

# DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of May 20-23, 2025

## Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23
Victoria Day No School	<b>SALAD BAR</b>  Health Education with Jessy Wollen (Shift Education)		<b>HOT LUNCH</b>	

## our extended team...

Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language) in the afternoon		Carly Matkin (music)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support)	Tonya (Teacher Librarian)
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## ← Looking ahead →

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

**TBD:** 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,

It's fair to say that we were all enchanted by the play put on by our grade 5/6/7 class, *The Enchanted Bookshop*. I know students were trying to decide which was their favourite character – it was hard to decide when everyone gave such strong performances! We laughed, we followed the mystery, we laughed some more!

With Mr. Farrow at the helm, this class entertained audiences for three nights with their knee-slapping humour, wonderful stage presence, & cooperative spirit! Great job, div. 3!



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

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... Oliver!



Favourite Movie or TV show: **The Office**

Favourite Book: **The Dog Man**

Favourite Season: **Summer**

Favourite Food: **Ceaser Salad**

Favourite Memory: **Getting my cat "Norvin"**

Favourite Colour: **Orange**

Favourite Animal: **Cat**

Favourite thing to do outside of School: **Sleep**

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

Introducing... Rowen!



Favourite Movie or TV show: **The Office**  
Favourite Season: **The Dog Man**  
Favourite Food: **Winter**  
Favourite Memory: **Crab**  
Favourite Colour: **Getting my Puppy "Ruby"**  
Favourite Colour: **Purple**  
Favourite Animal: **Dog**  
Favourite thing to do outside of School: **Nap**

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 - CELEBRATION OF LEARNING (STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES) @ 1:30-2:30 PM

Parents, guardians, grandparents, close adults... mark this important day on your calendars. This is an opportunity for all students to take ownership and pride in their learning, reflect on the last nine months of learning, set goals for the near future and next school year, and practice and/or develop important communication skills.

**What is a student-led conference?** Students lead parents through a discussion of their work. The teacher's role is that of a facilitator. (They won't be participating in any parent-teacher conferences at this time.) Students primarily direct the conversation, which is focused on their work and classroom behavior. While there is no "one right way" to do a student-led conference; students will have practiced with their teacher's guidance.

**What is the purpose of a student-led conference?** The main purpose is to celebrate your child's learning and growth over time. They also provide caregivers with a better understanding of their child's learning process.

**Length?** Student-led conferences usually last about 15-20 minutes (but can also go longer, if needed). If you have more than one child, the process will be quite "organic." Just attend the conference of one child, then the other.

*We'll be serving light snacks at this event. We hope to see you all there!*

## Garden!

There is a lot of planting and playing happening in the garden these days! Students have planted seeds and starts. They've created restaurants and other imaginative worlds in the mud kitchen. The Three Sister's Garden will be planted soon & there is a lot going in the greenhouse. We are grateful for all the hands in the garden: students & staff, and also Kimberly, Riane, Bee, and more! Gilakas!a!







## Track Meet 2.0

We are so proud of June and Leif for representing Denman Island Community School in the track meet that celebrated all abilities in the district. Way to go!!!



## Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia...

It was great to see so many people wearing so many colours of the rainbow on Friday in support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community or as an ally!









## CHICKS!

Thank you to Blackberry Lane and Kathryn for bringing over three chicks to our classes last week!



## FUNRAISER

**May 10**  
9:30 am

**Plant Sale**

at the  
**Farmers Market**

**May 15, 16**  
6:00 pm

**The Enchanted Bookshop**

Grades 5, 6, 7  
Class Play

at the Community Hall  
by Donation

**May 31**  
5:30 pm

**Variety Show**  
Intergenerational  
extravaganza!

kids dancing  
elders sharing  
silent auction  
raffle  
wearable art fashion  
show

at the Community  
Hall  
by Donation



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

### GRADE 4 FIELD TRIP TO THE K'OMOX BIG HOUSE (MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>)

The grade 4s went to the K'omox Big House and were reminded of wide our circle extends. We were surrounded by grade 4s from around the district as members of the K'omox band shared stories and dances, and expressed the importance of gratitude, sharing, laughter, and play. Many thanks to parents, Alisha and Jessica, for accompanying our group!



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Please note that I will be away on Friday, May 23 and Monday, May 26. I am using some of my discretionary days and am heading to Calgary to watch my son, William, run his first marathon. (I'm also going to run a 10 k! Denman's hills have been great for training, plus lots of words of encouragement from many of you – thanks!)

I am so excited about the weeks to come! June is around the corner & it is always a time of fun and reflection!

~Amei Mai

Principal, Denman Island Community School

