

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of March 10-14, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	March 11 SALAD BAR & PAC Meeting @ 5 pm in the library		March 13 HOT LUNCH Hot dogs, chips, and fruit skewers.	March 14 Last day of school before Spring break (March 17-28) & Written Learning Update #2 goes out to students

OUR EXTENDED TEAM...

Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language) in the afternoon	Kaila Storning (Indigenous Support Worker)	Nina Fleming (counselor) & Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya Lowe (Teacher-librarian)
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← LOOKING AHEAD →

Monday, March 31st: First day back to school after spring break.
Axis Theatre Company performs Frog Belly Rat Bone at 1:00 pm in the gym.

Tuesday, April 8: PAC meeting @ 5 pm in the library.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Gilakas'la Gilakas'la Gilakas'la to all the parents (Gerli, Mitch, Kerri) and staff who helped out on the bowling field trip. A special shout-out goes to our students who not only represented our school and community so respectfully, but also showed flexibility, manners, safety, and inventiveness when needed in the wider world! It was heart-warming to see the older students

step up as leaders and the younger students be fully engaged in what was a new sport for many people.

The day had both expected and unexpected pleasant surprises. Bowling was a blast (expected). Before bowling, we got to check out the library – and I love libraries! And after bowling, we had fun at “Simms” Park. Our students invented a couple of games during this “lunch/recess.” Throughout the day, I shared many conversations with students, staff, and parents and even though I tried to take Mitch’s bowling advice, I realized my strengths lay elsewhere. (Sigh....) That said, all-in-all, bowling was a fun day had by all!



HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

Spring menus coming soon! Bee will get them to Isabelle, and Isabelle will get them to families this week (we anticipate).

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

New menus coming soon....

2025 SPRING BREAK CAMP WITH D.I.C.E.S.

When: Monday - Thursday, March 17 - 20 and March 24 - 27, 10 am - 1 pm

Where: at the Hub in the Community Hall.

Ages: For children ages 5 - 11

What: Whether it's joining us for both sessions or for just a day, we have options for your camper!

These camps include snacks, crafts, games and different fun activities each day. Registration is ON NOW!

For further information, please check out DICES' website @ dices.ca, or email them (dices.communityprograms@gmail.com) or call (250-335-2058).

DRAMA @ D.I.S.

A little drama is coming to Denman Island Community School. Thank you to these parents and community members who did an entertaining read-through for our grade 5/6/7 students. Like all good stories, I'll leave a little suspense in the air before revealing more...! Suffice it to say, good things are in the offing! (Thanks, Mr. Farrow, for organizing this special event!)



WELL WISHES...

Patryn and Tallys are moving on to a new chapter in their lives. These wonderful & beloved students are heading on to their next adventure “in town,” where they will attend Puntledge Elementary. We wish them – Patryn, Tallys, Jeremy, and Kerri – all the best and only ask that they stay in touch!



A MESSAGE FROM PAC...

Dear Families,

The PAC and DICES are working together to create an after-school program that will provide tutoring and concept reinforcement, in either small groups or one-on-one, for students of all ages at the school. We're sending this email to gauge interest among parents as a first step in this process.

If you would be interested in having your child participate, please send an email to denmanpac2021@gmail.com with the following information:

- Your child's age and grade level
- What subjects (ie. Math and Reading)
- What days would work best for your child to attend?

We are excited about the prospect of getting this program off the ground, and your input is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Becky Nykwist
Coordinator, Denman Island Community School PAC

HAPPY SPRING BREAK!



Thank you to all staff for making each day bright, fun, and engaging for students! I happen to catch Ms. Matkin playing and teaching ukulele to a class, with a bounce in her step. Thanks for bringing music to these hallways every Wednesday, whether it's percussion, recorders, singing, and even musical games!

Welcome to our newest education assistant, Kareen Beaudoin. She has been enjoying getting to know the students and staff, working with small groups of students, and helping in our classrooms!

MERCI BEAUCOUP to our custodian, Veronique Eriksson for...

#1) making our school clean and bright every day. Not only does she pay great attention to all the important details and make a clean, sanitary space for all, she also adjusts her schedule and stays late for sports teams and other groups who use the school after hours.



And merci for #2) for suggesting that I go to the east side of Denman to see the incredible herring spawn. Veronique has been a Denman Islander for many years and holds much ecological & other knowledge of Taystay'ich.

Through the turquoise and wavy waters at low tide, I got to witness the Pacific hearing spawn – one of the most important natural events in the Pacific Northwest that holds immense ecological and cultural significance. I was able to catch a glimpse of how these small but mighty fish are part of a food web, as the sea lions barked in close proximity and shorebirds flew overhead.

Gilakas'la, also, for the kindness and support of our wider community. I hope everyone has a restful and fun Spring Break (March 17-28).

Amei Mai
Principal, Denman Island Community School

