

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

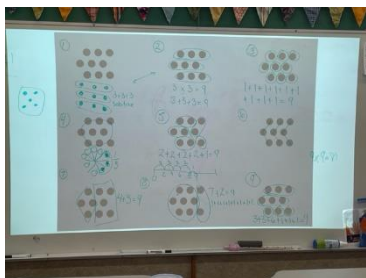
Week of Feb. 18-21, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Feb. 18 PRO-D No school		Feb. 20 HOT LUNCH MOVIE NIGHT Doors open at 4:30 pm	
OUR extended team...				
Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language)		Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya Lowe (Teacher-librarian)
← Looking ahead →				
	Feb. 25 Indigenous Support Worker (ISW), Kailla Storring begins	Feb. 26 PINK Shirt Day Counsellor, Nina Fleming, begins		
Tuesday, March 11: PAC Meeting @ 5 pm in the library Friday, March 14: Last day of school before spring break (March 17-28)				

Dear parents and caregivers,

Love... and kindness, friendship, caring, gratitude, and generosity... were all “in the air” last Friday. It was wonderful to see all the receiving and giving of positive energy!



We also had another day of K-7 math-sharing with district math lead, Serina Allison, on Feb. 12th. Serina lead “number talks” (like in the photo) and math games. Our teaching staff will continue the conversation about teaching math strategies with Serina on Feb. 26th.

And... what a joy to take a breath this Family Day holiday, then to dive into professional learning too the day after! I was happy to spend some time with my daughter in Victoria and take time to just slow down the pace and take long walks, start a library book, and drink my favourite café misto with my sweetie! Ahhh...! I hope you and your family also had a chance to connect, unplug, and unwind!

On that note, I've "recycled" much of the news below: movie night happens this week, we have two new staff coming to Denman, and the noon-hour supervisor position is still open. (We'd welcome your application!)

MOVIE NIGHT... THURSDAY, FEB. 20TH @ 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. Two DICES supervisors will be at the event.
- \$5 suggested donation.
- Popcorn and pizza will be available for purchase.
- Doors open at 4:30 PM on Thursday, Feb. 20. The movie starts at 5 PM.

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

NOON-HOUR SUPERVISOR POSITION - *re-POSTED*

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.

[S2425-287 - Temporary Supervision Assistant | School District #71 \(Comox Valley\)](#)

NEW COUNSELLOR, NINA FLEMING



Our new counsellor, Nina Fleming, starts on February 26th.

Nina, as she prefers to be called, met here on Denman with counsellor-on-leave, Margot Janz, last week. Margo introduced Nina to students and staff. It was a really positive afternoon and we really look forward to collaborating with Nina!

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).

"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!



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

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. 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.



While we enjoyed the long weekend, extended by a day of learning, we missed the students are also keen to get back into our routines. I hope you all had a wonderful Family Day too!

Gilakas'la!

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School

