



# HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 9	Tuesday, Oct. 10	Wednesday, Oct. 11	Thursday Oct.12
<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>Thanksgiving day</b></p>	<p>Kate (LST) Margot (Counsellor) AM</p> <p>Ms. Kuhn (Teacher Librarian)</p> <p>x-country running club 12pm</p> <p><b>Gr. 5-7 Return forms for Helliwell field trip</b></p>	<p>Sandy (SLP) AM</p> <p>Vanier students Raven Room</p> <p><b>Library Day</b></p> <p><b>Bike to School Wednesday</b></p>	<p>Anthea (Arts)</p> <p><b>Helliwell field trip Gr. 5-7's</b></p> <p>x-country running club 12pm</p>

Hello Families,

It was a short week this week, but a productive one, none-the-less! The weather cooperated so lots of outdoor and play-based learning took place: forest games, a walk to the community garden and a cross-country practice and meet in town. What a beautiful October, so far. We hope it continues next week so the Grade 5, 6, and 7 students have a pleasant experience planting at Helliwell Park with BC Parks and the Natural History Center. Miss Kuhn, our Teacher-Librarian, worked with all the students on the Indigenous Peoples of Canada Interactive Map Activity in the gym. Therea There was a great deal of discussion and activities around the topic of being thankful. The K/1 class even had a celebratory meal with parents Thursday afternoon. We could smell the apple crumble wafting through the school halls! I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

## Helliwell, BC Parks Field Trip - Thursday, October 12, 2023

**Student Group: Grades 5-7**

**Supervising Adults:** Judi Ayers, EA if available, Natural History Stewards, BC Parks representatives, Parent Volunteers

**Destination and Nature of Activity:** Annual restorative planting session at Helliwell Park

**Transportation: First Student bus charters.** Our Hornby school bus will transport students and teachers to and from Helliwell Park.

**Educational Objectives:** Environmental Outdoor Learning, Place Based Learning, Social Responsibility, Science

**Possible Risks:** injury consistent with risks of being outside (e.g. trip/fall, trees/branches, etc.). Injuries resulting from motor vehicle incidents (parking lot/accident/etc.)

**Travel Itinerary:**

1pm – Board the bus at the Hornby Island Community School

1:15pm - Arrive at the parking lot at Helliwell Park, walk to the restoration site with supervisors

2:15pm – Board the bus at Helliwell Park

2:30pm – Arrive at the school

**Please return the completed forms by Tuesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Cross Country Running Team**

Britt Hanson is offering XC Running again this year to students. 'Run club' is at lunchtime run every Tuesday and Thursday that school is in session for September and October from 12pm-12:30pm (during outside big recess time). Students will need to bring outside running shoes, appropriate clothing (t shirt, shorts, leggings or something comfortable for running, rain jacket), and a water bottle.

**Cross Country Running Races in town with other SD71 students**

**Event Information:** Races start at 3:15pm and end at 4:15pm. Students and Parents would need to catch the 1:00pm ferry off Hornby to be on time for the races. Students and Parents may be able to make it back on the 5:00pm ferry but for sure the 6:00pm ferry.

**Race Dates:**

- October 11th @ Huband Elementary
- October 18<sup>th</sup> @ Valley View Elementary
- October 25<sup>th</sup> @ Brooklyn Elementary

**Student Group:** Grades 3-7 Parents will be responsible for taking their child(ren) to and from the race or arranging travel with another parent.

**What to bring:** Runners, T-shirt, Water Bottle, Hornby sport shirts, snacks for before and after.

**Transportation:** The school is not arranging any of the travel to these events.

**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.chilyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hies.chilyouth@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!

**Community Event:**

Terry Fox Run Friday Oct. 6 @ The Co-op 9am registration, 10am run start time. There will be a 1km, 5km and 10km route to run/walk or just come on down to hang out at the event. Everyone is welcome!!

Here is the link if you would like to donate:

<https://run.terryfox.ca/28797>

**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/>

### **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>