



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

Monday, Oct 17	Tuesday, Oct 18	Wed. Oct 19	Thurs. Oct 20
Fire Drill	Margot (School Counsellor) AM  Kate (LST)  Matt (Arts)- PM  <b>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</b>	Youth Squad – Gr 6/7  Vanier students in the Raven Room  Sandy (SLP)  <b>Please register in advance with Britt.hanson@sd71.bc.ca</b>	Matt (Arts) - AM  Ashley (Teacher-Librarian)

**Judi’s note to families...**

I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving weekend with friends and family. It made for a quick week, but a busy week filled with learning. We’ve had many visitors to the school over the past two weeks, working with students to support teachers in meeting the individual needs of students (i.e., technology, Speech and Language, etc.). I appreciate your patience while we resolve our Educational Assistant (EA) shortage. We’re looking forward to having the support of three full-time EA’s soon.

It’s been exciting to see so many students taking on extra responsibilities around the school. For example, we now have Grade 7 Office monitors who relieve Charmaine for lunch and grade 6/7 students who make morning announcements over our PA system. Grade 2-4 students have been assigned various jobs that involve tasks that foster

responsibility, independence and self-confidence. It has been wonderful to observe their sense of pride. Miss Myles' K/1 class has made huge progress in learning the rules and expectations of the classroom and school and have even been venturing out on community walks. As we head further into Fall, we are looking forward to celebrating Halloween and hope parents will pop in to check out some of the work that students have on display. Have a fabulous weekend!

**The Foundation Skills Assessment** is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the ministry with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy. Assessments will be administered between October 11 and 27th.

**TO PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:** This is a reminder to parents of Kindergarten students to 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.

**Next PAC Meeting Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, @3:45pm**

**New Bus Schedule – started on Monday Oct 3rd**

Please be at the bus stop 5 to 10 minutes early as the schedule times may slightly from day to day

Bus Stop	AM
Cannon Rd	7:45
Cowie/Gunpowder	7:46
Gunpowder Rd	7:48
Up Slade Road	7:51
Top of Strachan Rd	8:05
Bond Road	8:14
8155 Central	8:18
Kirk and Chungranis	8:20
Harby Rd	8:22
Bottom of Jerow Rd	8:25
Seawright Rd	8:27
5525 Central Rd	8:28
5500 Central Rd	8:29

**ARRIVES at school 8:30am**

Bus Stop	PM
Gunpowder Rd	3:43
Cowie and Gunpowder	3:44
Cannon and Gunpowder	3:45
Cannon Crescent	3:46
Carmicheal and Cowie	3:47
5500 Central Road	3:50
5525 Central Rd	3:51
Central and Slade	3:55
Seawright Rd	3:57
Bottom of Jerow Road	4:00
Sandpiper and Harby	4:02
Sandpiper and Arthurs	4:03
Strachan Rd	4:10
Bond Road	4:17
8155 Central	4:20

St. Johns Pt Rd and Gurney	4:25
1080 Central Road	4:33
3300 Shingle Spit Road	4:35
Bottom of Mount Road	4:38
Ferry Terminal	4:40

**ARRIVES at Ferry 4:40pm**

## **Cross Country Running for Gr 5-7 Students**

Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> - practice from 3:40-4:15pm

Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> - RACE IN TOWN (parent drivers)

Parents are responsible for taking their kids to races and supervising. Please ensure your child has a t-shirt, shorts, running shoes and a water bottle. We will be taking trails around the school for practices.

If you have any questions please call or text me at 250-897-5556 or email me at [britt.hanson@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:britt.hanson@sd71.bc.ca)

## **No Horses Festival – October 22**

On Saturday October 22 there will be an opportunity for Hornby School children to perform and collaborate with some of the musicians coming up for the annual No Horses Music Festival. If your child is interested contact Matt O'Donnell at [matt.odonnell@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:matt.odonnell@sd71.bc.ca)

## **School Photos October 25<sup>th</sup> – AM**

Lifetouch photographer will be onsite first thing in the morning. All students will have their individual photos taken. No action is required by you until the proofs come in. Lifetouch will send the proofs to the school, then once you have those you will have a website and id number to order photos online. There is also an option to send your order into the school at that time. Unfortunately due to the remote location of our school, Lifetouch is no longer be coming back in the spring to do class or whole school photos.

## **Halloween Family Pumpkin Carving – October 27<sup>th</sup> in the AM**

We are getting back one of our lost traditions this Halloween. Families are invited to attend and carve a pumpkin in the gym with their children attending the school. Please bring your own pumpkin as well as carving tools. The floor will be covered with plastic, but bring a container if you want to save your pumpkin seeds. More info to follow next week.

## **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.

### **FREE Neuro Emotional Literacy Program starts Oct 19**

See the attached poster for more information



### **Child, Youth and Community School Programs**

#### **OCTOBER programs-Costume Creations**

grades 4-7 Tuesdays Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25  
grades K-3 Wednesdays Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

#### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER programs- Japanese Culture**

grades 3-7 Tuesdays Nov. 1, 8, 15  
grades K-2 Thursdays Nov. 3, 10, 17

#### **Marimba**

grades 5-7 Wednesdays Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7

#### **Holiday Jars**

**grades 2-4 Tuesdays Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6**

#### **Lantern Making**

grades K-1 Mondays Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5

#### **Holiday Crafternoons**

**Grades 3-7 Tuesday Dec. 13**  
Grades K-2 Wednesday Dec. 14

**REGISTER NOW. EMAIL:**

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

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

**Friday CClub Day; tentative start date Oct. 21 2022.**

**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>

## **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](mailto: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.