



Have a Hoppy Easter everyone!

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

Monday, April 18	Tuesday, April 19	Wed. April 20	Thurs. April 21
<p>Easter Monday – No School</p> <p>There is Easter in the Ringside on Saturday April 16th – See the attached poster</p>	<p>Please complete daily health check before sending your child to school. Check for these symptoms: daily health check</p> <p>Margot – Counsellor here in the morning</p> <p>Hot Lunch – Mac and Cheese</p> <p>Track and Field Practice</p> <p>Lesley here – Teacher Librarian</p> <p>Pre-school story time in the LLC</p> <p>Afterschool Cartooning for 4 - 7</p>	<p>Please complete daily health check before sending your child to school. Check for these symptoms: daily health check</p> <p>Tribune Bay Field trip for K – Grade 4 students 12:30-3:30</p> <p>Track and Field Practice</p> <p>Lesley (Teacher Librarian here)</p> <p>Grade 6/7 Youth Squad at Room to Grow 12:00-12:45</p> <p>Vanier students in the Raven Room</p> <p>Afterschool Community Garden for K-2</p>	<p>Please complete daily health check before sending your child to school. Check for these symptoms: daily health check</p> <p>Arts with Matt</p> <p>Heather is here Indigenous Presenter Drum awakening</p> <p>Tribal Fusion Art Starts for Grade 4-7 1:00-2:00</p> <p>Courtenay field trip forms for Grade 5-7 due</p> <p>Afterschool Art for K-2</p> <p>Afterschool soccer for Gr 3 –7</p>

Alissa's note to families...

Hi Everyone!

Have a wonderful Easter weekend and we will look forward to seeing you Tuesday to start off our busy week! We have field trips starting up and please make sure you return forms as we cannot take students with us if we don't have permission forms signed by parents or legal guardians. - Thank you!

Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre Field Trip

Kindergarten to Grade 4 students – forms were due April 14th.

Departure time: 12:30pm

Arrival back at the school: 3:30pm

Transportation: School bus provided by First Student

Students will be back in time for dismissal

Destination and Nature of Activity: An afternoon of guided activities at the Tribune Bay Outdoor Centre. Learners will take part in a variety of activities relating to physical education/core competency curriculum. Some of the activities may include: Climbing Wall, High Ropes, teamwork/leadership skills etc.

Please send students in suitable activity clothing, and water resistant closed toe shoes

Please send extra snacks and a water bottle

We may have room for a couple of chaperones – if you are willing to volunteer and have a current Criminal Record Check let us know.

Upcoming April 27: Courtenay Museum and Trent river fossil tour field trip for Wolves Grade 5-7 students

Watch for a consent form and more information, the forms will be sent home with students on Tuesday, April 21. They will be due back at the school on Thursday April 24th.

Student Learning Survey

During the month of April, School District #71 is participating in the 2022 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians and Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before April 30th, 2022**, providing immediate results to the school and the district. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Grades 4 and 7 learners will be completing the survey throughout the month of April.

Please let Alissa know if you wish your child to be excused from this survey by

Thursday, April 15, 2022. alissa.pratt@sd71.bc.ca

Body Science week is April 25 – 28

A notice was sent both electronically and paper based this week to let you know about our Body Science and Sexual Health workshops coming up at the end of this month. Please let me know if you have any questions. Alissa.pratt@sd71.bc.ca

Announcing the newly named “Raven Room”

We have been brainstorming to find the perfect name for our Multi-purpose –Creative Commons room, which is used for so many things, including arts and music, special projects, hosting the Vanier students, PAC parents baking muffins, serving hot lunches, afterschool programs and so much more. The students made suggestions, and there were some great ideas out there. We landed on the Raven Room, in honor of our school mascot.

From the Learning Commons

Thank -you to the Times Colonist Literacy Society for giving us a grant of \$700.00 to buy books supporting cultural literacy.

Hot Lunches and Sushi Snax are planned to the end of the School year

The PAC has got some great food available for students. Next up is Mac and Cheese on Tuesday April 19. Please still send snacks for the first eating break, and some extra bites for lunchtime.

calling all BAKERS!! 🍪 🍩 🏠 🍪

We are looking for donations of baked goodies for our 1st SOCCER BAKE SALE, happening this Saturday. April 16. 2022.

If you can donate some baked goods please let us know.

recreation@hirra.ca

-All proceeds go directly to youth soccer! 🍪 🍪

Soccer Grades 3-7 Thursdays 3:35-4:45pm @ The school gym. 🍪

Beginning of the school day reminder

Just a reminder to families that student drop off time is no earlier than 8:30am at the beginning of the school day. Supervision is provided out the front entrance of the school beginning at 8:30am. If you arrive at the school earlier than 8:30, you are asked to stay with your child until supervisors are on duty.

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.

Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Kitchen positions for the summer

Please see attached the Summer positions in the Kitchen at TBOEC.

Tribune Bay Provincial Park

BC Parks is seeking public input on management for newly acquired lands adjacent to Tribune Bay Provincial Park – see the attached advert for information.

Hornby Dads' Parent Group! See the attached poster

Parenting Education and Support for Fathers, facilitated by Mike Nestor.

This is a group for fathers (and step-fathers!) to get together to learn and discuss parenting strategies and get support from one another through the ups and downs of parenting. The group will meet for 1.5 hours for 6 weeks this spring at the Health Care Society. Dates and time to be determined by group. Please email mike@hornbydenmanhealth.com or call 250-898-0247 for more info or to register.

Dance for Kindergarten – With Nancy Adams

For grade 2 students starts next Tuesday, April 12th at the Community Hall. Please drop-off children at the hall after school (3:40) with a snack. Pick up is 4:30. For more information call Nancy at 250-335-0864.

Use of School Facilities

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
- **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.