

| Monday, Nov 21 | Tuesday, Nov 22 | Wed. Nov 23 | Thurs. Nov 24 |
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| Muffin Monday! | Margot (School Counsellor) AM | Library Book Exchange Day | Matt (Arts) - AM |
| | Kate (LST) | Vanier students in the Raven Room | |
| | Matt (Arts)- PM | Sandy (SLP) | |
| | Pre-School Storytime 11:15am | All day | |

Judi's note to families...

I hope you had a good week. It was wonderful for teachers to meet with parents and students yesterday for Parent-Teacher Interviews. If you were not able to make it yesterday, please be sure to contact your child's teacher to schedule another time. Sara Wolfe, from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, did a presentation for the Green Bees (Gr. 5-7 class) on Wednesday. She also set up our aquarium where Coho eggs will be deposited in the new year. Students are looking forward to dissecting salmon and doing some printmaking. The Blue Squad (K/1 class) visited the Natural History Museum on Monday and buddied up with the older students for some Buddy Reading time. A busy time is approaching, and everyone is getting excited about preparing for the Winter Concert on Dec. 7. Be sure to mark the date on your calendars. Have an enjoyable weekend!

School Parking Lot – Reserved for Bus and Staff

PIZZA Days are back! November 30th and December 14th

We will be offering a Pizza lunch on 2 Wednesdays before the Winter Break. No pre-order or payment needed for these 2 hot lunches. Hornby Island Bakery and Pizzeria will be making the

students a variety of Pizzas including spinach and cheese, pepperoni and cheese, and plain cheese.

Save the Dates:

- PAC Winter Faire December 3, 2022
- Winter Concert December 7, 2022 @ The Community Hall, 6:30 pm

AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/a%cc%b1mlala-sak%cc%b1%cc%93umux%cc%b1se/

Am'lala sa Kumuxse' 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 Kumuxse' 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.



<u>Child, Youth and Community School Programs</u> Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator <u>hies.childyouth@gmail.com</u>

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

| PARENT/ADULT VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR Friday Club Day Nov. 18! |
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| FRIDAY CLUB DAY Friday Nov. 18. 2022 |
| 9:30am-12pm for grades K-7 |
| @ Room to Grow. |
| Drop in program. \$5/per child. |
| TEEN NIGHT for grades 8-12. |
| Drop- in. \$5/per teen |
| @ The Ravens Room at the school. |

Friday's Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 16.

HORNBY RECREATION

Afterschool Soccer Grades 3-7 Thursdays Oct. 6-Nov. 24, 2022 Parent volunteers are needed to assist Coach Jonattan on the field on Thursdays & To register or volunteer please email hornbyrecreation@gmail.com.

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. <u>https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2020/12/SchoolEmergencyProgramFeb2020.pdf</u>

School Closures, Power Outages, Ferry Cancellations

Our procedures for power outages and ferry cancellations may affect regular operations of our school. If the power is out before school starts, the Principal/Vice Principal will contact the School District to decide on closing the school. If the school is to be closed, we will begin the emergency phone tree callouts. **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.** If there is an issue with our generator, 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 <u>VERY</u> 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 callouts happen early in the morning.

If there are power outages, we may not get through to your phone line so please be sure to listen to the local radio stations at 97.3 The Eagle and/or 98.9 The Goat. If you can, check the School District website for notices on school closures at: <u>https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/</u>. Closures are usually announced by 6:30 AM.

Please note that the 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 school year, please notify the school as soon as possible so we can update our system.