



Thursday, September 18, 2025

Monday, Sept 22	Tuesday, Sept 23	Wednesday, Sept 24	Thursday, Sept 25
<p>Preschool Gym (3-5 years) 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Claire B (Music &amp; Art Teacher) Kerry (SLT)</p>	<p>Preschool Story Time (Library) 11am</p> <p>Claire B (Music &amp; Art Teacher)- AM half day</p>	<p>Infant Toddler Gym (1-3 years) 10:30 – 11:30am</p> <p>Kenton (Couns) )-Alt Wednesdays Cinta (Learning Support Teacher) Megan (Teacher Librarian)</p>	<p>Preschool Gym (3-5 years) 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Kaila (Indigenous Support Worker) Jennevieve (Literacy Outreach Coordinator)</p>

Fall is in the air!

What a great start to the year! The school is humming with activity, though we were hit with a sickness bug this week and had so many students away. As cold and flu season arrives, this is a good time to remind families to please keep your kids home if they are showing signs of a cold or flu. It's also been quieter as Heather's Grade 7-9 class are off camping on Denman Island. What a perfect week for it! I am sure I could hear their laughter from Brad's Dad's Land this week as I walked the beach after dinner!

We've got a lot of fun activities coming up so please keep an eye on our What's Coming Up section – and remember to return your permission slips so that your students can attend walking field trips and have their photos published in the newsletter.

As always, should you have any concerns about anything you see at school, please come and see me straight away. My door is usually open and I'm at school every morning by 7. I do teach Tuesdays and Wednesdays and have administration days on Mondays and Thursdays.

Have a fantastic weekend!

*Lisa*

Hiking Club is Back!

Wednesdays 3:45 – 5:15 (ish)

with Ms. Malones

Parents welcome 😊

# Class Updates

## Kindergarten/Grade 1 Update:

We have created new play and learning areas that include a café, cedar weaving, building hamster homes, and a construction site. Students have been sorting money at the bank, creating stories on the felt board, and are constantly building something impressive. In literacy, we are practicing how to properly print lowercase letters, focusing on the “magic C” and the letter o. We are both very passionate about literacy and are already noticing growth in the children’s skills. Some highlights this week included our trip to the public Library and the Natural History Museum. Looking ahead, please remember that on Monday we will be visiting the Firehall at 11:00 a.m. Please send your child with weather-appropriate clothing as rain is in the forecast.



## Grade 4-6 Update:

This week our class had lots of fun starting the giant map of Canada that will hang on our gym wall! It will be up for all the classes and the community to map their way across Canada soon - hopefully in one week! We practiced problem-solving, teamwork, leadership, and mapping skills! Big thanks to Jade for helping us troubleshoot and tracing the outline of Canada. We look forward to many happy kilometers this fall in honour of a true Canadian hero, Terry Fox.

We racked up a few kilometers on the trails and playing soccer and volleyball inside and outside. Our class loves to be active!

We worked on our number sense in Math and looked at different ways to look at problems while expanding our mathematical language. We worked together to complete an online escape room, and it really did take many minds!

During some choice time, several students made awesome catapults in the makerspace. It was so awesome to see them in action. We are looking for a parent or two who would like to volunteer to work a big skill saw for a day next month as the students are interested in making giant ones to launch across the field! We will be collecting wood for this too so please save scraps from projects. We are working on trying new things, even when they are not our preference and feel challenging. We all have different areas we excel and areas where we can lift each other up. We also talked about consent each day as it is consent week in our district and the students had some great insights.

Next week, to kick off learning about survival, we have Danu Folk School coming to teach us all about survival and we have CV Search and Rescue coming to tell us all about their jobs. We will be weaving in all curricular competencies into learning about survival. We will be outside a lot so please ensure your children have good footwear and dry layers! We will also be planting our rain garden plants. We look forward to lots of fun ahead.

**Grade 7-9 Update:** The grade 7-9 class was away this week on a camping adventure! We can't wait to hear all about it in next week's newsletter.



**Please remember to return your  
Childs back to school packages  
paperwork into the office!**

**We are brainstorming fun Halloween/Fall activities and now is a good time to start hunting down a pumpkin for our annual pumpkin carving event. All students/families will need to bring a pumpkin to carve. Stay tuned for details .....**



## What's Coming Up

September 22 – K/1 class visit the Firehall @ 11:15.  
September 23 – Grade 4-6 class are doing Survival Skills at Big Tribune Bay.  
September 25 – Grade 4-6 – Search and Rescue from 11:00 – 12:30  
September 25 - Bring your Ribbon Skirt to School Day (Kaila Storing, Indigenous Support Worker)  
September 29 – Steven (Melidas) Recalma of the Qualicum First Nation will be with us for the day.  
September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School  
October 13 – Thanksgiving Day – No School  
October 24 – Professional Development Day – Staff Only  
November 11 – Remembrance Day – No School  
December 19 - January 2 – Winter Break  
January 4 – School Starts Back  
February 16 – Family Day – No School  
February 17 – Professional Development Day – Staff Only  
March 20 – Spring Break Starts  
April 7 – School Starts Back  
May 18 – Victoria Day  
June 24 – School Finishes for Students

## PAC News:

**ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS please join us for our PAC AGM!**

**We need you and your input.**

**Monday September 22, 2025, 3:45-5pm @ The Ravens room in the school.**

**Childcare is available.**

## Community Notices:

### HIES

September is Literacy Month, please check out the attached poster with fun ideas about how to build literacy into our daily lives!

Jennivieve McRae-King

Literacy Outreach Coordinator

Afterschool Programs are in the works. Stay tuned around the end of the month!

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

<https://hornbyeducation.com/after-school-programs/>

## Hornby Recreation

[www.hornbyrecreation.ca](http://www.hornbyrecreation.ca)

### You are invited to join the Youth/Parent Running Group!

Come and run with us and get in shape for the Terry Fox Run and the Cross Country races in town.

You are welcome to run with the group if you are not planning to race.

Parents are encouraged to run too!

We meet for 1 hour, do a warm up, a 2-4km run with lots of breaks, and a cool down.

Tuesdays 4:15 - 5:15pm - Coach Pete Koltronis - meet at the school field - starts Tuesday Sept 16

Saturdays 11am-12pm - Parent coaches - meet at various locations - starts Saturday Sept 20 at Tribune Bay (Shields Road entrance)

For more information about the Running Group, contact:

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An online waiver form will need to be filled out ahead of time.

- The school Terry Fox Run will take place in November 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.  
The SD71 cross country races are Wednesday afternoons in the Comox Valley, starting late September and going until the end of October (5 weeks of races).
- Students in Grade 3 and 7 are welcome to participate in the cross country races as well. Parent drivers will be needed.

For more information about the Terry Fox Run or SD71 Cross Country races, contact your child's teacher.

# Consent Awareness Week

September 15-19, 2025

## Consent is ...

an agreement to engage in an activity; it occurs when you ask, or give, permission to do something. People use consent in their daily life, including giving and asking for consent for food or drink, physical touch, to take a picture, or to participate in an activity. In the context of [a dating relationship], consent refers to giving voluntary permission to engage in [any physical touch].

Consent:

- Is a freely given enthusiastic yes
- Is ongoing, continuously discussed
- Can be taken away at any time

([www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safe-campus-bc/what-is-consent](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safe-campus-bc/what-is-consent))

**For books to read  
with your children,  
and to learn more  
about consent ...**



## Understanding consent can ...

help children have a better sense of physical boundaries. It can also help a child know what it means to respect others' boundaries, and what it looks like when somebody does not respect theirs. Being able to see and respect another person's boundaries is an important part of forming healthy relationships all through life.

([www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/teaching-your-young-child-about-consent](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/teaching-your-young-child-about-consent))



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