


DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of June 16-20, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20
	SALAD BAR	Volunteer Appreciation Tea @ 1:00pm (in the library) 	Field Trip: Fillongley Park @ 10:30am	HOT LUNCH DICES programs wrap up <u>this</u> week (no after school care next week).

our extended team...

Kerry Harrison (Speech & Language) in the afternoon		Carly Matkin (music) Nina Fleming (counselor) (Last day for Nina)	Vanessa Jones (Learning Support) & Tonya Lowe (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 – (Students bring their own snacks, water & lunch.

No hot lunch this Thursday.)

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

Note: This is the last week for DICES programs (until the summer).

Tuesday, June 24 - Grade 7 grad in the hall @ 1:00 pm

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

They did it! Our intrepid grade 5/6/7 class went on a grand adventure to Victoria last week, where they went to the beach, the Flying Squirrel (gymnastics), Royal BC Museum, IMAX theatre, Beacon Drive-in for ice cream (yum!), and stayed at the UVic residences. Thank you to teacher, Daniel Farrow, for organizing this fun trip. Many thanks also to the parent volunteers – driving, fundraising (selling plants, running bake sales, etc.), and generally supporting the students!



Can you assist...?

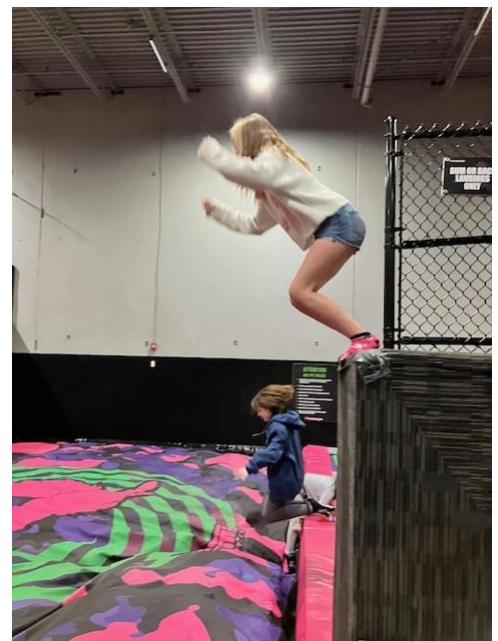
Do you have a **tea pot** we could borrow for the **Volunteer Appreciation Tea (happening on Wednesday)**? If you do, please drop it off at the school (labelled) as soon as possible.



Thank you to the three drivers that came forward to Fillongley Park on Thursday, June 19 @ 10:30 am: Kathryn West, Tahiti Rey, teacher-librarian, Tonya Lowe, & even a back-up driver (Becky).

- 43 students + 5 staff will ride the bus and
- 14 students + 3 staff will go in private vehicles.

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Grade 7 Graduation

Please join us in honouring our 2025 grade 7 students. Help us celebrate these 13 dynamic, creative, active youth as they complete their elementary school journey and prepare to begin high school!

Where: Community Hall

When: Tuesday, June 24th from 1:00-2:30 pm

Let's Get to Know... Amina!

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... Amina!

Favourite Movie or TV show: *Demon Slayer*

Favourite Book: *Shatter Me*

Favourite Season: Summer

Favourite Food: Sushi

Favourite Memory: When I got my dog Biscuit

Favourite Colour: Purple

Favourite Animal: Cat

Favourite thing to do outside of School: Read

Let's Get to Know... Timber!

Introducing... Timber!



Favourite Movie or TV show: *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*

Favourite Book: *Percy Jackson*

Favourite Season: Fall

Favourite Food: Mango sticky rice

Favourite Memory: Fishing in Banfield

Favourite Colour: Brown

Favourite Animal: Golden Retriever

Favourite thing to do outside of School: Playing football



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!

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 Thursday, June 19th

10:30-11:00 am	Take school bus and 4-6 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 Farrow, Emily, Tonya Lowe, and Vanessa
Noon-ish – 2:00 pm	Lunch and Free time. Special guests, Maxine, Ron, Gracie, Al, and possibly 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



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK...



We had a wonderful visit with new mama and Indigenous Support Worker, Kaila Storrington. She introduced us to almost-four-week-old, Aquilla.

Also, our **gr. 2/3/4s** went to Hornby to play on the beach (nice!) and play floor hockey with the gr. 1/2/3 students at Hornby Isl. Community School.



In **grade K12**, last week, the students celebrated Ocean day, picnic day, quiet day, rainbow day and summer birthday celebrations. Emily said that the "unbirthday" celebration with cupcakes was probably everyone's favourite 😊

UPDATED DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL MENU

Date	Menu
** Please note the changes, highlighted and bolded below!	<i>* As always, gluten-free and vegan options will be available to accommodate everyone.</i>
Tuesday, June 17	Butter chicken soup with naan bread
Friday, June 20	Tacos & quesadillas, chicken or veggie options
Tuesday, June 24	Sausage orzo soup
Wednesday, June 25	Ramen with Chashu pork & ajitama eggs

A big thank you to Alex's mom, Katrina Rainoshek, for taking our photos on Thursday!
(This is the photo where she said, "Do something fun, put your hands up!")



Here's a fun music event fun music event held by the hall

on June 21st (3:00-9:00 pm)

- Please show support for our Denman Community School students!
- Entry by donation (suggested \$20). Proceeds go towards fundraising for the kids' bike/pump track that's being built near the playground (next to the hall).
- Come see some of our own Denman students play in their band, Polsen Moose.
- There will be some stalls and enjoy and afternoon outside with some live music!



Cross Pollination 2025

A Day in the Field



June 21th 3pm-9pm
Presented by DIRCS

With Local Artists including
Faceheater
Polsen Moose
The Blues Crew
Randy Duncan Band
Steve & Mik
Bethany Ireland

Booths with local food and artisans
Entry by donation for the new BMX/Mountain Bike Track

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. *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*

If you are unable to access the online registration form, send an email to 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 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.

