



# HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 30	Tuesday, Jan 31	Wed. Feb 1	Thurs. Feb 2
<p>Muffin Monday!</p> <p>Ashley (Teacher-Librarian)</p>	<p><b>Soup and Salad Lunch</b></p> <p>Kate (LST)</p> <p>Margot (School Counsellor) AM</p> <p>Matt (Arts)- PM</p> <p><b>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</b></p>	<p><b>Hot Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Caesar wraps from Sizzle</b></p> <p>Library Book Exchange Day</p> <p>Sandy (SLP)</p> <p>Vanier students Raven Room</p>	<p>Matt (Arts) - AM</p>

## Judi's note to families...

Hello Hornby families. We had a few exciting events happening this week. At our Recognition Assembly, students from each class were recognized for their achievements and for making positive choices while at school. Students shared their learning, and everyone joined together to have a 'Just Dance' session in the gym afterwards. Sarah from Stream 2 Sea did a presentation for all the students before releasing our salmon eggs into the tank. There was much excitement! We ended the week with Family Literacy Day. Jennivieve McRae-King, Literacy Outreach Coordinator for HIES, facilitated several activities to celebrate throughout the day including, the school-wide Great Big Buddy Read. Students also participated in a Library

Scavenger Hunt, bookmark and button making stations, literacy-themed Phys.Ed. games and book readings from several members of the Hornby Island community. So many amazing things are happening at our school that wouldn't have been possible without the support and enthusiasm of our parents and staff. From Hot Lunches and Pre-School library visits to co-teaching with the Natural History Centre staff and community walkabouts, it's wonderful to see everyone come together to make things happen for our students. I'm so proud to be a part of such a wonderful community!

## **NEW Hornby Island Community School Vision and Values**

Before the Winter Break, staff and members of the PAC finalized the school's new Vision and Values statement, as follows:

*A caring and inclusive learning environment, built on positive relationships, where students are empowered to take on challenges and grow to their full potential.*

*As a community school, we value taking care of ourselves, others, and our place. We believe that by fostering a sense of belonging, independence, mastery and generosity, our learners will have the skills to be successful in the world, both today and in the future.*

### **This Weekend!!! Sentinels of Change – January 29<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to register - Please email [hieslifelonglearning@gmail.com](mailto:hieslifelonglearning@gmail.com) to register and ensure you are on the list for the Zoom link.

Suggested donation for this talk is \$6. You can do e-transfer using [hieslifelonglearning@gmail.com](mailto:hieslifelonglearning@gmail.com) or leave a cheque or cash at the Free Post in an envelope marked HIES LLL Talk series.

'Sentinels of Change' is a citizen science project that operated on Hornby for the first time in 2022.

Amanda Zielinski of Hornby Island Diving Ltd. was the local coordinator. Conservancy Hornby Island and the Hornby Island Natural History Centre provided volunteers. We also hosted volunteers from the Hornby Island Community School Grade 5-7 Class. We monitored a plankton trap that was located at Ford Cove, three times per week from April - September. We observed Dungeness crab larvae, and many other species. Hornby was one of 25 communities that participated in monitoring, throughout the Salish Sea. The project is planned to continue for 10 years (at least). Join us on Jan 29 to hear Heather Earle of the Hakai Institute speak about the project.

Sentinels of Change is an initiative driven by communities and scientists from across the Salish Sea. Led by the Hakai Institute, this project uses light traps to investigate the dynamics and patterns of larval Dungeness crab arrival and recruitment in our inland sea. Heather Earle is a marine ecologist with the Hakai Institute and leads the Sentinels of Change Project. She lives in unceded Kómoks territory, in the village of Cumberland. Heather will give an overview of the project, including the importance of monitoring larval Dungeness, highlights from the 2022 inaugural season, and what's next for the

project.

Website: <https://sentinels.hakai.org>

Sister network website: <https://pnwcrab.com>

Contact: [heather.earle@hakai.org](mailto:heather.earle@hakai.org)

## **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](http://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](mailto: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

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

⚽ **SOCCER grades K-1 LAST SOCCER MONDAY JAN.30TH with Britt and Casey.**

🧘 **YOGA grades 4-7 Monday Jan 30. tentative make up date Monday Feb.6. with Nina**

🏀 **BASKETBALL Wednesdays Jan.18-Feb.22 with coach Silas.**

🍳 **COOKING gr 2-4 Starts Tuesday Jan. 31 with Jade.**

### **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 email [hies.childyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hies.childyouth@gmail.com) for more info & 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.