



Monday, Feb 27	Tuesday, Feb 28	Wed. Mar 1	Thurs. Mar 2
<p>Muffins</p> <p>Ashley (TL)</p>	<p>Soup and Salad Lunch</p> <p>Recognition Assembly</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 Rice Balls</p> <p>Crazy Hair 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...

Just when we thought Winter was over, Mother Nature gave us a dusting of snow. The children never seem to tire of the white stuff! I hope everyone had a restful long weekend. Although it was a short school week, there was no shortage of activity. The Jump Rope for Heart event was a success. Special thanks go out to the teachers who organized a variety of stations designed to increase heart rates while having loads of fun! Students managed to raise \$ in donations for the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you, families, for your support. Intermediate students took part in a presentation by the Hakai Institute to learn about the data they collected on Dungeness crab larvae last year at Ford Cove. Discussions about this year's research took place and we are excited that all K-7 students will have the opportunity to be

involved in the study this year. To help bring awareness to the Pink Shirt Day anti-bullying campaign, Grade 2-7 students attended a virtual author visit from Indigenous author, Teoni Spathelfer. She shared readings and teachings from her book, Little Wolf, and discussed how her personal experiences of being bullied for her Indigenous culture, inspired her to write this story. The District Spelling Bee will be held March 16th. Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming class and school Spelling Bee competitions happening soon!

Winter Clothing

Please support your child by ensuring they come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Many students are not dressed for Winter and need to be reminded the importance of dressing accordingly. We have been asking those students to wear the school rain jackets to provide an additional layer, but a proper winter coat would be more suitable.

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.

Co-op Gift cards for families – Deadline this Saturday

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:

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.

Field Trip WIP/Art Gallery - Whole School - Thursday, March 9th, 2023

Consent package will be sent home on Monday Feb 27th. Please return by Monday Mar 6th.

Field Trip Itinerary:

- 7:45am Meet at Shingle Spit Ferry Terminal: Students and supervisors board the school bus
- 8am: Ferry departs
- 9am: Arrive on Vancouver Island
- 9:20am: Group 1 drop off at WIP climbing gym and get geared up and have a snack
- 9:30 – 10:30: Group 1 Climbing activities

- 9:30: Group 2 drop off at Comox Art Gallery
- 9:45 – 10:45: Group 2 Art Gallery programming
- 10:45: Group 2 Board the bus and travel to Art Gallery
- 10:45 -11:45: Lunch in the art gallery plaza and board room
- o 11:30: Group 2 Board the bus and travel to WIP
- o 11:45 – 1pm Group 2 WIP Programming
- o 11:45 – 12:45 Group 1 Art gallery programming
- 1pm: Group 1 board bus at Art Gallery
- 1:15: Group 2 board bus at WIP
- 1:30 Depart for 2pm ferry back to Hornby
- 3:10pm: Arrive at school for student pick-up and regular bus route home

Supervision Adults: Judi Ayers, Casey Doss, Kayla Myles, Jules Platt, Alia Zimmer, Jala Klone

Transportation: School Bus, BC Ferries

Food: Snacks and lunch to be provided, please send a water bottle

Clothing: Please send students in suitable comfortable clothing (leggings/sweatpants)

Cost: \$0 Transportation, lunch, snacks, and activities will be paid by the School/PAC

There is not an alternate activity provided for non-participating students. All Hornby students and teachers will be on the Field trip.

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 30–45-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

Upcoming Field Trips – Save the dates

Mar 9 – Whole school to Courtenay - WIP climbing Gym and Art Gallery

April 20 – Whole school to Campbell River – K-3 Aquarium, Gr 4 – 7 Museum
April 25 – Gr 4/5 to the Symphony in Courtenay
May 8 – Gr 4 – 7 Track meet in Courtenay
May 23 – Whole School to Tribune Bay Outdoor Ed Centre
June – Gr 4/5 Bumper boats in Parksville and North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre
June 7-9 – Gr 6/7 Cedar Coast Art and Ecology Centre Vargas Island
June 14 – Whole school to Denman School for Smokehouse Experience
June 21 – Denman School visit to Hornby for National Indigenous Day

Reminder: School Parking Lot is Reserved for Bus and Staff

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

- **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 toward restarting 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.