

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of April 28-May 2, 2025

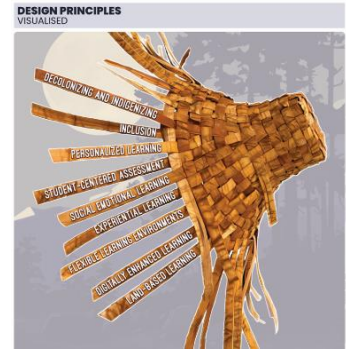
Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 28	April 29 SALAD BAR Grade 2s from div. 1 visit div. 2 class	April 30	May 1 HOT LUNCH Local Sausage Skillet (or Tofu)	May 2 Track & Field Jamboree meeting in the gym for grade 4-7 students @ 9 am
our extended team...				
Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language) in the afternoon		Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya (Teacher Librarian)
← Looking ahead →				
<p>Monday, May 5: Track & Field Jamboree for grades 4-7 students</p> <p>Tuesday, May 13: Special Track & Field meet for select students & PAC meeting</p> <p>Thursday, May 15: Div 2 K'omox Big House (grade 4s)</p> <p>Friday, May 16: School play, The Enchanted Bookstore, at the hall!</p> <p>Monday, May 19 – Victoria Day (No School)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 20 – Shift Education in for second round of Health Education (school wide)</p> <p>June 2-5 – Bike to School Week</p> <p>Monday-Tuesday, June 8-9 – Grade 5/6/7 trip to Victoria</p> <p>Wednesday, June 18 – Volunteer Appreciation Tea (afternoon)</p> <p>Thursday, June 19 – Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration – Fillongley Beach Day (more info to come)</p> <p>Monday, June 23 - Vanier Transition Tours & Scavenger Hunt (for grade 7 students)</p>				

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Happy Mai... I mean May! :) Without trying to be a “broken record,” I really can’t believe we’re speeding toward the end of the year! May comes with sunshine and springy energy! We have so much to look forward to: two track meets (May 5 & May 13, Special Track meet). Div. 1 is playing up a storm! Div. 2 is going canoeing and to the K’omox Big House (grade 4s). Div. 3 is putting on a play! Engaging learning opportunities abound!

GILAKAS’LA TO OUR VISITING AUTHOR, WENDY PROVERBS



We were truly grateful for the presentation and reading by Wendy Proverbs, author of *Aggie and Mudgy*. Although the book addresses the difficult subject of residential schools, Wendy skillfully shared the remarkable journey of her aunt and biological mother, who were taken from their family in the Kaska Dene territory and transported to residential school. The story was “an outstanding story demonstrating the courage and resilience children are capable of,” as noted by our teacher-librarian, Tonya Lowe.



We're thankful to the Denman Readers & Writers group for hosting Wendy and sharing her love of reading with us! Also, we now have a signed copy of her book for our library collection.

LET'S GET TO KNOW... ELBERTO!

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... Elberto!



Favourite Movie or TV show: **Titanic**

Favourite Book: **Wonder**

Favourite Season: **Summer**

Favourite Food: **Garlic Bread**

Favourite Memory: **Going on a cruise with my family**

Favourite Colour: **Purple**

Favourite Animal: **Cat**


Favourite thing to do outside of School: **Video Games**



STAFFING UPDATE

I have some important news to share. Our much-loved teacher, Claire Lepore, is currently facing a difficult time, as a member of her extended family is very ill. Claire will be stepping away from her teaching to support her family during this challenging period and is expected to be away for the foreseeable future.

Rita Zawila, a teacher who is well-known to Denman students, will step in to teach until Friday, May 9th. Another well-known teacher here on Denman, Nigel Barker, will take over after that until further notice.

We are sending Claire our warmest wishes and lots of positive energy during this difficult time! 

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

I am so encouraged about the district's emphasis on learning through play. We are fortunate on Denman to be surrounded by a natural playground (structured and unstructured, in nature and on the beach)! Within play, students actively decolonize education and practice curricular competencies like personal and social skills, thinking skills, and communication skills – all skills that they'll use for the rest of their lives. They learn important content too, whether it's science based, historical information, or numeracy skills. Oh, the power of play!



Play also aligns so beautifully with our district's strategic plan, its values, design principles, learning goal statement, and more. I invite you to read over the Comox Valley School District's strategic plan; it's a rich document with an inspiring vision for education for all our students!

[Strategic Plan - Comox Valley Schools](#)

SPORTS FIELD CLOSURE

The sports field (north side of the school campus) is getting maintained on either Monday, May 5th or Tuesday, May 6th. Unfortunately, it will then be closed for two weeks (until May 19-20th). We will open the east field (by the library, which includes the outdoor classroom) during this time.

ESTIMATION STATION - CONTEST!



There were 728 **popcorn twists in the jar!!!**

Congratulations to Sahleen, Neo and Alora's cousin who lives in Estonia! Sahleen estimated that there 700 popcorn twists in the jar from this photo on the left!!! Great job!

HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

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

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!

DICES FUNDRAISER...



Learning in its many forms!

I hope everyone has a wonderful week of learning! And learning can take many forms! Here's a picture of my mom and I practicing our physical literacy at the TC 10 k run last Sunday! She's my inspiration!

~Amei Mai, Principal
Denman Island Community School

