

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of May 12-16, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
	SALAD BAR Special Track Meet for select students		HOT LUNCH Welcome to Kindergarten <i>The Enchanted Bookshop @ 1 & 6 pm</i>	Div 3 presents <i>The Enchanted Bookshop</i> @ 6:00-7:15 pm

OUR extended team...

Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language) in the afternoon		Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya (Teacher Librarian)
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Monday, May 19 – Victoria Day (stat holiday, no school)

Tuesday, May 20 – Shift Education in for second round of Health Education

Monday, May 26: Photos – Grad, Classroom, Whole School

June 2-5 – Bike to School Week

Wednesday, June 4 – Celebration of Learning (Student-led conferences)

Monday, June 9-Tuesday, June 10th - Grade 5/6/7 class goes to Victoria

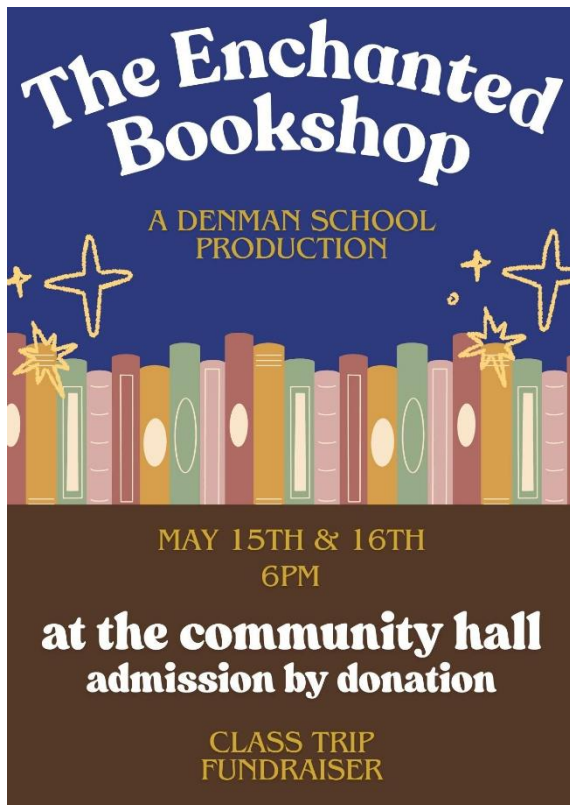
Wednesday, June 18 - Volunteer Appreciation Tea (in the afternoon)

Friday, June 20 – for Indigenous People's Day (June 21st) – field trip to Fillongley
Provincial Park

Tuesday, June 24 - Grade 7 grad

Thursday, June 26 - Fun/Sports Day (half-day)

Dear parents and caregivers,



Our Grade 5/6/7 students invite you to experience the whimsical play, *The Enchanted Bookshop*. Step into a magical journey where books come to life and imagination knows no bounds. This delightful story is filled with charm, heartwarming friendships, and thrilling adventures.

The Enchanted Bookshop is a joyful reminder of the transformative power of books—their ability to transport, inspire, and spark the imagination.

PLAY SCHEDULE & EVENTS

Thursday, May 15

@ 1:00 pm: Full dress rehearsal for the school (& those who cannot make it to the evening performances)

@ 4:40 pm- Dinner at the hall only for students in the play

Thursday, May 15 & Friday, May 16:

Play performance @ 6:00-7:15 pm, at the Hall!



WELCOME NEW STAFF



Nigel Barker will be teaching in grade 2/3/4 until further notice. We're grateful that he (and Ms. Zawila) were able to step in. Nigel (Mr. Barker, Mr. Happy, etc.) is well-known to our students & will offer continuity and know-how. Thank you!

Please welcome Tahiti Rey, chef extraordinaire (and mom!), who will be cooking with Gerli Metsar on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also, welcome Kimberley and Riane who will be helping in the garden.

We are so glad you are all part of the Denman Island community! Gilakas'la!

Note from Tahiti & Gerli... Would you be willing to lend the school kitchen a couple of Instant Pots (preferably the large ones) until the end of the year? We're hoping to borrow two if possible!

LET'S GET TO KNOW... THOMAS!

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... Thomas!



Favourite Movie or TV show: *Pirates of the Caribbean*
Favourite Book: *Pirates of the Caribbean*
Favourite Season: Fall
Favourite Food: Poutine
Favourite Memory: Getting my dog – Floyd
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Animal: Chicken
Favourite thing to do outside of School: Set up my trail camera

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA



"IDAHOBIT" is observed annually on May 17th and aims raise awareness of 2SLGBTQ+ people rights worldwide. (The date of May 17 was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.)

The main purpose is to raise awareness of violence, discrimination, and repression of 2SLGBTQ+ communities worldwide, which in turn provides an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue with the media, policymakers, public opinion, and wider civil society.

Let's wear rainbow colours on Friday, May 16th to show our support, as part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community or as an ally!

A heartfelt thank you to our DICES colleagues, who do so much to support education initiatives & recreation services to children, youth, families, and adults.



Gilakas'la!

FUNRAISER

May 10 9:30 am	May 15, 16 6:00 pm	May 31 5:30 pm
Plant Sale at the Farmers Market	The Enchanted Bookshop Grades 5, 6, 7 Class Play at the Community Hall by Donation	Variety Show Intergenerational extravaganza! kids dancing elders sharing silent auction raffle wearable art fashion show at the Community Hall by Donation

UPDATED DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL MENU

Date	Menu
	<i>* As always, gluten-free and vegan options will be available to accommodate everyone.</i>
Tuesday, May 13	Chicken tortilla soup with chips and avocado
Thursday, May 15	Sesame pork stir fry with snap peas and rice
Tuesday, May 20	Asian rice noodle soup with bok choy
Thursday, May 22	Arroz con pollo, Spanish rice with chicken & veggies
Tuesday, May 27	Lasagna soup with garlic bread
Thursday, May 29	Sushi rolls, variety of meat & veggie rice rolls
Tuesday, June 3	Chicken long rice soup with green onions
Thursday, June 5	Meat & bean empanadas served with salad
Tuesday, June 10	Baked potato soup with bacon bits
Thursday, June 12	Tonkatsu, breaded pork cutlets and rice
Tuesday, June 17	Butter chicken soup with naan bread
Thursday, June 19	Tacos & quesadillas, chicken or veggie options
Tuesday, June 24	Sausage orzo soup
Thursday, June 26	Ramen with Chashu pork & ajitama eggs

GOODBYE & CONGRATULATIONS TO ISW, KAILA!

As many of you know, our Indigenous Support Worker, Kaila Storrington, is having a baby (or had...?!) We wish her well and thank her for her support of our Indigenous and non-Indigenous students at Denman Island Community School. Kaila was instrumental in getting our Indigenous garden created and planted, as well as extending the mud kitchen. Kaila, we'll miss your hands-on, hearts-on approach and we're so happy for your family!

SPORTS FIELD CLOSURE

The sports field (north side of the school campus) was maintained last week. Unfortunately, it will then be closed for two weeks (until May 19-20th). Fortunately, we will open the east field (by the library, which includes the outdoor classroom) during this time.

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Gilakas'ta for all the multitude of ways you (parents, guardians, staff, community...) support, lend a hand, encourage, and cheerlead! We appreciate you all!

~Amei Mai

Principal, Denman Island Community School

Canoeing pictures (div. 2) – May 7 photos below...

A huge Gilakas'ta to our parent volunteers: Alisha, Kathryn, & Matt, and to Rita Zawila too!





