


DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of March 31, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 7 Grade 6 Immunizations @ 10:30 am	April 8 SALAD BAR PAC Meeting @ 5 pm in the library		April 10 HOT LUNCH Cheesy Pasta & Veggie sticks	
our extended team...				
Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language) in the afternoon	Kaila Storing (Indigenous Support Worker)	Carly Matkin (music) Nina Fleming (counsellor)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya Lowe (Teacher-librarian)
← LOOKING AHEAD →				
Friday, April 18: Good Friday & Monday, April 21: Easter (no school) Friday, April 25: Author visit by Indigenous writer, Wendy Proverbs Monday, May 5: Track & Field Jamboree for grades 4-7 students				

Dear parents and caregivers,



So much is happening in the garden these days! Now that greenhouse is complete (with plastic covering & door), our wonderful team here – who had no time to pose for pictures! – started weeding these two precious beds. Thanks Riane daSilva and Bee for all your hard work!

Some classes were also introduced to the Indigenous Garden. We talked about: what are

Indigenous plants, why is it important to have an Indigenous Garden, why is the garden rounded, how does that make you feel, and how is it different than a rectangular bed?



ESTIMATION STATION – CONTEST!

How many pretzels – broken and whole – do you estimate are in the jar? The closest estimate (without going over) wins a jar of pretzels for their classmates to share! Contest closes Friday at noon.

Students practice their estimation skills every day – in math and real life. Estimation is such an important skill for so many applications:

1. **Helps us check for reasonableness.** When doing a math problem, does the answer make sense?
2. **Supports mental math.** When students hone their estimation skills, they also get more comfortable with rounding, approximating, and manipulating numbers in their heads.
3. **Promotes critical thinking.** Estimation encourages students to think about the size, scale, or reasonableness of a number instead of relying solely on exact calculations.
4. **Saves time:** In real-world situations—like shopping, budgeting, or cooking—exact numbers aren't always necessary. Estimating helps make quick, informed decisions.
5. **Is useful in real life:** From measuring materials for a project or sharing food, estimation comes in handy all the time. It's a life skill that helps with problem-solving in day-to-day scenarios.

How many daisy do you estimate are in our field?!



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW NOON-HOUR SUPERVISOR... GAELE MAHER

Please help me in welcoming our Lunch hour supervisor, Gaelle Maher. Many students, staff, parents, and guardians already know Gaelle, as she has been an integral part of the DICES after school programs. Gaelle will work closely with our Education Assistants, Kareen and Homa every day from 11:45-12:45. Welcome, Gaelle!

Please see Gaelle's photo (attached) & bio:



My name is Gaelle Maher, and some of you might know me from afterschool programs or summer and spring break camps on Denman Island over the last couple years. I grew up in Pemberton BC until I was 8 years old, me and my family then moved to Denman Island where I've lived on and off since! I'm also bilingual and I enjoy art and sports. I enjoy working with children of all ages and watching them learn and navigate their way through this beautiful world we live in! I look forward to meeting everyone!

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.

HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

Apr 10 Golden Squash soup & Herby Focaccia

17 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!



INSPIRATION ABOUNDS!

Earth Day (April 22) is around the corner. We'd love to know what wonderful things you're doing to celebrate this beautiful place where we live! Have a wonderful week!

Amei Mai

Principal, Denman Island Community School

