




HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 20	Tuesday, Feb 21	Wed. Feb 22	Thurs. Feb 23
<p>Family Day No School</p>	<p>Soup and Salad Lunch</p> <p>Sentinels of Change Presentation Gr 5-7 Class</p> <p>Jump Rope for </p> <p>Kate (LST)</p> <p>Margot (School Counsellor) AM</p> <p>Matt (Arts)- PM</p> <p>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</p>	<p>Hot Lunch Baked Potatoes</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day</p> <p>Library Book Exchange Day</p> <p>Sandy (SLP) AM</p> <p>Vanier students Raven Room</p>	<p>Matt (Arts) - AM</p>

Judi's note to families...

It was another action-packed week at HICS this week. Our salmon eggs started to hatch, and students were keeping a close eye on their development throughout the week. Valentine's Day was full of excitement; games, crafts and a school-wide buddy read were enjoyed by everyone. Heather, our Indigenous Cultural Presenter, spent the day working with classes on Wednesday working on wampum belts (Gr. 2-4), fish prints and dissections (Gr. 5-7), and singing, drumming and art (K/1). It was inspiring to see students engaged in such meaningful learning. Our Soup &

Salad and Hot Lunches continue to be popular. Some students have even volunteered to help prepare and serve the food. The Valentine's Dance was a great way to finish off the week. I would like to acknowledge the students and PAC who helped to organize and facilitate this special event. Also, thank you to the parents who contributed to the Valentine Bake Sale at the Co-op, by donating and selling baked goods. The proceeds will help pay for upcoming school field trips, this Spring. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Find out more about why we wear Pink Shirts

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about>

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.

Co-op Gift cards for families

SD71 has allocated funds to the Hornby Island Community School families to assist with the rising cost of groceries. The Community Kitchen has agreed to distribute these funds to SD71 families. We have arranged for Co-op gift cards to be distributed. If you would like to receive a gift card, please do the following:

Complete the form sent home with students today and return it to the school office by February 25, 2023.

OR

send an email to kitchenhies@gmail.com with a subject line, GIFT CARD. Please include your family name and the parent to whom the gift card will be assigned. Please respond by February 25 to qualify.

Cards will be distributed through the school office at the end of February 2023.

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

Reminder: School Parking Lot is Reserved for Bus and Staff

AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/a%cc%b1mlala-sa->

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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

- **LAST BASKETBALL this Wednesday Feb.22.**

- **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.**

NO FRIDAY CLUB DAY IN FEBRUARY.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, we are working towards getting it going in March. Stay tuned for dates.

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.