

# DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of June 9-13, 2025

## Important Upcoming Dates

| Monday                        | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|---------|
| June 09                       | June 10  | June 11  | June 12  | June 13 |
| Div 3 Field Trip to Victoria! | Div 3 Field Trip to Hornby Island<br><br>-No salad bar today-<br><br><b>PAC Meeting</b><br>@ 5:00 pm<br>in the DIS library | <b>SALAD BAR</b><br>** Different day this week due to so many students being away on June 10th | <b>HOT LUNCH</b><br><br>School Photos<br><br>Grad, Classroom, Whole School & Staff |         |

## OUR EXTENDED TEAM...

|   |  |  |                                     |                              |
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| Kerry Harrison<br>(Speech & Language)<br>in the afternoon |  | Carly Matkin<br>(music)<br><br>June 18:<br>Nina Fleming<br>(counselor) | Vanessa Jones<br>(Learning Support) | Tonya<br>(Teacher Librarian) |
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## ← LOOKING AHEAD →

**Wednesday, June 18** - Volunteer Appreciation Tea (@ 1:00 pm)

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

**Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Hot lunch (instead of June 19<sup>th</sup>) – tacos & quesadillas

**Tuesday, June 24** - Grade 7 grad in the hall

**Thursday, June 26** - Fun/Sports Day (half-day). 11:45 am dismissal



## Dear parents and caregivers,

“Potpourri” may have been the word of the week, last week! So many fun, interesting, and educational activities were happening. June has definitely arrived with gusto!

Many students (and families) cycled to school during **GoByBike BC week!** This non-profit organization promotes “the joy

of cycling – for work, for play, for well-being, for the planet.” It’s clear that we achieved all those goals here on Denman!



The superintendent of our Comox Valley school district, Jeremy Morrow, visited last Tuesday to discuss the future of the principalship (along with some other topics) at Denman Island Community School with parents and staff.

We enjoyed learning more about how to play floor hockey from district PE lead, Jina Taylor, last Tuesday. She also helped set up our gymnastics equipment!



## DIV. 1 ACTIVITIES

The K/1/2 class celebrated Neon Day, Lemonade Day, and Ocean Week! Ms. Emily invited biologist, Stacey Rehel, to speak about ocean health during Ocean Week. (See below, div. 2.) I have also included a picture of the students sharing their year of learning with their parents.



## DIV. 2 ACTIVITIES

Below, biologist, Stacey Rehel, offers ways to keep our oceans healthy. She also issued div. 2 a challenge or filling up the “paper ocean” with sea creatures from their local environment.



Div. 2 also made bug hotels. Claire had invited and co-organized this woodworking (and Applied Design Skills and Technology, ADST) event with the help of SD71 Careers Teacher, Kristy Pinchak (not pictured).



### DIV. 3 ACTIVITIES

The grade 5/6/7 are all ready to go to Victoria on Monday and Tuesday (June 8 & 9) for their end-of-year trip/celebration. We wish them safe travels! We hope they enjoy the sights and activities, and offer them a wee reminder that they're representing our school on this excursion. Please remember manners, patience, and gratitude every step of the way!

Here's a snapshot of Div. 3's Celebration of Learning!



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

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... Margaret!



Favourite Movie or TV show: *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*

Favourite Book: *Hatch*

Favourite Season: *Summer*

Favourite Food: *Pasta*

Favourite Memory: *Hawaii*

Favourite Colour: *Blue*

Favourite Animal: *Dog*

Favourite thing to do outside of School: *Going on trips*

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

Introducing... Dreyden!



Favourite Movie or TV show: *Monsters, Inc.*

Favourite Book: *Cat in the Hat*

Favourite Season: *Winter*

Favourite Food: *Tzatziki*

Favourite Memory: *Disneyland*

Favourite Colour: *Yellow*

Favourite Animal: *Giraffe*

Favourite thing to do outside of School: *Skateboarding*

*To our amazing  
Volunteers,*

YOU'RE  
INVITED TO THE

*Volunteer  
Appreciation Tea*

*We sincerely appreciate all the  
volunteers who have helped us  
throughout the school year!*

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE  
2025

1:00 IN THE AFTERNOON

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL LIBRARY

*Please join us for cookies & tea  
& much appreciation!*

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TEA  
CUP... THE DAINTIER THE BETTER! : )  
GILAKAS'LA!

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION Tea - JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 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!



**Do you have a tea pot we could borrow for this event?** If you do, please let me know &

drop it off at the school (labelled) by Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. *čęčęhaθęč* – Gilakas'la!

## FILLONGLEY BEACH DAY - JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:30-2:00 PM

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

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 Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 10:30-11:00 am     | Take school bus and 4-6 private vehicles to Fillongley.<br>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.<br>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.   |

### **Seeking 4-6 drivers**

If you are able to transport 3-5+ students to Fillongley Park on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, please contact Amei directly: [amei.mai@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:amei.mai@sd71.bc.ca) (or let's talk!)

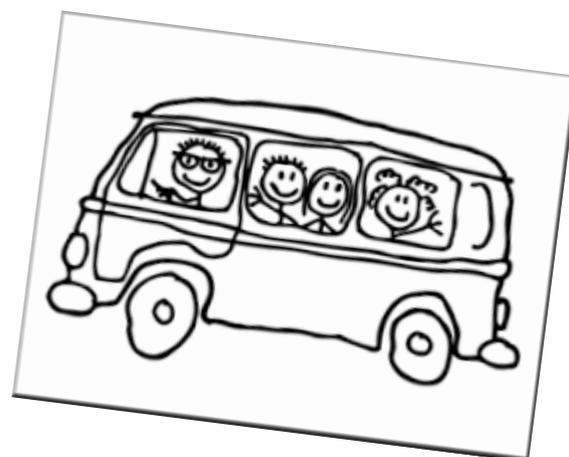
The bus can take 48 people. We need to take the extra ~20 students and staff in private vehicles. Many thanks!

#### **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



## CELEBRATION OF COOKIES!



A big thank you to Tahiti and some grade 2 students for helping make a giant batch (like, 200 cookies big!) for our Celebration of Learning!

## UPDATED DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL MENU

| Date   | Menu  |
|--|---|
| <p><b>** Please note the changes, highlighted and <b>bolded</b> below!</b></p> | <p><i>* As always, gluten-free and vegan options will be available to accommodate everyone.</i></p> |
| <p><b>Wednesday, June 11</b></p>   | <p>Baked potato soup with bacon bits</p>  |
| <p><b>Thursday, June 12</b></p>  | <p>Tonkatsu, breaded pork cutlets and rice</p>  |
| <p>Tuesday, June 17</p>  | <p>Butter chicken soup with naan bread</p>  |
| <p><b>Friday, June 20</b></p>  | <p>Tacos &amp; quesadillas, chicken or veggie options</p>   |
| <p>Tuesday, June 24</p>  | <p>Sausage orzo soup</p>  |
| <p><b>Wednesday, June 25</b></p>   | <p>Ramen with Chashu pork &amp; ajitama eggs</p>  |

## SUMMER CAMP 2025!

June 6, 2025

Hello Parents & Caregivers,

DICES is excited to share our upcoming summer season of programming. **Please read through this entire document to familiarize yourself with our registration process and other important information for a safe and happy camp experience.**

We look forward to seeing you at summer camp soon!

Gracie

### day camp

- **When:** July 7 - August 21, 2025 Monday - Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm (except August 5 to 8th, Tuesday to Friday because of the long weekend)
- **Fee:** \$150 week
- **Age Range:** children aged 9 to 13 years old except digital music making, and soccer which are open for up to 15 year olds.

Each camp is facilitated by community friends with cool talents, trained DICES staff and our dedicated volunteers.

#### **Week 1: July 7 - 10 Passport to Denman and Hornby**

*Field trips to the special places on our islands! Every day is a new destination. Come prepared to do some walking! Gaelle and Gracie will lead this one. More details about destinations once you are registered!*

**Week 2: July 14 - 17 NEW!! Weaving Wonders** *Learn to create your own fabric patterns with the guidance of Denman's talented Weaver's group members. At the end of the week you will take home a unique piece of fabric art! This will also prepare you to make even more complicated designs after school next fall. All materials are supplied.*

**Week 3: July 21 - 24 Found Objects Composition** *Do you like exploring sounds and creating music?! Are you interested in learning about music composition?! Join Beau (drummer and longtime educator) in creating music compositions with found objects in an orchestra! We'll start with finding objects in our environment and then explore how to create musical sounds with them. Then, we'll collaboratively organize them into compositions in an orchestra. While we do this, we'll learn about music composition, improvisation, rhythm, and melody.*

**Week 4: July 28 - 31 Digital Music Making (Ages 9 - 15)** *Do you like creating music with computers?! Join Beau (drummer and longtime educator) in creating electronic music in a band! We'll start with digitally processing our own recorded sounds then use our basic musicianship abilities on musical instruments to collaboratively compose melodies, lyrics, progressions and grooves. While we do this, we'll form up bands with our old and new friends and then put on a killer show!*

**Week 5: August 5 - 8 (Tuesday to Friday) NEW! Dance with Georgia** *Try out a variety of dance styles with the talented Georgia Allen! Georgia is an experienced dancer who looks forward to having fun with movement and music and you!*

**Week 6: August 11 - 14 NEW! Soccer camp (ages 9 to 15)** *whether you are a complete beginner or a league player, Kevin and Enrico will coach you to have fun and learn some skills! Depending on interest, campers may play other team sports as well.*

**Week 7: August 18 - 21 NEW! Garden to table Chef camp with Kimberley** *Create delicious recipes using ingredients from right here on Denman! Kimberley is an experienced chef and farmer, and we will use the bounty from the school garden and beyond to inspire in the kitchen!*

### **afternoon camp**

- **When:** July 7 - August 21 Monday - Thurs, 2 pm - 4 pm (except August 5 to 8, Tuesday to Friday)
- **Fee:** \$50/week
- **Age Range:** 6 to 13 years old

Week 1: **Games Camp** (July 7 - 10): field games, guessing games, board games - exercising our bodies and minds in fun ways, together.

Week 2: **Arts camp** (July 14 - 17): multimedia art!

Week 3: **Crafty Kids Camp** (July 21 - 24): sculpture, drawing, painting, squishy stuff and fun times at The Hub with friends - take home a new craft each afternoon!

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Week 7: **Costume camp** (August 18-21): with a tickle trunk of costumes and props, face painting and lots of room to be creative, we will play with the art of costume and theatrics!

### **Registration**

**Registration opens on June 6 and closes at the end of day on June 23.** On or before June 27, DICES will send you an email outlining the camps your child/ren is/are registered for with an attached invoice and, if requested, a bursary application form. **Camp spots are confirmed once DICES receives a full payment for camp fees (e-transfer, cheque, cash) and we will confirm your child's registration with another email once payment is received.**

A registration form is required for EACH CAMPER. If you are registering more than one child, please submit a registration form for each child. This is to ensure that we have all the information we need for each individual camper.

To Register: Click this link to our new online registration form [summer camp](#)  
Subsidy rate is 20 percent off, (\$120/\$40) and can be accessed via an email request to [dices.communityprograms@gmail.com](mailto:dices.communityprograms@gmail.com). *If you need a deep subsidy or would like to anonymously sponsor a child so they can go to camp, contact us at [dices.communityprograms@gmail.com](mailto:dices.communityprograms@gmail.com)*

If you are unable to access the online registration form, send an email to [dices.communityprograms@gmail.com](mailto:dices.communityprograms@gmail.com) and provide the following information for each camper you are registering:

1. **Name of camper:**
2. **Age of camper:**
3. **Requested Day Camps (in order of preference):**
4. **Requested Afternoon Camps (in order of preference):**
5. **Any Accessibility Needs (eg. physical accessibility, sensory sensitivity, or other medical or social needs that would be helpful for us to know):**
6. **Request for a discount/subsidy - yes or no**

Please email us [dices.communityprograms@gmail.com](mailto:dices.communityprograms@gmail.com) or call 250-335-2058 with any questions.

### **Cancellation Policy**

#### ***What if our schedule changes?***

If you are unable to attend camp and provide 2 weeks notice we are able to provide a full refund! With less than 2 weeks notice, we are unable to provide a refund for fees paid.

#### ***What if we get sick?***

If the camper becomes ill and cannot attend, we are able to refund for the week(s) missed with a medical note.

#### ***What if my camper is only available for part of the week?***

Camp registration is for a full week of camp, not individual days.

