

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of Feb. 3-7, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 3	Feb. 4 SALAD BAR	Feb. 5	Feb. 6 HOT LUNCH 12:45-1:45 pm Basketball game with Hornby Island Community School	Feb. 7
OUR extended team...				
Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language)		Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya Lowe (Teacher-librarian)
← Looking ahead →				
	Feb. 11 PAC Meeting 5 pm in the DIS library	Feb. 12 Numeracy Lessons w/ district math lead, Serina Allison		
Feb. 17: FAMILY DAY (No school)				
Feb. 18: Professional Development Day (No school)				

Dear parents and caregivers,



Last Friday, these characters (and more!) graced our hallways: the Lorax, Flopsy the bunny, Annabeth Chase (from the *Lightning Thief* and other Rick Riordan novels that feature Percy Jackson), Spiderman, the Paper Bag Princess, Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*, Dr. Dolittle, Hermione, a magician, Artemis Fowl, a cow, a fairy, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Pete

the Cat, and the man with the yellow hat (from Curious George books)! Friday and the week was a wonderful celebration of reading!

It takes a village... to put together Family Literacy Week!

A huge, encyclopedia-sized Gilakas'la to our "Bedtime Stories" readers last Thursday: Gary Ball, Kerri Bolland, Steve Ireland, Gracie Macdonald, and Kathryn West! Even though I was home sick, I saw lovely photos of students cozied up in their PJs, surrounded by soft blankets. They were intently focused on the stories, which were a mix of humorous and poignant. Like all great literature, the five stories brought people together to explore important topics and themes: diversity, friendship, kindness, bravery, and more! Thank you for reading to everyone!



Another "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix-sized" Gilakas'la goes out to MC and host, Daniel Farrow, as well a big thank you to other staff members who assisted with Bedtime Stories.

No event is complete without food and PAC members, Emily Anderson and Gerli Metsar, helped serve delicious goodies to all that were present. Gilakas'la!

Lastly, a big shout-out to our teacher-librarian, Tonya Lowe, and library clerk, Jessica Joyce, who have boundless energy for all things literacy and literary! They keep us curious and engaged in the library and beyond!

Gilakas'la to all!

BOOK FUNDRAISER



You can continue to support our school library through this ongoing school community fundraiser with Abraxas books.

Here is Ms. Lowe's 2025 wish list link:

<https://abraxasbooks.ca/gift-registry/wgeOn0lGnWs>

The books are then added to our school library!

NOON-HOUR SUPERVISOR POSITION - POSTING CLOSES FRIDAY, FEB. 6TH

School District 71 (Comox Valley) invites 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.

Please click on this link for more information (and to apply):

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. 2 DICES supervisors will be at the event.
- \$5 entrance at the door,
- Popcorn and pizza will also be for sale,
- Movie will start at 4:30 on Thursday, Feb. 20.

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

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.

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, February 13th so that Margot 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 26th.

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 Storrington**. 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).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you know of anyone wanting to register for kindergarten next year, please sure this link with them: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration/>

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

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.

As I write, the sun is shining and the grass is green. According to Environment Canada, that is about to change! Please dress for the weather. We'll continue to head outside for our two recesses.

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Please enjoy more photos of our "Dress as a book character" event.
(Note: all photos have been published with permission.)





Gilakas'la!

Amei Mai
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