Take Home Naloxone](#)

### "MATCHING" PLASTIC BOTTLES



Div. 2 will be doing a science experiment and is in need a variety of "matching" plastic bottles. If you have 2 bottles that are the same size, we kindly ask that you donate them to div. 2. They are interested in getting a range of sizes (500 ml, 1L, 2L, etc.) Thank you!



### BOOK FUNDRAISER



So many people have helped to support our school library through this school-community fundraiser with Abraxas books. The 2024 wish list (<https://abraxasbooks.ca/gift-registry/wgeOn0lGnWs>) is also printed at the book store, and you will see, many books have already been purchased and are destined for our school library! Gilakas'la!

### NOON-HOUR SUPERVISOR POSITION - WILL BE RE-POSTED SOON

School District 71 (Comox Valley) will be inviting applications for the position of **Supervision Assistant**.

- 5 hours a week, Monday through Friday.
- Hours will be worked during the school lunch hour.
- The current rate of pay is \$20.22 per hour plus 16.3% in lieu of benefits.

### STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2025

The **Student Learning Survey** (formerly called the "Satisfaction Survey") is for **students in grade 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12, as well as their parents, staff and administrators**.

Student participants access the survey by using their unique Logon # by going to the following website:

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

Amei will conduct the survey with grade 4 and 7 students (sometime before May).

While student participants use their unique 9 (nine) digit Personal Education Number (PEN) to log on, parents, staff, and administrators do not need a password.

## HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

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

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.

I loved the snow... and I’m also glad to see it melt! It’s still quite chilly out there. Please remember to bundle up and dress for the weather.

Gilakas’la!

Amei Mai

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