



# HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

\*\*Monday May 8 Morning - Note there will not be a regular bus route for Kindergarten to Gr. 3 Hornby elementary students, as the bus is chartered for the track meet in Courtenay.

Monday, May 8	Tuesday, May 9	Wednesday, May 10	Thursday May 11
<p><b>No AM bus for K-Gr 3 students</b></p> <p><b>Muffin Monday</b></p> <p><b>Track and Field Jamboree in Courtenay Gr. 4 -7</b> <b>Meet at ferry at 7:45am</b></p>	<p><b>Soup and Salad Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Sentinels of Change Field Trip to Ford Cove Dock</b></p> <p>Kate (LST) Margot (Counsellor) PM Matt (Arts) - PM</p> <p><b>Pre-School Storytime 11:15 am</b></p> <p><b>8/9 Visioning Meeting with SD71 1:30pm</b> Room to Grow</p>	<p><b>Hot Lunch Burritos</b></p> <p><b>Ride Your Bike to School Day</b></p> <p>Vanier students Raven Room</p> <p>Lockdown Drill</p> <p><b>PAC Meeting 3:45pm</b></p>	<p>Matt (Arts) - AM</p>

## Judi's note to families...

Our first school week of May is already over! Miss Myles led our Welcome to Kindergarten event where 5 future Kindergarteners were welcomed to our school. It was wonderful to see the excitement as they participated in a school scavenger hunt and exploration stations. All

classes participated in printmaking lessons taught by Louisa Elkin and created beautiful prints using linocuts and/or styrofoam. On Wednesday, classes walked to the Community Garden to plant a variety of vegetables. Heather led them, first with story and song and, along with Jala and Jade, prepared the Three Sisters Garden of corn, squash and beans. Grade 4-7 students participated in their final practice before the big Jamboree that takes place on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. It's been exciting for them to practice on our new long jump pit that was just completed last week.

## Track and Field Jamboree in Courtenay

**Student Group: Grades 4-7**

### Travel Itinerary:

**7:45am** – Meet at Shingle spit ferry terminal on Hornby Island, Board the bus in the ferry line up

**8am-9am**- Ferry departs, students and supervisors will travel on the bus across Denman Island then to Buckley Bay, Vancouver Island.

**9am:** Travel on the bus to Vanier Track, in Courtenay, BC

**9:30-1:15** Track Meet events (high jump; long jump, races etc.)

**1:15pm** – Board the bus to travel back to Hornby Island via Buckley Bay and Denman Island

**3pm** – Arrive at Shingle Spit, travel to the school on the bus.

**3:35** regular dismissal time, and bus route for all students.

- Please ensure students have a water bottle, suitable layers of clothing, and appropriate footwear.
- Please send extra snacks for a high energy output day.
- There will be a concession at the event. The menu and prices will be sent out next week.

**Supervising Adults:** Judi Ayers, Sandra Rutherford, Casey Doss

**Transportation:** First Student Bus Charters.

**Educational Objectives:** Physical Education, Leadership

**Possible Risks:** Injuries from physical activity, Injuries resulting from motor vehicle incidents (bus/ferry travel, parking lot/accident/etc.)

**If during instructional hours, alternate activity provided for non-participating students:**

Remaining at school with primary group.

**Cost to families:** \$0

## Menu (subject to change)

### For the concession stand at Monday's Jamboree Event

Pizza \$4

BBQ all beef hotdogs \$4

Popcorn \$2

Frozen treats \$2

Fruit skewers \$2

Powerade \$2

Water \$1  
Chips \$2

## **Bike, Roll or Walk to School Wednesdays in May**

Bike to School Week is coming up May 29 - June 2, 2023. Everyone is invited to start getting in shape by biking, rolling or walking to school every Wednesday leading up to it.

To get in the biking spirit, here are some bike jokes:

Q: Why can't a bicycle stand up on its own?

A: Because it's two-tired!

And...

It's just a hill.

Get over it!

## **The Kitchen**

### **Mondays, May 29, June 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Event Information:** 3 students per week from the Intermediate class will serve lunch to The Kitchen patrons. Students will stay and eat lunch with the patrons at the Kitchen. You will be notified of which day your child will be attending.

**Field Trip Dates:** Mondays

**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Student Group:** Grade 5-7

**Supervision Adults:** Jennivieve McRae-King with HIES Literacy

**Destination:** The Kitchen at Hornby Island Athletic Association – Joe King Ball Park

**What to bring:** Please send snacks as usual. Lunch will be provided at The Kitchen

**Note\*\*\*\***There will not be any SD71 staff attending

## **Sentinels of Change Field Trip to Ford Cove Dock with Natural History Stewards**

**Tuesday mornings till late June**

**Students Group: 6 students (2 from each class) each Tuesday**

All students will have an opportunity to attend

**Families will be notified which date(s) their child will be attending**

**Supervision Adults:** 1 staff will attend each week along with students

**Destination:** Ford Cove Dock – Life jackets will be provided by Natural History Centre

**Community Partners:** The Hakai Institute manages the project. Hornby volunteer partners are Hornby Island Diving Ltd, Hornby Island Natural History Centre (HIES), Conservancy Hornby Island.

**Project Information:** The project will deploy and monitor a network of 25 plankton traps throughout the Salish Sea, and in Puget Sound. <https://sentinels.hakai.org> We are specifically looking at Dungeness crab larvae but will be looking at other species as well.

**Transportation: Volunteer Drivers from Natural History Centre. Drivers have completed the Volunteer Driver process as well as Criminal record check**

### **Upcoming Field Trips – Save the dates**

**May 8 – Gr 4 – 7 Track & Field Jamboree in Courtenay**

**May 18 – Gr. 7 Kumugwe Cultural Society Big House Experience**

**May 23 – Whole School to Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre**

**June 1 – Grade 7 Try a Trade**

**June 6 – 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**

### **Natural History Fossil Fair – May 13th**

Millions of years ago, the ancient seas and forests of Hornby Island and the parts of the east coast of Vancouver Island were inhabited by ancient creatures and plants. From ammonites to Tylosaurus, and from sharks to seabirds, fossils are a record of this life. Come learn about these creatures and explore a variety of fossils from the Late Cretaceous epoch at the Hornby Island Natural History Centre's Fossil Fair.

On May 13th, drop in between 11:30 am – 3:00 pm on the deck of the Centre at 2100 B Sollans Rd. Paleontologists and community members will share their fossil discoveries. Bring your own fossils for identification. Kids can participate in fun-hands on activities. All ages are welcome.

Special guests from the Vancouver Island Paleontological Society will share displays and storyboards and help identify fossils. You can also see the star of our exhibit: a fossil of a large marine reptile called a Tylosaurus which could be 40 feet, as long as a school bus.

### **8/9 Visioning Process**

This is to update you on the discussion about possible Grade 8/9 programming on Hornby. Some of you came to the meeting on Monday, others have expressed interest but weren't able to attend the meeting.

Below is a summary of our discussion from the Monday meeting. We have forwarded these questions to Marieke Holekamp at SD71, to guide our discussion and give her time to bring us some information.

We hope to see you at the meeting with SD71 on Tuesday May 9th, 1:30pm at Room To Grow.

If you can't make it to the meeting, you can email or call with your comments:

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Questions for school district:

1) Space

What spaces are currently available that could be used for a grade 8/9 program?  
What are our options for creating new space if it is needed?

2) Staffing, enrolment

What staff would be required to run this program? Teacher, EA, admin, community presenters, etc?  
What enrolment would be needed to make the proposed program viable?  
How would this proposed program intersect with current Wednesday school?

3) Making it Awesome - Hornby strengths, and making the program appealing and exciting How can SD71 support us in developing programming in these areas?

- Outdoors - physical education, connection to nature, field science
- Arts and Culture - visual arts, crafts, performance, media, Indigenous and non-Indigenous culture
- Sustainability - sustainable living, sustainable design and building, life skills (agriculture, food preparation, building, repairs, caregiving skills, etc)
- Increased enrolment - Denman students, exchange students, international students

4) Highschool Preparedness

One goal of this proposed program would be to help students to be academically and socially prepared to enter Grade 10 at Vanier.

How can SD71 support increased participation in town if students were doing Grade 8/9 on Hornby? (Eg frequent field trips, attending Vanier sports and arts programming, etc)

## PAC Fundraising for Playground Swing Set

**Congratulations!!** We met the goal!! There is a drawing attached if you want to see the new swing set. Thank you to the following organizations who have contributed:



Comox Valley Regional District - \$10,000



The Variety School Grant - \$10,000



First Credit Union - \$1000



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

Co-op \$1000

GoFundMe \$3570

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/>



### **Child, Youth and Community School Programs**

**Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator**

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

#### **Friday Club Day is BACK!!!**

**This is a drop-in style program from 9:30am-12pm at Room to Grow for grades K-7. Kids can explore with maker space, lego, games and an art station. We provide a snack and will spend time outside if the weather permits. Please no early birds.**

**Fridays May 5, (in the Raven Room in the School) 12, 19, 26.**

**Fee: \$5 per child.**

### Food preparation, growing and preserving.

Location: Ravens room in the school.

We will be planning some days to go check out our school's community garden plot at the Community Garden on Sollans road. Please stay tuned for these dates as pick up locations will change.

**There is still room in these programs so please sign up your child now.**

<b>Grades K-1</b> Tuesdays April 18, May 2 and May 16 Time: 3:35-4:35pm Cost: \$15	<b>Grades 2-4</b> Wednesdays April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 31 Time: 3:35-4:35pm Cost: \$30	<b>Grades 5-7</b> Thursdays April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 Time: 3:35-4:45pm Cost: \$30
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### **Hornby Recreation**

[recreation@hirra.ca](mailto:recreation@hirra.ca)

Jade Wilson, Recreation Coordinator

**Soccer grades 3-7** ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽  
**Mondays @ School Soccer Field 3:35-4:45pm**

### **Axé Capoeira has got some great offerings for youth this summer!**

This is a great time to come and discover the amazing and exciting martial art of capoeira, meet new friends, make music and art, discover fossils, tour fire trucks and ambulances, get wet and do crazy jumps into the pool!

Learn acrobatics, music, rhythm, drumming, martial arts! Be challenged, inspired, motivated and ready for action! We practice capoeira every morning and get out for all kinds of fun activities in the afternoons including **POOL TIME!!!!**

We even have a **FAMILY CAMP** this August where we will train capoeira basics and focus a lot on percussion and music!!!

Located right downtown Courtenay, we are within walking distance of all of our activities so come join us and stay active all summer.

Ages 5 - 12 10am - 3pm

[www.capoeiracomox.com](http://www.capoeiracomox.com)

See the attached posters

### **Communicating absences or end of day plan changes**

It is important to include this email address: [Hornby.island@sd71.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto:Florette.maclean@sd71.bc.ca)

## AM'LALA SA K'UMUXSE'

<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.

### 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.