



SPRING BREAK COMING UP – MARCH 27 – APRIL 11

Monday, Mar 20	Tuesday, Mar 21	Wed. Mar 22	Thursday. Mar 23
<p>Muffins</p> <p>Ashley (TL)</p> <p>First Day of Spring!</p> <p>Jars Reunion at the Kitchen</p>	<p>Soup and Salad Lunch</p> <p>Kate (LST)</p> <p>Margot (School Counsellor) AM</p> <p>Matt (Arts) - PM</p> <p>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</p> <p>Staff Meeting after school</p>	<p>Hot lunch - Pizza</p> <p>Summaries of Learning go home</p> <p>Vanier students Raven Room</p>	<p>Matt (Arts)- AM</p> <p>Last day of school Before Spring Break</p>

Judi's note to families...

Another week has flown by, and Spring is in the air! We had a great turnout for Student-Led Conferences. Thank you for your support and positive feedback. If you were unable to make it yesterday, please be sure to re-schedule with your child's teacher. We were thrilled to send two of our Spelling Bee finalists, Olin and McLaren, to the District Spelling Bee today at Brooklyn Elementary School. We're so proud of all our participants for taking that risk in their learning but a special congratulations goes out to McLaren for coming first place at today's final competition. Well done, McLaren! As we officially enter Spring on Monday, it is fitting that

students will be planting hanging baskets for an upcoming PAC Fundraiser. Also, expect to see your child(ren)'s Summary of Learning come home with them on Wednesday, March 22.

New Parent Library Resources

Raising a Secure Child: How Circle of Security Parenting Can Help You Nurture Your Child's Attachment, Emotional Resilience, and Freedom to Explore

<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.guilford.com%2Fbooks%2FRaising-a-Secure-Child%2FHoffman-Cooper-Powell%2F9781462527632&data=05%7C01%7CCharmaine.Logan%40sd71.bc.ca%7Cfd58b0557e80427591b708db265c875d%7C8a33c0abdc5a486195746c1f01277d1c%7C0%7C0%7C638145951066849941%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SrtEsvacYJH0KsRnc%2BRmvqQqlqYZVw5M%2FKGev2p60jo%3D&reserved=0>

Growing Up with a Bucket Full of Happiness: Three Rules for a Happier Life by Carol McCloud | Goodreads

<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.goodreads.com%2Fbook%2Fshow%2F8702184-growing-up-with-a-bucket-full-of-happiness&data=05%7C01%7CCharmaine.Logan%40sd71.bc.ca%7C29b99574d1af4aec8d6908db265cd321%7C8a33c0abdc5a486195746c1f01277d1c%7C0%7C0%7C638145952332197051%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=u2DxeGnK8gEFxBtWQlqx4Ct2Fuw%2BccsIAVENFi%2Fmc0I%3D&reserved=0>

Student-Led Conferences – Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who attended. The students' hard work and preparation made it a huge success!

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

Upcoming Field Trips – Save the dates

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 TBA– 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

PAC Fundraising for a set of swings in the Playground

Help the Hornby Island Community School PAC raise funds for an Accessible Swing Set for our beloved school grounds. This is a \$35,000 project (Yes! That is what it costs!) and we have already raised \$26,000 toward our goal. We are so close and need just \$9000 more to make this dream for the kids a reality. This will be the only public swing set on Hornby Island and we have to possibility of having it installed in September 2023 of this year!

There is a drawing attached if you want to see the projected swingset

Thank you to the following organizations who have already contributed:



Comox Valley Regional District - \$10,000



The Variety School Grant - \$10,000



SD71 – in-kind contribution for installation - \$6,000

Here is how you can help us:

Help us reach our goal GoFundMe goal of \$6000 April 25 to meet our April 30 deadline for the Variety Grant matching funds.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/hornby-school-accessible-swing-set?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

[Hornby School Accessible
Swing Set, organized by
Hornby Island Community
School Parent Advisory Council](#)

Help the Hornby Island Community School
PAC raise funds for ... Hornby Island
Community School Parent Advisory Council
needs your support for Hornby School
Accessible Swing Set
www.gofundme.com

2. Come to our All Ages Community PAC Fundraising Dance with live band, Odus and the Alumni (featuring Odus Atkinson, Jody Rutherford, Arlo Atkinson, Nigel Fletcher and Marc Atkinson). Concession will be in full swing with Laila Budd.

April 14 7:30 – 9:30 PM

The Hornby Community Hall

[**See the attached poster**](#)

Variety BC's individual child grant program which provides direct help to children with funding for adaptive and mobility equipment, specialized therapies, tuition and tutoring, mental health services, and private assessments. To learn more or apply <https://www.variety.bc.ca/>

Jars afterschool program reunion

The afterschool program participants made a big batch of spicy black bean vegan soup to take to the Kitchen. We will walk together as a group over to the Kitchen to help serve it to Kitchen patrons, students will stay and eat lunch with the patrons at the Kitchen.

Participants: Only the Gr.5 – 7 that were in the Jars Program

Field Trip Date: Monday, March 20th, 2023

Time: Leave school at 11:45am and return at 12:45pm to start class at 1pm

Reminder: School Parking Lot is Reserved for Bus and Staff

Communicating absences or end of day plan changes

It is important to include this email address: Hornby.island@sd71.bc.ca when communicating with the school about student absences, or end of day plans, or any other messages that need to be attended to quickly. Any Admin. Assistant who is at the desk, will check this email.

If you are making bus changes for the end of the day, please also include

Florette.maclean@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

Hornby Island Fire Academy Cadet Camp March 30

10am – 3:30pm

Learn Leadership, firefighting, and first aid fundamentals while having more fun than you could have imagined possible. Lunch included.

Kids 10-14 years old are welcome.

Applications available online www.hifd.org for more information: 250-335-2611 or cadetcamp@hifd.org

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.