

Please see below the calendar, for more detailed information of listed events.

Monday, Jan 24	Tuesday, Jan 25	Wed. Jan 26	Thurs. Jan 27
Please complete daily health check before sending your child to school. Check for these symptoms: daily health check Walking field trip - StoryWalk with Jennievieve (Big Tree Trail) Muffin Mondays are back:) TJ – Speech and Language here all day	Please complete daily health check before sending your child to school. Check for these symptoms: daily health check Margot – Counsellor here in the morning	Please complete daily health check before sending your child to school. Check for these symptoms: daily health check Sushi Snax today Amanda Panda Virtual Hooping/Juggling workshop for K- Gr. 4 Heather – Indigenous Cultural Presenter here all day Vanier Wednesday School with Casey Grade 6/7 Youth Squad	Please complete daily health check before sending your child to school. Check for these symptoms: daily health check "Pajamuary" continues!!! Wear your pjs (if you wish) on Thursdays in January!
		at Room to Grow 12:00-12:45	

Alissa's note to families...

Dear Families,

We are nearing the end of January and we will be wrapping up our school-wide focus on the attribute of "courage" and moving onto an **exploration of "kindness"**. We will be looking for examples of what kindness looks like, sounds like, and feels like in our school, community, and beyond.

Our Makerspace is in need of clean recycling or other materials e.g. cardboard boxes (cereal, crackers, tea, etc), cardboard tubes, interesting bits of paper, and /or other bits and bobs you may have around that would be fun to create with. You can drop them off, or your child(ren) can bring them to school.

Thank you to everyone for your support in keeping our school healthy during these ongoing COVID times. If your child is at home ill, we do have many learning activities available at our **School Website Learning Links page.** Check them out!

Muffin Mondays, Hot lunches and Sushi Snax

The PAC has organized more deliciousness throughout February. Muffin consent forms that were sent home at the beginning of the year are still effective, but if you would like to make any changes, please let us know.

Sushi Snax forms and hot lunch sign up forms were sent home on Tuesday, Sushi Snax forms are due by Jan 20th and Hot lunch forms are due by Jan 27th.

If your family is experiencing any hardship financially, please fill in the form and not that you would like a subsidy for your child(ren)

Story Walk - School walking field trip

In honour of Family Literacy Week (January 23-30), HIES Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Jennivieve McRae-King will be guiding us through a StoryWalk on Big Tree Trail on Monday January 24. A StoryWalk is fun literacy activity that places a picture book (literally taken apart) page by page along a trail. This installation was generously lent to us by the Comox Valley Lifelong Learning Centre. The book featured is We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom & illustrated by Michaela Goade. The entire community is invited to come out enjoy the StoryWalk during Family Literacy Week.

Friday Club Day starts tomorrow pre registration is required

Friday Club Day is back in action starting this week with Casey, Ticara and Florette.

Come join us on Fridays for some FUN, explore with games, art, makerspace and more! We will provide snacks.

Starting this Friday Jan.21.2022

Time: 9:30am-12pm Location: Room to Grow

Please Note:

- You will have to sign your child up for Friday Club Day each week by Thursday 12pm as we need to monitor numbers and follow COVID procedures and protocols. To sign up please email: hies.childyouth@gmail.com. NO DROP INS at this time.
- Masks are mandatory indoors.
- We ask that you do not drop your child off before 9:30am. Please enter at the door on the deck closest to the playground. You will need to sign your child in and pay the fee at that time.
- Parent Volunteers are not required for this month, but we will need you in the future so feel free to let us know if you are available to volunteer for Friday Club Day in the future by emailing hies.childyouth@gmail.com.

Thanks everyone and see you soon!

HIES NEWS!

Jade Wilson is our new Community School Program Coordinator and she will be your go to person for all things HIES after school program related. Jade will also continue in her position as the Recreation Coordinator for Hornby Recreation (HIRRA).

You can reach her here:

HIES contact: hies.childyouth@gmail.com
Recreation Contact: recreation@hirra.com

HIES would also like to welcome Ticara Coertze to the team as our new Afterschool Program
Assistant. You will see her around at our afterschool programs! You can reach her
here: hies.programassistant@gmail.com

The next Early Literacy Story Time will take place on Saturday Feb. 5 and we'll be exploring SPACE! Please see attached poster for all the details.

Visitors to the School are by appointment only at this time

Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the school office 250-335-2125, or email <u>Alissa.Pratt@sd71.bc.ca</u>

Hornby Island Community School - Code of Conduct

https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/hornby-island-community-school/code-of-conduct/

Playground and Field Use during the school day

We are asking for only preschool and school usage of the playground and field areas during school hours.

Use of School Facilities (Currently Limited to After School Programs)

The online external user system is open to begin creating accounts.

See the instructions and link below to create your account, and once that has been approved, book some time in our lovely new spaces.

Click **HERE** to access the new Facility Rentals online booking system.

Contact Charmaine for more details charmaine.logan@sd71.bc.ca

Our Methods of Communication

Here are our main methods of communications:

- **Email Updates** from Teachers regarding assignments and activities
- Blog Updates
- **Weekly Notice**: Sent out by email every Thursday to parents and staff. This is posted on our website at: http://hornbyisland.comoxvalleyschools.ca/ Please be sure to check your email every Thursday as important information such as school field trips, meetings, etc. are posted and announced in these notices.
- **School Website:** The website will have the most up to date information and learning tools for families http://hornbyisland.comoxvalleyschools.ca/

You can find the Student handbook on our website

at: http://hornbyisland.comoxvalleyschools.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1064112&type=d&pREC_ID=1357585

School Closures, Power Outages, Ferry Cancellations

We are VERY excited that our first power outage, occurring before school opening time went smoothly using our new generator!! We will continue to follow our protocols below as there may be other instances that interrupt school operations.

Our procedures for power outages, ferry cancellations, and other situations that may affect regular operations of our school are as follows: if the power is out (or another situation arises) before school starts, the Principal/Vice Principal will contact the School District to make a decision on closing the school. If the school is to be closed we will begin the emergency call outs. If the power goes out during the day, we will make a decision based on information we receive about how long we will be without power. We may need to close the school. If this is to happen we will contact parents/guardians/emergency contacts. For this reason, and in the case of other emergencies, it is VERY important we have your verification forms with alternate emergency contacts. If School District #71 is closed due to weather conditions, Hornby School will also be closed unless otherwise stated. Again, the phone tree call out will be in effect and all efforts will be made to ensure call outs happen early in the morning.

If there are power outages we may not get through to your phone line; please be sure to listen to the local radio stations.

Please note: contact information we have on file is provided by parents at the beginning of the school year when you review and sign the student verification form; If there are any changes in

contact information throughout the year (i.e. phone, address, etc.) please notify the school as soon as possible so this can be updated in our system.			