

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of June 2-6, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06
Bike to School week Gymnastics Equipment (Monday or Tuesday set up!)	SALAD BAR More information below...	Student LED Conference @1:30pm Nigel Barker's last day in div. 2. (Thank you, Nigel!)	HOT LUNCH Gr 2's to 3's Transition @10:30am Claire returns to div. 2	Div 1: Marine Biologist Speaker

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 →

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

Thursday, June 12 - Photos – Grad, Classroom, Whole School & Staff

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

Thursday, June 19 – for Indigenous People's Day (June 21st) – field trip to Fillongley Provincial Park – (No hot lunch this Thursday.)

Friday, June 20th – Hot lunch (instead of June 19th) – tacos & quesadillas

Tuesday, June 24 - Grade 7 grad

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tuesday seems to be a day where many things are happening. Please take note...

Time	Group	Activity/ Event	Details
9:00 am	Div. 2, gr. 2/3/4	Bug Hotel	Applied Design Skills & Technology (ADST) project with Careers teacher, Kristy Pinchak
9:30 am	Div. 1, K/1/2	Floor hockey	Jina Taylor, District Physical Literacy Support Teacher K-9, will teach floor hockey. This is part of the Junior Canucks Floor Hockey Pilot Project, a district initiative supported by the Canucks for Kids Fund. Originally, Jina had us scheduled for June 10th but this does not work with the gymnastics equipment & div. 3 trip to Victoria.
10:30 am	Div. 3, gr. 5/6/7	Floor hockey	
11:15 am	Div. 2, gr. 2/3/4	Floor hockey	
11:45 am	All classes	Gymnastics set-up	Jina Taylor will help us set up the gymnastics equipment!
5:15-7:15 pm	Parents & caregivers	Meeting with superintendent, Jeremy Morrow.	Jeremy will share information about the hiring process for the new principal, answer questions, and consider parent input. All school parents and caregivers are invited to this meeting, which will take place from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the school library.

A VARIETY OF VARIETY...!

It's no secret... there is so much incredible talent on Denman, from people young and not-so-young! The skits at Saturday's Variety Show were bursting with creativity, belly-holding humor, and genuine heart. Equally impressive was the musical talent—from students as young as 8 years old and up! I loved how the singers either belted out powerful tunes or offered thoughtful messages through their raps and melodies.

All in all, it was truly inspiring to see the community's hard work and collaboration come to life on stage.

Thank you for your continued support in making events like this such a success. We're so proud of our students and deeply grateful to be part of a community that encourages them to shine.

LET'S GET TO KNOW... ALEXANDER!

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... Alexander!



Favourite Movie or TV show: *Stranger Things*

Favourite Book: *The Hobbit*

Favourite Season: Summer

Favourite Food: Burger

Favourite Memory: Getting my cat

Favourite Colour: Red

Favourite Animal: Cat

Favourite thing to do outside of School: Basketball

LET'S GET TO KNOW... ARWYN!

Introducing... Arwyn!



Favourite Movie or TV show: *Flicka*

Favourite Book: *Heartland*

Favourite Season: Spring

Favourite Food: Pesto Pasta

Favourite Memory: Getting my two dogs in Oregon

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Animal: Horse

Favourite thing to do outside of School: Riding horses on the beach

WELCOME BACK CLAIRE!



I would like to take a moment to welcome grade 2/3/4 teacher, Claire Lepore, back to school. We have missed Claire – her teacher expertise, kindness, her sense of humour, positivity, and just being a really important part of the Denman team! Welcome back!

I would also like to thank Nigel Barker and Rita Zawila for continuing the “program” in div. 2. We have so enjoyed the different approaches, your fast connection with students, and extending the team! Gilakas'ta!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA - JUNE 18TH @ 1:30 PM

So many parents, caregivers, and community members have helped in so many ways this year... on field trips, writing grants, and doing jobs like recycling, pottery, and

gardening galore! We want to celebrate all the volunteers and all that you have done for our students and staff! čēčēhaθēč – Gilakas’la!



FILLONGLEY BEACH DAY - JUNE 19TH @ 10:30-2:00 PM

We are excited to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day at Fillongley Provincial Park on Thursday, June 19th.

This 23-hectare park has special significance – as is evidenced by the middens. Archaeological digs (since 1956) have noted 33 sites on Denman Island (as a whole) and identified at least five likely village locations that are approximately 2500-3000 years old. At Fillongley, archaeologists unearthed the remains of dwellings such as house pillars and oblong depressions and other evidence to be the remnants of plank houses.



Here's our plan on June 19th

10:30-11:00 am	Take school bus and private vehicles to Fillongley. Review expectations, boundaries, and plan with students.
11:00 – noon-ish	5 Stations in the field in multi-age groups, led by Amei, Claire, Daniel, Emily, and Vanessa
Noon-ish – 2:00 pm	Lunch and Free time. Special guests, Max, Fred, Gracie, Al, and Nicolas will assist with smoking salmon and making bannock.
2:00 pm	Take school bus & private vehicles back to school.

What to bring

- Water in your water bottle
- Hat and sunscreen
- Towel (**wading only, no swimming)
- “Brown bag” lunch (**Thursday’s hot lunch has been moved to Friday this week)
- Small, portable snack like an apple or granola bar (if you get hungry between 11-noon).

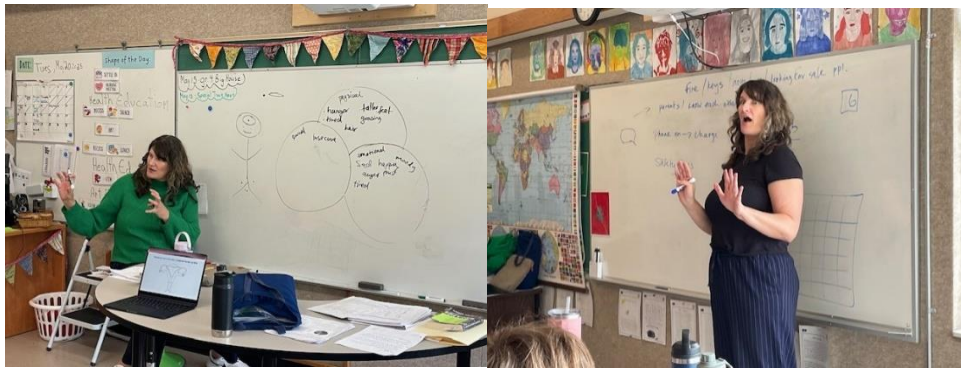
What *not* to bring

- Electronic devices

HEALTH EDUCATION

A big thank you to Health Educator, Jessy Wollens, for coming to Denman to teach K-7 students about body health. In the classes (on May 20th), Jessy reviewed body parts, being a good friend, relationships (kindness and power dynamics, etc.), and morep!





UPDATED DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL MENU

Date	Menu
	<i>* As always, gluten-free and vegan options will be available to accommodate everyone.</i>
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
Friday, June 20	Tacos & quesadillas, chicken or veggie options
Tuesday, June 24	Sausage orzo soup
Thursday, June 26	Ramen with Chashu pork & ajitama eggs

