


# DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of April 14-17, 2025

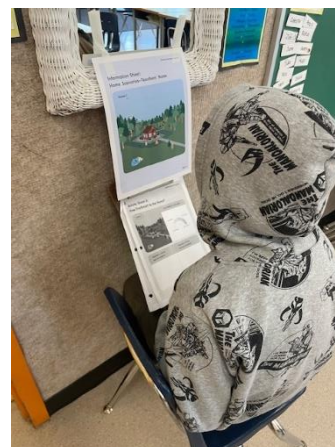
## Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>April 14</b>  Field Trip – Dv2: Fire Hall	<b>April 15</b>  <b>SALAD BAR</b>  KF Hearing Screening: Island Health @1:00 pm	<b>April 16</b>	<b>April 17</b> <b>HOT LUNCH</b>  Chicken Chickpea Salad with Croutons	<b>Easter Friday</b> <b>No School</b> 
<b>our extended team...</b>				
Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language) in the afternoon	Kaila Storing (Indigenous Support Worker)	Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	
<b>← Looking ahead →</b>				
<b>Monday, April 21:</b> Easter (no school) <b>Friday, April 25:</b> Author visit by Indigenous writer, Wendy Proverbs <b>Monday, May 5:</b> Track & Field Jamboree for grades 4-7 students				

## Dear parents and caregivers,

Did you know that we are required to do 6 fire drills per school year? I'm very proud of our students and staff, and also our Blackberry Lane neighbours. At the beginning of the year, we fielded many questions when we talked about potential emergencies at school ("what if this... and what if that..." – all great questions and concerns!) There was also some fear around the drill (and the eventuality of a burning building.)

During a drill, we debrief at the bleachers. We can always be a bit quieter, to ensure we can hear important directions during



a real fire, but generally, everyone works together to get out of the building safely and efficiently.

This week, div. 2 went to the firehall to tour the station, but also to review the plans they made for their own houses, siting evacuation routes and a meeting (muster) point. The firehall has been actively involved in ensuring our safety. They participated in a fall drill, and they are keen to share their knowledge at the hall (or here at school). Gilakas'la!

### LET'S GET TO KNOW... HARRIET!

Each week, we're going to learn a little bit about the students in our 13-person grade 7 graduating class! (We're going to miss these creative, imaginative, active youths next year!) Introducing... Harriet!



Favourite Movie or TV show: **Greys Anatomy**

Favourite Book: **Percy Jackson**

Favourite Season: **Summer**

Favourite Food: **Ramen**

Favourite Memory: **Going to the lake in the summer with all my friends**

Favourite Colour: **Blue**

Favourite Animal: **Dogs**

Favourite thing to do outside of School: **Reading and Swim**

### ESTIMATION STATION - CONTEST!



**How many popcorn twists – broken and whole – do you estimate are in the jar?** The closest estimate (without going over) wins a jar of popcorn twists for their classmates to share! Contest closes **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

Congratulations to Rowan in div. 3, who guessed that there were 236 pretzels in the jar last week. (The actual number of pretzels was 282.)

### HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

**Thank you Bee & Gerli, for preparing these delicious meals!**

Apr17 Chicken Chickpea salad with croutons

24 Chicken Tomato Stew with Roasted Potatoes (or tofu)

**May 1** Local Sausage skillet (or tofu)

8 Roasted Veggies, chickpeas & Tofu with gravy

15 Hearty Beef Stew (or Tofu)

22 Buddha Bowls with local veggies & golden miso dressing



29 Pasta & Broccoli with Parmesan

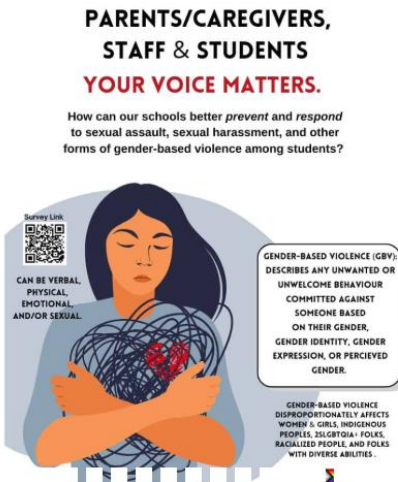
**June 5** Charcuterie Platters & Strawberry Yogurt Parfaits

12 Garden Surprise

19 Chicken Ceaser Pita Pockets & Chips

26 Pizza!

### AN IMPORTANT SURVEY...



Please help us at School District 71 learn more about preventing and responding to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other forms of gender-based violence among students.

There is a QR code on the SD71 website, or you can go to this link: [Gender-Based Violence Committee Anonymous Survey | 1/1](#). Thank you!

### BUS PARKING

For safety reasons, we kindly ask parents, guardians, and staff to refrain from parking in front of the school bus (by the yellow barricades). We realize that it's a quick temporary spot, but that section of the parking lot is reserved for the bus (for access) and emergency vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ENJOY!



Have a wonderful week, especially as we approach the 4-day weekend (April 18-21). I look forward to hanging out with my family and perhaps finding a chocolate egg or two...!

~Amei Mai

Principal, Denman Island Community School



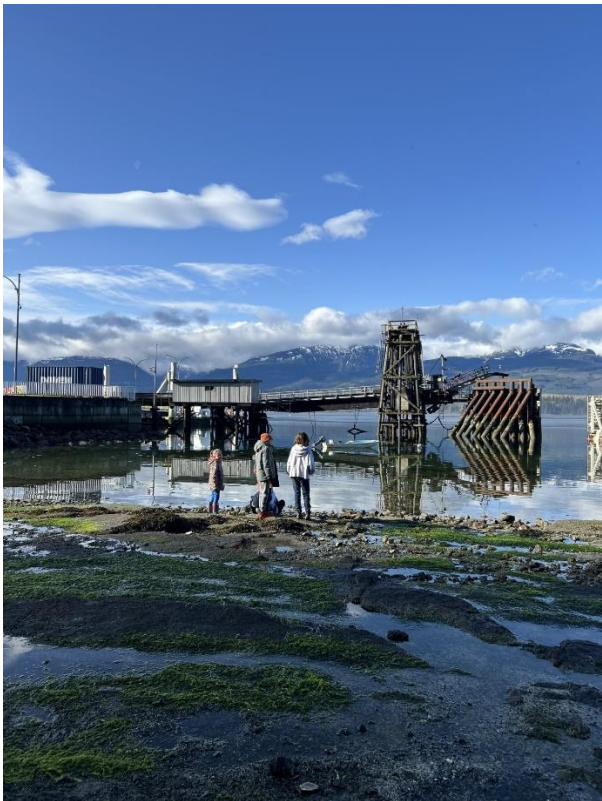
## Photos from the week...

Photo credits: Claire & teacher-librarian, Ms. Lowe

### Clay in the classroom (div. 2)



Collecting rocks at the beach, then using them for a writing project (div. 2)







## Planetary study! (div. 2)

Can you figure out where the sun goes & how big it should be?!



## Robots in the library & special delivery! (div 2)



