



# HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 30	Tuesday, Oct. 31	Wed., Nov. 1	Thursday Nov.2
<p><b>Muffins</b></p> <p>Family Pumpkin Carving Event in the school Gym 2pm</p> <p><b>Denman School Smokehouse Field trip forms must be returned</b></p> <p>Clay Creatures with Jenniveve (HIES)</p>	<p><b>Soup and Salad</b></p> <p>Kate (LST)</p> <p><b>Halloween Festivities</b></p> <p>Parade &amp; Gr. 5/6/7 Spooky House – am Stations - pm</p>	<p><b>Smokehouse at Denman Island Community School</b></p> <p>Field trip for K – 7 students (lunch provided)</p> <p>Vanier students Raven Room</p> <p><b>Bike to School Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Hot Lunch Sandwiches</b></p> <p>Anthea (Arts) Heather (ISW)</p> <p><b>VIRL Children’s Librarian Visit (Nathan)</b></p> <p><b>Pre-school Storytime 10:45am</b></p> <p><b>PJ Day</b></p>

## Note from Judi...

Dear Families,

The students have had a productive week! Overall, attendance was great with almost all students in class, ready to learn. Students will benefit from consistent attendance and prompt arrival. Keep up the good work! This means, families are keeping healthy during this typical cold & flu season, so be sure to continue to get lots of rest and look after yourselves. October 21<sup>st</sup> was the Provincial Professional Development Day. I want to take this opportunity to thank the

school's dedicated team of educators and staff who are committed to ongoing professional learning to ensure our students have access to current resources and strategies; such learning includes the district's new numeracy program, First Steps, technology, Early Learner trends and supports, and strategies to support our neurodiverse students. Our staff truly work in the best interest of our students, and I am proud to be part of such a wonderful team! Next week will be filled with a variety of fun learning activities. Having a sense of belonging and establishing positive relationships affect the overall well-being of our students. It helps them cope with stress, make healthy choices and develop resilience. I look forward to a fun-filled week leading into November. Have a wonderful Fall Weekend!

### **SCHOOL PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT**

Location: School Gymnasium

Date: Monday, October 30 @ 2:00 pm

### **HALLOWEEN FUN: October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Costume Parade

Grade 5/6/7 Spooky House

Halloween Stations - pm

### **SOUP & SALAD PROGRAM IS BACK EVERY TUESDAY!**

#### **PAC HOT LUNCHES**

This is a big undertaking for the PAC and such an amazing benefit to families. Please volunteer to help if you can.

#### **Mondays –8:30am to 10:30am**

Muffin leader volunteers are needed Nov 6, 20,27, December 11 and 18. As a muffin leader you will need to get the training in advance.

Contact Laila [lailabudd@gmail.com](mailto:lailabudd@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays – Hot Lunch volunteers needed 11am - 1pm** contact Braea

[braeawalmsley@hotmail.com](mailto:braeawalmsley@hotmail.com)

**Thursdays - Hot Lunch volunteers needed 11am - 1pm** contact Britt [britt.hanson@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:britt.hanson@sd71.bc.ca)

Currently there is no charge for the food programs. However, there may be some costs to families further into the year.

#### **PAC Bake Sale on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>!**

PAC is call for bake sale contributions for Saturday at 8am or until sold out.

Please contact Laila by email [lailabudd@gmail.com](mailto:lailabudd@gmail.com) to arrange drop off or just bring to Co-op porch around 8 am.

#### **Smokehouse Experience – Denman Island Community School**

## For all Hornby Students (K – 7)

**Field Trip Date:** Wednesday November 1, 2023

**Supervising Adults:** Judi Ayers, Casey Doss, Miss Myles, Jala Klone, Jules Platt, Alia Zimmer

**Destination and Nature of Activity:** Smokehouse experience hosted by Denman Island Community School

**Transportation:** First Student bus charters, as well as volunteer drivers.

**Educational Objectives:** Indigenous Education

**Possible Risks:** Injuries resulting from transportation

### Travel Itinerary:

8:40am – Board the bus at the Hornby Island Community School

9:00am – Walk on the Hornby Ferry

9:15am – Board the bus at Gravelly Bay on Denman Island, travel to Denman School

2:00pm – Board the bus at Denman School, travel to Gravelly Bay

2:40pm – Walk on the Ferry to Hornby Island

3:00pm – Arrive on Hornby Island, board the bus and travel to the school for dismissal.

**There is no alternate activity provided for non-participating students; all supervisors will be on the field trip.**

## Bike, Roll or Walk to School Wednesdays this Fall

Bike, Roll or Walk to School every Wednesday, this Fall. Let us ride to school on Wednesdays and enjoy the nice fall weather. Please be sure to join us!



### Child, Youth and Community School Programs

Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator

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

**OCTOBER programs-Costume Creations**

grades K-4 Tuesdays Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

grades 5-7 Thursdays Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

please note: There was a typo on the registration form and a fee was not listed. The cost for this program is \$15

### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS!**

Check out the program calendar that went home with your child on Wednesday. It is attached at the bottom of this email. Please note: there was a typo on the calendar. Lantern Making Thursdays

November 23, 30th is for grades K-2

**FRIDAY CLUB DAY starts Friday Oct.13th. 9:30am-12pm for grades K-7 @ Room to Grow. Drop in program. \$5/per child.**

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!

## 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



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/>

## **Volleyball Camp for Grade 5 - 7**

Mark R Isfeld Junior Boys Volleyball's team will be running a gr 5-7 **Youth Volleyball Ice Camp** on **November 19th**. Please see attached publicity for details.

Registration:

[Gr5-7 Youth Volleyball ICE Camp Nov.19](#)

## **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>