



Wear your Christmas bells, hats and sweaters this week if you wish!

Monday, Dec 12	Tuesday, Dec 13	Wed. Dec 14	Thurs. Dec 15
<p>Muffin Monday!</p> <p>Ashley (Teacher Librarian)</p>	<p>All school Field trip to Courtenay Bowling/Gymnastics Meet at ferry at 7:45am</p> <p>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</p>	<p>PIZZA!</p> <p>Library Book Exchange Day</p> <p>Vanier students in the Raven Room</p> <p>PAC Meeting 3:45 in the Gym</p>	<p>Last Day of classes, have a great Winter Break!</p> <p>Back to School on January 3rd</p>

Judi's note to families...

What a fun-filled week! The students' performance at last night's concert was amazing. They sure worked hard practicing and preparing for this special event! This morning we had our December Recognition Assembly where students from each class received recognition for their outstanding achievements. Also, Shout-Out prizes were presented to some of the students who were 'caught' in the act of making good choices. Odus entertained us with "Crocodile Rock, (singing and guitar) and Beckett read Robert Munsch's, "Pajama Day," which was very appropriate considering it was PJ and Pizza Day today. The pizza was a nice treat! Next week is our final week before Winter Break. Please do your best to have your child(ren) at school, as valuable learning opportunities and fun will continue to take place right through till Thursday. Have an awesome weekend!

PIZZA Day again on Wednesday, December 14th

No pre-order or payment needed for these 2 hot lunches. Ford Cove will be making the students a variety of Pizzas including spinach and cheese, pepperoni and cheese, and plain cheese. There is no cost for families, as the pizzas are provided by the school.

Field Trip to Courtenay for Bowling and Gymnastics

Forms and food orders were due on Thursday

Date: Tuesday, December 13th, 2022

Itinerary: Visitor Centre → Bowling and Gymnastics

- **7:45am Meet at Shingle Spit Ferry Terminal: Everyone boards the school bus**
- **8am: Ferry departs**
- 9am: Arrive on Vancouver Island
- 9:20am: Arrive at Vancouver Island Visitor Centre on Small Road
- 9:30 – 10:30: Snack and activities
- 10:30: Depart to Courtenay
- Group 1 – Bowling 11-12 and Gymnastics 12:45-1:45
- Bus transfers students between activities
- Group 2 – Gymnastics 11:15-12:15 and Bowling 12:30-1:30
- 2:15 Depart for 3pm ferry back to Hornby
- 4:10pm: Arrive at school for student pick-up

Transportation: School Bus, BC Ferries

Food: Snacks and lunch to be provided, please send a water bottle

Clothing: Please send students in comfortable clothing (leggings/sweatpants), shoes will be provided by the Bowling alley please be sure your child knows their shoe size and has socks.

Cost: \$0 Transportation, lunch, snacks, and activities will be paid by the School

There is not an alternate activity provided for non-participating students. All Hornby students and Teachers will be on the Field trip.

Please review there have been some REVISIONS School Closures, Power Outages, Ferry Cancellations

- The school will be open when the power is out, unless there are adverse weather conditions, or a shortage of staff.
- If there are extreme weather conditions and/or power outages, please be sure to listen to the local radio stations at 97.3 The Eagle and/or 98.9 The Goat to see if SD71 has decided to close all schools. If you have internet access, you can also check the School District website for notices on school closures <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>. Closures are usually announced by 6:30 AM.
- **If School District #71 is closed due to weather conditions, HORNBY SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED. THE PHONE TREE CALLOUT WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE.**
- If ONLY the Hornby school is to be closed (this would be highly unusual), we will then e-mail families but WILL NO LONGER MAKE EMERGENCY PHONE TREE CALL-OUTS.
- If the power goes out during the day, we will continue regular operations, unless there is a decision to close for safety reasons or if there is an issue with our generator. If the

decision to close the school is made once school is already in session, we will telephone parents/guardians/emergency contacts.

- It is **VERY** important we have your verification forms with alternate emergency contacts.

AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/a%cc%b1mlala-sa->

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Am'lala sa K'umuxse' was created in July 2018 for Indigenous Education (School District 71) to be sung by all students to celebrate Kwakwaka'wakw culture and language. Am'lala sa K'umuxse' translates as 'Play Song of the K'omoux' and speaks to the great land "ila a hii" and the powerful ocean and rivers "skoo kum chuck" that are here within the lands of the K'omoux. The song was released into our School District in a ceremony held during a Professional Development Day on February 15, 2019.



Child, Youth and Community School Programs

Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator

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Our November/December Programs are in full swing! Please sign up now if your child wants to attend the Crafternoon!

TEEN NIGHT for Grades 8-12

Drop-in. \$5/per teen

@ The Raven Room at the school

Friday, 16th

School Parking Lot – Reserved for Bus and Staff

Methods of Communication

At Hornby Island Community School, we know that communication between school and home is of great importance to a child's success at school. School staff share information frequently through the following pathways:

Monthly School Calendar Update: shows upcoming events and celebrates past successes and student recognition. The calendar is updated in weekly notices and posted on our school website.

Weekly Newsletter: sent out by email every Thursday to parents and staff. We also post the notice on our school website. Please be sure to check your email every Thursday to keep informed about important events and announcements.

Student Planners: classroom teachers and EA's support students in recording important information daily.

Allergy/Health Alerts

Please be aware we have students with allergies/sensitivities to specific foods. Students are not to share their lunches with others.

HICS is scent free. For the comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfumes and oils in our school building.

Use of School Facilities

Priority for school facility bookings outside of school hours are given to those organizations providing programming to children/youth. Our Gymnasium and Raven Room spaces can be booked by community groups. These bookings will now be made online through the SD71 website. Please book far in advance. Call the school for more information.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning together with you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have.

School District #71 Emergency Plans

First Aid Attendants onsite are Charmaine Logan and Florette Maclean.

Please familiarize yourself with our school district's emergency plans so you know what to expect if we are faced with an issue. <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SchoolEmergencyProgramFeb2020.pdf>