


DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Week of June 23-26, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27
Field Trip: Gr 7 High School Transition to Vanier HS Grade 5/6 taught by Shelley Ord	SALAD BAR Graduation Ceremony 1:00-2:30 pm	HOT LUNCH Ramen! - Desk clean-outs happening this week. Bring a bag for your stuff! -	Last Day of School! Morning assembly & Sports Day 11:45 am dismissal	

our extended team...

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

Monday, September 1 – Labour Day (school is not in session)

Tuesday, September 2 – Professional Development for staff (school is not in session)

Wednesday, September 3 – First day of school for the 2025/2026 school year!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We started our school year with a whole school circle, asking ‘What does a year of growth look like, sound like, and feel like?’ Now is a time to celebrate all the joy and learning that have unfolded—both big and small. From shared laughter to challenges overcome, every moment has contributed to a dynamic and memorable school year.

To all our students – our youngest and those moving on to new adventures – thank you for your for being your amazing, wonderful, curious, intelligent, creative, community-minded, respectful selves! We can't wait to see what you do next. To our K-6 students, we're already looking forward to welcoming you back in September with fresh energy and new possibilities. Also... Gilakas! a also to our hardworking staff, our supportive families, and wider community that nurtures and feeds our soul every day!



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

Who: Everyone welcome!

Program

- ✚ Territorial Acknowledgement
- ✚ Principal's welcome
- ✚ End-of-year slideshow
- ✚ Grade Recognition speeches
- ✚ Gifts to grade 7s: div. 2 & rap by the grade 6s
- ✚ Congratulations to all the grads (line-up)

Let's Get to Know Our Grade 6s ... Frankie!



Introducing... Frankie!

Favourite Movie or TV show: *The Simpsons*

Favourite Book: *Guinness World Record*

Favourite Season: *Winter*

Favourite Food: *Brisket*

Favourite Memory: *Going to Disney land and scoring my first touch down in a game*

Favourite Colour: *Purple*

Favourite Animal: *Peregrine Falcon*

Favourite thing to do outside of School: *Hangout with my friends*

LET'S GET TO KNOW... RUEBEN!

Introducing... Rueben!



Favourite Movie or TV show: *Squid Game*
 Favourite Book: *Guinness World Record*
 Favourite Season: *Summer*
 Favourite Food: *Sushi*
 Favourite Memory: *When I went to Calgary, and it hailed a bunch*
 Favourite Colour: *Purple*
 Favourite Animal: *Tarsier*
 Favourite thing to do outside of School: *Hangout with my friends*

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS...

We want to wish the students and staff with summer birthdays, a happy (upcoming) day... to Ana F., Thomas, Ursula, Julia, Briar, Timber, Sunny, Kareen, Tonya, Veronique & Claire. 😊

FILLONGLEY BEACH DAY FUN!



We had a wonderful time at Fillongley beach day last Thursday! Many thanks to Gracie and her husband, Al, for cooking delicious salmon for us and making the yummy Bannock (that we cooked on the fire)! Thanks to Nicolas (my husband) for making the fire.



*Come see more photos of our Fillongley Beach Day field trip at the year-end slide show on Tuesday, June 24th! Everyone is welcome to this grade 7 grad/ year celebration!

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 24	Sausage orzo soup
Wednesday, June 25	Ramen with Chashu pork & ajitama eggs

"V" IS FOR VISITOR!

It was so lovely to meet Colleen, Ms. Emily's mum, last week! Thanks for reading the students a story. 😊 (I can definitely see the family resemblance!)



WITH GRATITUDE...

Wishing you all a restful, joyful summer filled with sunshine, play, and meaningful time with loved ones. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

With deep gratitude and warm wishes,
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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!

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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.

