



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

Monday, Nov 7	Tuesday, Nov 8	Wed. Nov 9	Thurs. Nov 10
Natural History Center Field Trip (all classes) Muffins!	Earthquake Drill 11:55am Margot (School Counsellor) AM Kate (LST) Matt (Arts)- PM Pre-School Storytime 11:15am	Library Book Exchange Day Vanier students in the Raven Room Sandy (SLP) PAC Meeting 3:45pm	Matt (Arts) - AM Ashley (Teacher-Librarian) Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am

Judi's note to families...

Hello again and Happy November! We all survived the Halloween Celebrations! Our costume parade and afternoon stations were a success. It was a delight to see all the smiling faces. The Green Bees (Grade 5-7 class) trekked out to Helliwell on Thursday afternoon to work in collaboration with the Natural History Center and BC Parks staff to do their annual planting and the Blue Crew (K/1's) went on their community walk to the Big Tree. Heather joined classes on Wednesday to teach the younger students about the Three Sisters Garden which they will be planting in the Hornby Island Community Garden. With the intermediate class, she demonstrated a salmon dissection and cooked the salmon for the class to sample. The fish were donated by Cory Frank, from the K'omoks Nation. Overall, it was another productive week!

INDOOR SHOES - Please ensure your child has indoor shoes that remain at school. Now that the wet weather has arrived, it's important for students to have clean shoes to wear inside the school during the day. In addition, we have recently had our gymnasium floor

resurfaced and it's important that we protect it. We realize that multiple pairs of shoes can be expensive. Please let Judi know if the school can support you if this is unaffordable.

PAINT SHIRTS — Please provide your child with a paint shirt to be worn over their clothing during Art projects. An old, large, button-up, men's shirt works great for this purpose. Perhaps one could be found in the free store.

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS: Please complete **The Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ)**, online. Please let Judi know if you have any questions about the survey or if you haven't received an invitation.

Natural History Centre walking field trips for all 3 classes

On Monday November 7th, each of the classes will be walking over to spend some time with the Natural History Stewards in the centre located in the Modular school by the pre-school.

Walking field trip permission forms were submitted at the beginning of the year allowing students to take part in this nearby activity. If you are wanting to make any changes to the consent granted please let us know.

PAC Meeting Nov 9th at 3:45pm

Remembrance Day Assembly – Thursday, November 10th

Students and staff will gather at 10:45am in the Gymnasium to recognise the contributions of Canadian Veterans and pay tribute to the freedom that we enjoy as a result of their sacrifices. Families are welcome to join us for the assembly.

Parent Teacher Conferences – Nov 17, 2022 - no classes

We will be scheduling each family to have 15 minutes with each of their children's teachers on Nov 17th, 2022. Please watch for emails from the office or teachers and respond promptly to secure a time that works for your family. We hope you will have time in your day to visit the classroom and discuss your child's learning so far this year.

Save the Dates:

- **PAC Winter Faire - December 3, 2022**

- **Winter Concert – December 7, 2022**

AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/a%cc%b1mlala-sa-k%cc%b1%cc%93umux%cc%b1se/>

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

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. 4, 2022

9:30am-12pm for grades K-7

@ Room to Grow.

Drop in program. \$5/per child.

We need adult volunteers for Friday Club Days in November.

CHECK OUT THE LINK!! volunteers needed!!!!

Volunteers are needed for Friday Club Day. Check out the link and see if you can help out on a Friday:

<https://calendly.com/fridayclubday/friday-club-day>

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. <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.