



Monday, Nov 28	Tuesday, Nov 29	Wed. Nov 30	Thurs. Dec 1
Muffin Monday!  Ashley (Teacher Librarian)	Margot (School Counsellor) AM  Kate (LST)  Matt (Arts)- PM  <b>Pre-School Storytime</b> <b>11:15am</b>	<b>Pizza and Pajama's</b>  <b>Recognition Assembly</b>  Library Book Exchange Day  Vanier students in the Raven Room	Matt (Arts) - AM  <b>Winter Faire on Saturday, Dec. 3</b> <b>11 am-1 pm</b> <b>(set up at 10:30)</b>

### Judi's note to families...

Hi everyone. It's been a fairly quiet week around the school, as many staff and students have been away due to illness. I hope you are all taking extra care to stay happy and healthy as we gear up for the holiday season.

To add some excitement to these November dreary days, we will hold a Pizza and Pajamas Day next Wednesday, Nov. 30th. Students will wear pj's, bring their favourite stuffy and/or blanket, and enjoy pizza provided by the school and PAC. That day we will also hold our monthly Recognition Assembly where we will recognize students from each class for the hard work and effort they've been making this term.

Students are enthusiastic about the Winter Faire on December 3rd and the evening concert on Dec.7th. The planning and preparations have stirred up some positive energy around the school!

I wish you all a very restful weekend.

## School Parking Lot – Reserved for Bus and Staff

### PIZZA Days are back! November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>

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.

### Awesome Tea Towels with Student Self Portraits (PAC Fundraiser)

This will be our 7th year of creating for the tea towel project! Each child draws a self portrait and then we create a group collage of the images to print onto tea towels and other materials (e.g. cards/posters) Because this is a fundraiser based on children's art, we will require parental consent to carry out the project.

- **What are we fundraising for?** Field trips and special events or any items needed by the teaching staff
- **What will the kids do?** Make a self portrait then the self portraits will be scanned and printed onto tea towels for sale for Christmas/Holiday etc. gifts.
- **Who?** Jules Platt has taken the lead on this (Thank you Jules!) Wachiay Studio in Courtenay will be printing the tea towels. Contact: [julesplatt@gmail.com](mailto:julesplatt@gmail.com) or [judith.ayers@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:judith.ayers@sd71.bc.ca) with any questions you may have.
- **When?** Submit forms to school office **no later than Thursday, Dec 1** so we can get images scanned and ready to be sent to the printer!

**Forms are sent home today in backpacks, also attached to this weekly news email.**

### Save the Dates:

- **Winter Concert – December 7, 2022 @ The Community Hall, 6:30 pm**

### AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

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

**[hies.childyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hies.childyouth@gmail.com)**

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

**FRIDAY CLUB DAY Friday Nov. 25 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 Dec. 2, 16.**

**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>

### 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 **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 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: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>. 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.