



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

Monday, Oct 31	Tuesday, Nov 1	Wed. Nov 2	Thurs. Nov 3
<b>Halloween Costume parade at 9am</b> <b>Parents are welcome to watch</b>  Activities and snacks at 1:00pm  Muffins!	Margot (School Counsellor) AM  Kate (LST)  Matt (Arts)- PM  <b>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</b>	Library Book Exchange Day  Vanier students in the Raven Room  Sandy (SLP)  Heather is here (Indigenous Ed)	Matt (Arts) - AM  Ashley (Teacher-Librarian)

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

Another busy week has flown by! It's hard to believe next week we'll be into November, already. We had our very first Recognition Assembly on Wednesday and students from each of the three classes were selected by their teachers to be acknowledged with a certificate. Shout Out prizes were also drawn for a few students in each class. These students were some of many who received a Shout Out ticket for being caught in the act of doing something positive around the school (kindness, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.). It was also an opportunity for students to share their learning. The Dream Team presented a reminder of the qualities we strive for as learners (creativity, courage, strategy, etc.). Ava, in Grade 6 presented a PowerPoint on her family trip to the Chilcotin, in September. Congratulations, everyone!

This morning was the Family and Friends Pumpkin Carving Event. We had a great turnout. Thank you for making this such a success! The students and staff had a lot of fun and we ended up with some amazing-looking Jack o' lanterns.

It looks and feels as though typical October weather has arrived. Please remind your children to come to school prepared for wet and muddy weather (rain boots, coat, hat). They will continue to do some of their learning outdoors so it will be important to be comfortable and to stay as dry as possible.

Next Thursday, the Green Bees (the hardworking and collaborative individuals in Grades 5-7) will be heading to Helliwell Park to do their annual planting in collaboration with the Natural History Centre and BC Parks. It can be quite chilly there at this time of year because of the exposure, so please make sure your child is prepared.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and stay safe while enjoying the Halloween celebrations!

**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.

## **Halloween Festivities**

**There will be a costume parade at 9am Families are welcome to come and watch the parade**

In the afternoon students will participate in gym games, Halloween crafts and a movie. Students are welcome to wear their costumes throughout the day provided it is comfortable, and they will be able to learn and participate in regular school activities. Please be mindful about sending students in appropriate costumes for an inclusive learning environment, weapons are not permitted.

## **Helliwell Park Restoration Planting Field Trip for Gr. 5-7**

Forms will be sent home on Monday, and will need to be returned by Wednesday.

**Supervising Adults:** Judi Ayers (Classroom Teacher), Jules Platt (EA), Natural History Stewards, BC Parks representatives, Parent Volunteers

**Destination and Nature of Activity:** Annual restorative planting session at Helliwell Park

**Transportation: First Student bus charters.** Our Hornby school bus will transport students and teachers to and from Helliwell Park.

**Educational Objectives:** Environmental Outdoor Learning, Place Based Learning, Social Responsibility, Science

**Possible Risks:** injury consistent with risks of being outside (e.g. trip/fall, trees/branches, etc.). Injuries resulting from motor vehicle incidents (parking lot/accident/etc.)

**Travel Itinerary:**

12:45pm – Board the bus at the Hornby Island Community School

1pm - Arrive at the parking lot at Helliwell Park, walk to the restoration site with supervisors  
3pm – Board the bus at Helliwell Park  
3:15pm – Arrive at the school in time for dismissal  
**If during instructional hours, alternate activity provided for non-participating students:**  
Remaining at school with primediate group.

## Save the Dates:

- **Next PAC Meeting - Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, @3:45pm**
- **Remembrance Day Assembly - Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am**
- **Parent Teacher 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](mailto: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](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.