



# Denman Weekly Newsletter

January 9th, 2026

Dear Families,

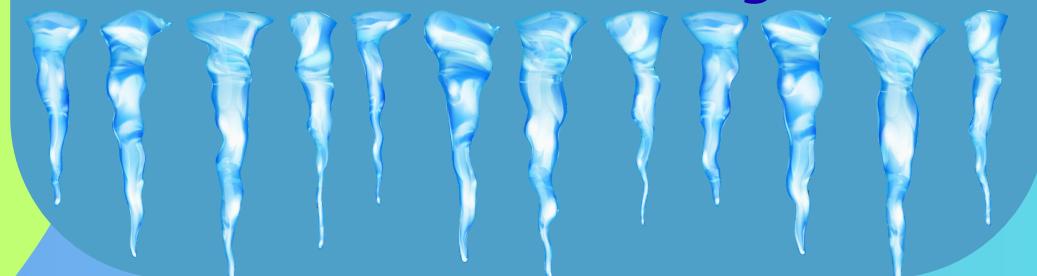
Happy New Year! Welcome Back to School!

We hope you had a restful winter break and some fun too. We are happy to be back and look forward to a wonderful winter term full of learning and sharing together.

## Guest Speaker

Michael Bortolotto will be presenting to the students on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. He touches the topics of diversity, inclusion and resilience. Mr. Bortolotto has been to our school in the past and has graciously included us in his speaking tour as he is also presenting at Lake Trail School this month. We look forward to his inspiring words and positive message.

**It has been icy lately, so take extra care when walking around the parking lot and walkways.**



## PAC

**Parent Advisory Council**  
Denman Dragon hoodies and t-shirts are available for purchase!

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday January 13th at 5:30, in the school library. All parents of Denman students are welcome



## Upcoming

- Jan. 13-Lunch: Sub Sandwich -PAC meeting
- Jan. 14-Lunch: Sushi Hand Roll
- Jan. 15-Lunch: Build your Bowl -Presentation by Michael Bortolotto
- Jan. 20-Kindergarten Hearing Screen -Movie Night (Bad Guys 2)
- Jan. 21 - Fire Drill
- Jan. 22-Dress Like Your Teacher Day



## Movie Night, Jan. 20th

### [Bad Guys 2 trailer](#)

**Doors open at 4, movie starts at 4:30 in the Community Room here at school, no charge this time but we will have snacks for sale!**

## DICES

### Volunteer Opportunities with Community Programs

- Garden work (with/without students, during school/after school)
  - Kitchen helper (prep, serving, dishes,) Tues/Wed/Thurs
  - Town trips: picking up food items from town (flexible)
- Unloading: moving boxes of food to refrigeration (some Tuesday mornings)
- After school gym time (flexible days) being a responsible adult while kids play in the gym.
- Table tennis: mentoring kids along with a community volunteer on Thursdays after school at the activity centre
  - Reading at bed time story time
  - Helping with movie nights
  - Helping with bingo nights
- Baking healthy snacks for during and after school.



# Community Events

## Connect & Learn | for Parents & Caregivers

### A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health

As parents, we struggle with balancing our children's time spent in the digital world and what we consider the real world. It's not easy to know how much time spent on technology is too much, and how to set boundaries that don't create conflict. Learn from Dr. Kristy Goodwin, Digital Wellbeing and productivity researcher, speaker, author and consultant.



Register online at  
[familysmart.ca/events](http://familysmart.ca/events)

### Details

This video presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion by a Family Peer Support Worker in the Comox Valley.

#### LOCATION:

Mark Isfeld Secondary (multipurpose room)  
1551 Lerwick Rd, Courtenay

The entrance is to the left of the main office doors.

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 21, 2026

**TIME:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**COST:** Free

This event is for parents/caregivers only, and we are not able to provide childcare.

### Questions?

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For more information and to register, go to [familysmart.ca/events](http://familysmart.ca/events)



## MyEducation BC

New AspenGo mobile student & family portal launching January 11

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We are pleased to announce that we will be launching the new MyEducation BC AspenGo mobile portal on January 11, 2026.

- AspenGo is much simpler and more intuitive interface.
- The ability to access published reports on mobile devices is restored in this new interface.
- There is no action required on your part, the new interface will automatically appear as of January 11.
- Your login ID and password remain unchanged. If you have setup access via the BC Services card, this too remains unchanged.

A short overview video of the new portal is available here:

[myeducationbc.info/wp-content/uploads/New-Family-and-Student-Portal.mp4](http://myeducationbc.info/wp-content/uploads/New-Family-and-Student-Portal.mp4)