



Monday, Feb 13	Tuesday, Feb 14	Wed. Feb 15	Thurs. Feb 16
Muffin Monday! Ashley (Teacher-Librarian)	Soup and Salad Lunch Valentine's Day Celebrations Kate (LST) Margot (School Counsellor) AM Matt (Arts)- PM Pre-School Storytime 11:15am	Hot Lunch Pizza Library Book Exchange Day Sandy (SLP) AM Vanier students Raven Room Matt (Arts) - AM (this week only)	Valentine's Dance 5-7 pm

Judi's note to families... Hello families. Learning is back in full swing, but unfortunately, there has been a lot of illness over the past couple of weeks so be sure to look after yourselves. It's Care to be Kind month and students have been making an extra effort to be kind to one other and acknowledge those who are showing kindness towards them. February is Black History Month. It's an opportunity for students to learn about the history and achievements that Black Canadians have made and continue to make to our country. The school's Jump Rope for Heart event is coming up on February 21st. In preparation, students are practicing their skipping skills and learning the importance of cardiovascular health. They will be collecting donations for the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation. Everyone is excited to

participate in the school-wide Valentine's Day celebrations on the 14th and we hope to see families at the Dance from 5-7 pm Thursday, February 16th. Have a fabulous weekend!

Black History Month

As a part of Black History Month, Matt is working on the 12-bar Blues in Music. Any parents who are interested in joining the students in playing through the Blues are welcome to join their classes. The 12-bar Blues is a straightforward form that allows for interplay between the group and soloists. It is a song-form that can be played by both novices and professionals, in which new ideas and expressions continue to be discovered. Contact Matt if this is something you are interested in. matt.odonnell@sd71.bc.ca.

Jump Rope for Heart

The school's Jump Rope for Heart event is coming up on February 21st. Students are discovering fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learning about helping others while raising money to help beat heart disease and stroke. Donations for the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation will be accepted on the day of the event.

Student-Led Conferences

What?: A meeting with a student and their family during which the student shares their portfolio of work and discusses their progress. The student facilitates the meeting from start to finish.

Why? When students reflect on their experience in school, celebrate strengths, and identify areas for growth with adults who care about them, they take ownership of their learning and are more likely to stay on track. They are also more likely to care deeply about the quality of their work if they know they will be sharing it with their families.

When? March 15, between 9:00 and 4:00 (each family will schedule a 30-minute conference). This will be a non-instructional day which means students will only attend school for the duration of their conference.

If you have any questions about the Student-Led Conferences, please feel free to contact Judi.

Summaries of Learning: To be sent home on March 22nd

Valentine's Day Bake Sale @ The Co-op Porch.

**Bakers needed! The bake sale is to raise funds for our student's field trips.
We need bakers to bake and donate treats for the bake sale at the Co-op Porch**

Tuesday Feb. 14 8am-12pm.

Baked goods can be dropped off Tuesday morning at the Co-op or LIX. Please spread the word and to any community members who would be interested in donated a baked good!

If you can bake, please contact Britt: bhanson374@gmail.com

VALENTINES DANCE FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL!

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023 @ The school gym

5-7pm ALL STUDENTS WELCOME! pizza, snacks, and games!

Please make sure your child(s) are supervised by an adult if you cannot attend.

Reminder: School Parking Lot is 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 FAQs 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 K'UMUXSE'

<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

- **BASKETBALL Wednesdays, Jan.18-Feb.22 with coach Silas**
- **COOKING Gr. 2-4 NEW DATE! last session is February 14, 2023 3:35-4:35pm**
 - **COOKING Gr. K-1 NEW DATES!**
Tuesday Feb.28, Wednesday Mar.1, Mar 8. 3:35-4:35pm.
- **DISCOVER CRYSTALS Gr. 2-4. Monday feb.13, Feb, 27 and a make-up date TBA.**

HORNBY RECREATION SKI DAY!!

**February 24, 2023. Register now. Email recreation@hirra.ca
this ski day is a community event and not affiliated with the school.**

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.