



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

Monday, Oct 24	Tuesday, Oct 25	Wed. Oct 26	Thurs. Oct 27
Muffins!	<p>SCHOOL PHOTOS</p> <p>Margot (School Counsellor) AM</p> <p>Kate (LST)</p> <p>Matt (Arts)- PM</p> <p>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</p>	<p>Youth Squad – Gr 6/7</p> <p>Vanier students in the Raven Room</p> <p>Sandy (SLP)</p>	<p>Family Pumpkin Carving event in the gym – 9:30am</p> <p>Matt (Arts) - AM</p> <p>Ashley (Teacher-Librarian)</p>

[Judi’s note to families...](#)

This week, students continued developing positive relationships and making connections. Having a sense of belonging is essential for student success and the staff have been working very hard to create a caring and supportive environment. Classes have been engaged in a variety of activities that foster acceptance and responsibility. Training for cross-country running continued. Students are looking forward to putting all their hard work to the test at the next meet held in town. The weather has been conducive to outdoor learning, and teachers are taking advantage of it while it lasts. Early primary students have been enjoying regular community walks and students are enjoying outdoor games, including Hopscotch, Tetherball, and Four Square. This weekend, some of our students will play the marimbas at the No Horses Music Festival at the Community Hall. Be sure to check it out! Finally, the excitement around Halloween is building and next Thursday our family Pumpkin Carving event will be held in the gymnasium. These are exciting times! Have a great weekend, everyone!

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.

No Horses Festival – October 22

On Saturday, October 22nd, the Hornby School children will perform and collaborate with some of the musicians coming up for the annual No Horses Music Festival. Set -up is at 2pm, and the performance is from 3 to 3:30pm. Parents will bring their children to the hall to participate. There were forms sent home to indicate interest. The children have complimentary entry to all shows of the Festival, and parents can attend the children's show by donation. Any further questions or concerns contact Matt O'Donnell at matt.odonnell@sd71.bc.ca

School Photos October 25th – AM

A Lifetouch photographer will be on-site 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 27th 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. We ask that power drills not be used at the school. The floor will be covered with plastic. If you can bring a tarp that would be helpful. If you want to save your pumpkin seeds, be sure to bring a container..

Save The Dates

- **Halloween Festivities - October 31**
- **Next PAC Meeting - Wednesday, November 9th, @3:45pm**
- **Remembrance Day Assembly - Thursday November 10th at 1045 am**
- **Student Led Conferences – Nov 17, 2022 - no classes**
- **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

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

CHECK OUT THE LINK!! Volunteers Needed!!!!

Friday Club Day; tentative start date Oct. 21, 2022.
Volunteers are needed for Friday Club Day. Check out the link and see if you can help 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.

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.