



Monday, Jan 9	Tuesday, Jan 10	Wed. Jan 11	Thurs. Jan 12
Muffin Monday! Ashley (Teacher-Librarian)	Margot (School Counsellor) AM Kate (LST) Matt (Arts)- PM Pre-School Storytime 11:15am	Library Book Exchange Day Vanier students in the Raven Room PAC Meeting 3:45pm	Western theme day Dress in western wear if you wish Matt (Arts) - AM

Judi's note to families...

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful break with family and friends. It was so nice to see almost full attendance this week and to welcome 3 new students to our school.

We have several exciting learning opportunities coming up in January. We will be celebrating Family Literacy Week by participating in the Chocolate Lily Book Awards event, organized by our Teacher-Librarian, Ashley, and a school-wide Great Big Buddy Read, facilitated by Jennevieve McRae-King. Others include The Sentinals Project, theatre workshops provided by Andrea Kablack, and collaborative work with the Natural History Museum.

Please be sure to call the Office to let Charmaine know if your child will be absent. Also, be reminded of the importance of having your child arrive at school on time in the morning.

If your child is registered to take the bus home, please let the Office know in advance if your plans have changed. If this isn't possible, please inform Florette at the end of the day that you are picking up your child so she can remove their name from the bus list. This is in the best interest of your child's well-being safety.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone. Stay safe and healthy!

School Parking Lot – Reserved for Bus and Staff

It's time for Kindergarten Registration at Hornby Island Community School

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) will be enrolling Kindergarten students (Neighbourhood, French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous, Fine Arts and eClasses) in district schools for attendance in September 2023.

To be eligible for enrolment in September 2023, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2023. Each child's birth certificate and proof of address must be uploaded or presented at time of registration. Care Cards will not be accepted as proof of birth, but we need the Care Card number on the registration form. A Passport or Landed Immigrant authorization are suitable forms of documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

NEIGHBOURHOOD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: All our Kindergarten classes are full-day programs. Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood catchment school using the online registration page -

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration/> beginning on January 16th, 2023.

While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having space available.

Registration Process

Our classes are 4 full-day multi-age programs. Parents are asked to register their children by February 15, 2023. Please register as soon as possible to help with planning for next year eg. class formation, staffing etc.

Bus Transportation

If you live in an area where busing is provided, please complete a Bus Transportation Registration Form which is located at www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/studenttransportation. All students travelling on School District No. 71 school buses must carry a bus pass. There will be a Welcome to Kindergarten session at the school in the Spring to start the transition process. An invitation will be sent out once details are confirmed. We look forward to welcoming your child to the Hornby Island Community School and learning together!

For questions about Kindergarten in School District 71, please see the FAQ's on the district website -- contact the individual school staff, Judith Ayers - Vice Principal or Kayla Myles - Kindergarten teacher, or email kindergartenreg@sd71.bc.ca.

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

Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! 🎉

⚽ **SOC CER grades K-1 starts Monday Jan. 9th with Britt and Casey.**

🌿 **YOGA grades 4-7 starts Monday Jan. 9th with Nina and Jade.**

Make sure to check out our afterschool programs for January-March. Things are filling up already! There are program calendars for your fridge inside the school by the water fountain.

We are reaching out to the community!

HIES is currently looking to hire an Afterschool Program Assistant, as well as a Friday Club Day/Teen Night Facilitator. Please watch out for the ad in the Hornby Tribune next week or contact Jade for more details. Please share this with any adults who could be suited for these positions.

Thank you.

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.