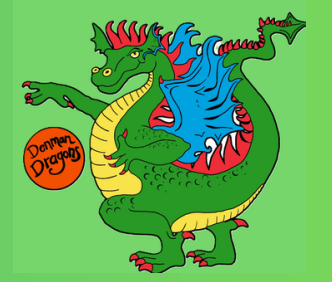


Denman Island Community School
Weekly Newsletter
April 17, 2026



After School Plans

Don't forget to let us know where your child is going after school if there is a change in regular plans. If you could let us know before lunch time it helps the end of the day organization. It is really helpful if you include both your child's teacher and the office in an email when adjusting after school plans.

DICES News



After School Programs

There is still room in Softball on Tuesday and basketball on Friday. Let us know if your child would like to try one of these after school recreation opportunities.



School Garden

We could really use a little help with our school garden! Can we interest you in a some mowing, weeding, tidying up? Reach out to the school if you have a tiny bit of free time.

Thank you!



Upcoming

- Apr. 21-The Great Big Crunch
- Apr. 22-Gr. 4/5 Field Trip to Hornby, School Cycling Program
- Apr. 24-Author visit, Margriet Ruurs (sponsored by the Denman Island Readers and Writers Festival)
- Apr. 30-Fourth R Dance Performance, school gym
- May 4-Track and Field, gr.4-7
- May 6-Let's Talk Science presentation
- May 7 and 8-Division 3 Play, *As You Wish*, at the community hall

School Cycling Program for Grade 4 and 5

This year the school cycling program is being held at Hornby school on April 22. Our students will be going on a field trip to Hornby to participate. The students will be learning about cycling skills and road safety. They will then participate in a group road ride in the neighbourhood. What a fun way to connect with Hornby school, learn some skills, and have some bike riding fun!



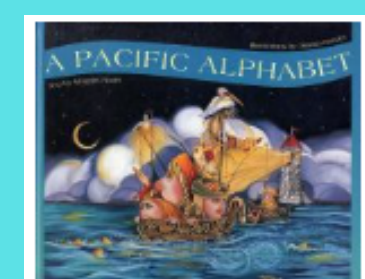
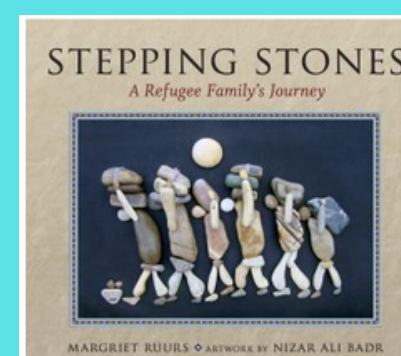
The Great Big Crunch April 21st

What is the Great Big Crunch?
The Great Big Crunch is a fun, national event where students and staff across the country take a big, crunchy bite of an apple – all at the same time. It's a simple way to celebrate food and community connection, while bringing attention to the school food programs that help support students every day.



Thank you to the Denman Island Readers and Writers Festival for sponsoring Margriet's visit to our school!

Margriet Ruurs, visting author Friday, April 24th



Margriet Ruurs writes children's and educational materials. She has a Master's Degree in Education from Simon Fraser University and has studied the use of technology in teaching reading and writing to children. "I love to use my imagination and to dream up stories" says this creator of many books for children.

Division 3 Play *As You Wish* Coming Soon to the Community Hall May 7th and 8th

A Fabulous Fundraiser for a year end field trip to Strathcona Outdoor Education Centre



Parent Advisory Council Page

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday May 12 , 5:30 p.m.
in the school library.
All parents of Denman students are welcome.

PAC Invitation

We would like to introduce to the families of Denman Community School a Private Facebook Group monitored by PAC executive team. This group has been created to support clear, positive, and respectful communication between the PAC and our Denman Community School families, as well as an information hub for upcoming events. This is a fully private group for families enrolled at the school for the current year. You will receive an invite through facebook to join the group and is only open to currently enrolled families.

We're so excited to see you in the group and look forward to staying connected and working together to support our students, school and community!

- The entire PAC Executive Team

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Active Start & FUNdamentals Try-It Day!

Special Olympics BC – Comox Valley is offering fun and welcoming Active Start (ages 2 to 6) and FUNdamentals (ages 7 to 11) programs this fall for children with intellectual disabilities!

Not sure if this is the right fit for your kid? Come give our programs a try before you sign up! The afternoon will include skills, games, and fun! Attendees can try equipment, meet local volunteers, and learn what Special Olympics has to offer to youth in the Comox community.

When: Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Where: Comox Community Centre
Cost: Free!

These programs are specifically designed for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities to help them learn vital motor, sport, and social skills in a supportive environment.

Pre-registering helps us prepare, but drop-ins are always welcome!

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To learn more please contact:
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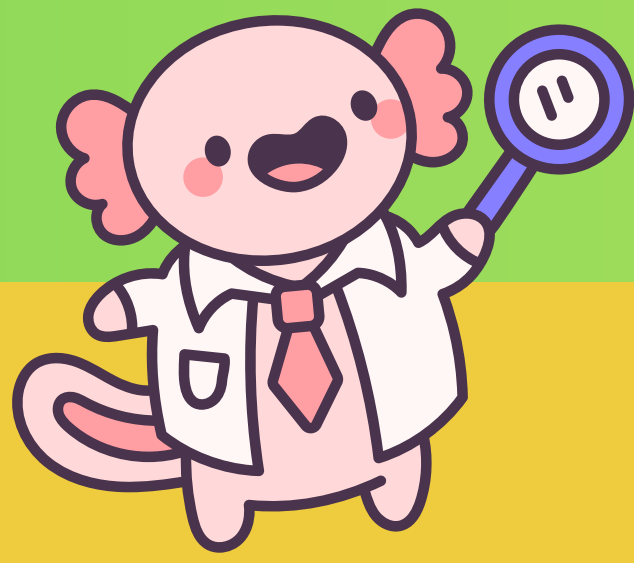
Send orders to denmanpac2021@gmail.com

Get ready to show off your school spirit in style! We're looking at bringing in some fun new gear featuring the iconic Denman Dragon—but we want your ideas first. Hoodies? Water bottles? Socks? (Yes, really—spirit toes are a thing!)

Tell us what you and your kids would actually use and love. If it can hold a logo, we're interested! We have put together a survey for you to complete. Stay tuned... your next favourite school swag might be coming soon.

[Denman Dragon Swag Survey](#)

School Spirit Committee for PAC

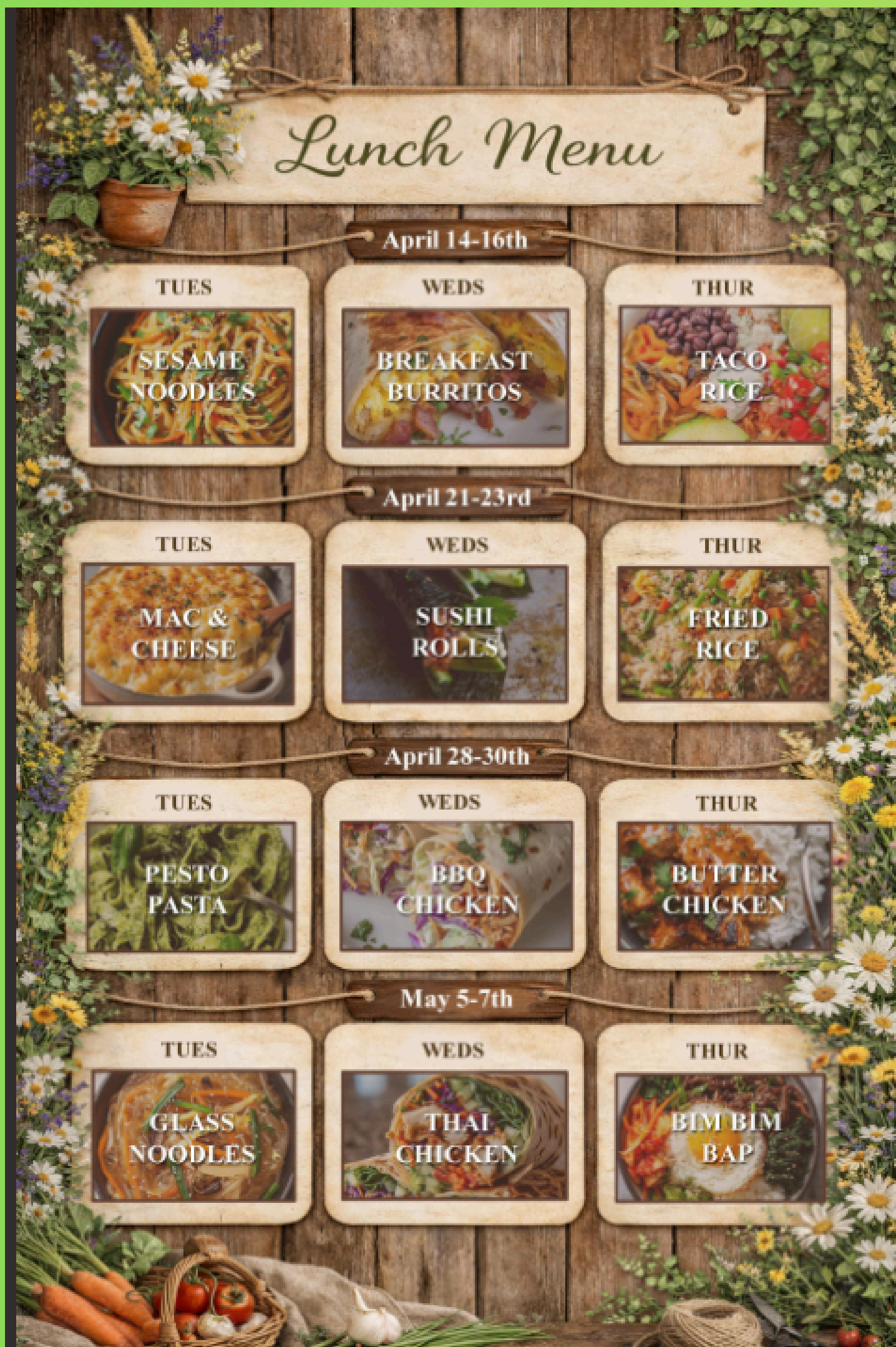


Let's Talk Science

presentation by VIU students

May 6th

A Let's Talk Science media consent form will be coming home with the students next week. You are free to decline to have your child photographed during this science presentation. Please read the consent form, select an option, sign and return.



UPCOMING Spirit days

April 17	Switch up your style Be Comfy, Be Fancy, Be Adventurous
April 30	Autism acceptance day Wear Red- for love, fire & passion Wear Blue- for advocacy & support Wear Gold- for strength & value
May 28	Rainbow Day Show off your best & Brightest
June tbd	Sports Day Everyone's favourite day is back! Details to come

Take a look at our school calendar
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/denman-island-community-school/school-calendar/#>

Visit the free store if additions are needed for your stylistic ideas