



# HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Nov. 6	Tuesday, Nov. 7	Wed., Nov. 8	Thursday Nov. 9
<p><b>Muffins</b></p> <p>Sandy (SLP)</p>	<p><b>Soup and Salad</b></p> <p>Kate (LST)</p> <p>Margot (Counsellor)</p>	<p><b>Hot Lunch Wraps</b></p> <p><b>Bike to School Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>Gr. 8/9 Parent Meeting</b> <b>10:30 @ Room to Grow</b></p> <p><b>Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Swings with special guests</b> <b>11:45</b></p> <p>Vanier students Raven Room</p>	<p><b>Hot Lunch Pizza</b></p> <p>Anthea (Arts) Heather (ISW)</p> <p><b>Pre-school Storytime</b> <b>10:45am</b></p>

## Note from Judi...

It's been an eventful week with pumpkin carving, a costume parade, Halloween Stations, and a trip to the Denman School to learn about Indigenous ways of fishing and preserving fish. Students even got to make beautiful fish prints. Teachers managed to make all this fun meaningful and the opportunities to develop positive relationships was provided throughout the week. We finished off the week with our first Recognition Assembly of the year. It was the Kindergarteners' first assembly, and they were an amazing audience! Britt acknowledged members of the Cross-Country team and Anthea concluded the assembly with a Flash Mob

dance. I think you'll find your child(ren) a little tired out this week. I hope you all have a relaxing weekend. :)

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

### **Grade 8/9 Visioning - meeting Nov 8 with SD71**

Over the past year, Hornby families and SD71 have been discussing the possibility of offering Grade 8 and 9 on Hornby, starting in fall of 2024.

To continue this conversation, Jeremy Morrow, the new Superintendent of SD71, along with Jay Dixon and Marieke Holtkamp, will be coming to Hornby to meet with parents on **Wednesday Nov 8, 10:30am at Room to Grow.**

We hope to have a large turnout for this meeting. This idea is still very new and the more perspectives we have, the better. Please come out and show your support for all the kids.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can provide comments via email to [judith.ayers@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:judith.ayers@sd71.bc.ca), and please cc [amanda.zielinski@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.zielinski@gmail.com).

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### **Ribbon Cutting for our new swings – Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am**

Join us to appreciate the sponsors and officially open the new swing for years and years of play. 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



## Next PAC Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm



### Child, Youth and Community School Programs

Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator

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#### NOVEMBER AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Advent Felting gr 5-7 3:35-5pm @ Ravens Room Wednesdays Nov. 8, 15, 22, 19

Lantern Making gr. 3-4 3:35-4:35pm @ Room to Grow Tuesdays Nov. 21, 28

Lantern Making gr. K-2 3:35-4:35pm @ Room to Grow Thursdays Nov.16, 23

Floor Hockey SIGN UP NOW!

Floor Hockey gr. 3-7 3:35-4:45pm @ School Gym Thursdays Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30

[Register now@ \\$20](#)

**NO FRIDAY CLUB DAY'S NOV. 3 AND NOV 10. Apologies for any inconvenience.**

**See you for Friday Club Day on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12pm @ Room to Grow. Drop-in!**

### **Hornby Recreation (HIRRA)**

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

**After School Program: Outside Soccer: Grades 3-7 Mondays, Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27. We will be playing outside, so cleats, rain jacket and water bottle are needed. Register Now!**

**THIS FRIDAY Nov. 3!!! Skate and Swim in Courtenay!**

**Admission FREE for Hornby locals.**

**Skate is 12:15-1:15pm and Swim starts at 2pm. Contact Jade for more info or just show up!**

**See the attached poster for full details.**

### **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)

## School Arrivals and Attendance

- Arriving on time helps to minimize disruptions to our learning environment and provides students with the opportunity to connect with peers and staff before their school day begins. It allows students to set goals for the day and prevents them from falling behind.
- Regular attendance is encouraged and expected. Attending classes helps to build community within the school and shows a commitment to supporting learners in working toward their academic goals. At times, family circumstances or opportunities available for learning off island may require learners to be away from the school. To ensure grade level learning outcomes are met, please meet with your child's teacher to discuss plans for the absence, assignments to be completed, and our blended learning resources that can support your child during his/her absence from regular programming.
- It can be challenging for students to build positive social relationships and a sense of routine if prolonged absences occur. Please work to ensure regular attendance occurs. If there are ways the school can support your family for increased attendance, please contact us.

**Attendance is taken at 8:40 when classes begin. When children are not in attendance at this time, the Administrative Assistant will call home unless parents have previously notified staff. If your child arrives later than 8:40 am please have them check in at the office before going to their classroom to ensure our attendance is accurate.**

Please note we have an answering machine, and you can leave a telephone message at 250-335-2125 at any time of day/night. You may also email the office at [hornbyisland@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:hornbyisland@sd71.bc.ca) to report an absence.

## Appointments

To ensure our attendance is correct, please inform the classroom teacher and check in with the office when taking your child out of school during the day for appointments.

## After-School Plans

After-school arrangements should be made prior to coming to school. Students are not permitted to use school phones to coordinate playdates during school time, as this can lead to confusion and extra coordination for school staff. The school needs written permission from a parent to release a child into the care of another adult.

## Students Leaving School Grounds

Without written permission from a parent or guardian, we are unable to grant students permission to leave the school grounds as they are in our care between the start and end times of our day. Please note that when students leave the school grounds, they are not supervised by school staff unless it is a school-led event or field trip.

## Parent Parking at drop-off/pick up times

Parent parking is in the Sollans Road parking area. Please use the path when walking to the front entrance of the school. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards must be dismounted and walked to the bike racks to avoid hitting pedestrians. The school driveway and parking area are off-limits. Be aware of the school bus, small children, cyclists, and areas where parking is not permitted. Adhere to speed limits and accompany your child around the parking areas and roads.

## Bussing

Be sure to review the bus pamphlet/brochure (attached) with your child and review the information below.

- Bus supervisors (staff) and bus drivers **cannot** allow students to get off at an unregistered stop that is not approved by parent/guardian. If your child is not taking the bus or is getting off at another stop, please notify the school office as soon as possible.
- If your child is already registered to take the bus, you do not need to update the registration form unless there are changes/updates to address and bus stop. If your child will be registering to take the bus and you would like him/her to ride the bus the first week of school, you will need to submit a bus registration online prior to the end of the previous school year
- If you wish to register your child in September of the current school year, there will be a transition time before your child can ride the bus timelines for administration and processing. Until you receive notice that your child is registered to take the bus, you will need to make alternate arrangements for him/her to arrive at school.
- Kindergarten to grade 3 students will not be permitted to exit their school bus unless a parent or another adult who is known to the bus driver is at the child's bus stop to pick them up. If no parent or identifiable adult is present, the bus driver will return the child to their school.
- If there are bus cancellations families will be notified by email as soon as possible.

## 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.

### **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 school will open as usual unless there is a weather advisory in effect. 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.

**It is a family responsibility to check on SD71 school closures.** If School District #71 is closed due to weather conditions, Hornby School will also be closed unless otherwise stated. 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.

### **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>