

## Miracle Beach Elementary School Week-at-a-Glance

January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27
Yard Clean Up – Ms. Berg’s Class  Literacy Week  Fruit Delivery - Pears	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Berg’s Class  Literacy Week  Noon - Seventh Generation Club  2:00 - Water Bottles Distributed	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Berg’s Class  Literacy Week  Vanier Volunteers  Gr. 6/7 Girls Basketball Game @ Home vs Royston Elementary  Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Game @ Airport Elementary  Noon – Musical Rehearsal	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Berg’s Class  Literacy Week – Deadline for book swap  School Learning Plan Day  8:00 – SBT  Noon- Leadership	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Berg’s Class  Literacy Week – Full school read  School Spirit Day – PJ Day  Hot Lunch
January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3
Yard Clean Up – Ms. Stride’s Class	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Stride’s Class  Leadership - Recycling  Noon - Seventh Generation Club  Health and Safety Committee Meeting	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Stride’s Class  Vanier Volunteers  Gr. 6/7 Girls Basketball Game @ Gaglardi  Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Game @ Home  Noon – Musical Rehearsal  6:30 PAC Meeting	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Stride’s Class  8:00 – SBT  Noon- Leadership	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Stride’s Class  Hot Lunch

Upcoming dates to note:

- **February 17<sup>th</sup> - Pro-D**

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

Here are this week’s information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

- **Water Bottles for Students** – Thanks to a generous donation from Forbidden Zone Pizza and Espresso Bar and MainRoad North Island Contracting we have been able to have Miracle Beach water bottles made for every student.

As you may know, we do not have water fountains at the school and all students need to have a water bottle at school during the day. These new water bottles have a spill proof lid and label for each student’s name. As well, they are made from a portion of recycled material and are fully recyclable. They are also BPA free. Our hope is that not only will these benefit students, but they will support our long-term goal of environmental sustainability by reducing single use plastics.

We will be distributing the water bottles at the end of the Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will be labeling their bottles in class once they are distributed. Please wash the bottles before using them. Unfortunately, they are hand wash only.

A huge THANK YOU to Forbidden Zone and MainRoad for sponsoring these bottles. Along with the bottle will be a coupon for Forbidden Zone. The coupon is also available digitally below.



- **CLUB KIDZ Is Hiring** – Please see the posting below

Part Time HELP WANTED

CLUB KIDZ located at Miracle Beach School is looking for staff,

\$25 per hour

Must have first aid, criminal record check, and 20 hours responsible adult training.

Please contact Sara O'Malley if you are interested.

Clubkidz2022@gmail.com

- **The Big Bad Musical**- We are super excited to be doing a school musical this year! Any student in Grades 4-7 is welcome to participate. Auditions were held this week, and the main speaking / singing parts have been assigned. All students from Grades 4-7 are invited to be in the "Gallery", which means they will be singing on stage throughout the musical. Everyone in the Gallery will be dressed as a fairy tale character or a storybook character. Next week, a permission form will be coming home for any students who wish to join the musical. Miss Berg and Miss Boersma will be co-directing the musical, so if you have any questions, please speak to either of them.
- **Choir** - Choir is on hold as we begin working on the school musical. All students in choir are invited to be in the "Gallery" for the musical. The Wednesday choir practices are now full musical practices.

- **Bus Information** – We have had an increase in bus behaviour since the Winter Break. Please take a moment to talk with your students about expected bus behaviour.

As a reminder students should not be doing any of the following while they are on the school bus:

- Shouting/making excessive noise
- Throwing objects
- Littering
- Not remaining in assigned seat
- Moving around while bus is in motion
- Blocking aisles
- Spitting

Students who have multiple instances of not following these expectations could be issued a suspension from the school bus.

- **Hands-off Play** - Since returning from Winter Break we have had several small issues regarding hands-on play. Unfortunately, these small incidents escalate quickly and cause a multitude of other issues. This week all classes have been reinforcing the expectation of hands-off play and we have been making daily announcements to remind students. Please take a moment to talk with your students about these expectation. If they notice other students not following expectations, please remind them to let any of the staff on supervision know.
- **Basketball** – Thanks to Mr. Biegler (6/7 Boys) and Ms. Berg/ Ms. Gravel (6/7 Girls) for coaching basketball this year. Please see the schedule below.

Date	6/7 Girls Team	6/7 Boys Team
January 25	Home Game	@ Airport Elementary
February 1	@ Gaglardi	Home Game
February 8	Home Game	@ NIDES
February 15	@ Airport Elementary	@ Gaglardi

- **Kindergarten Registration – Opens January 16th**  
Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood catchment school using the online registration located on our website [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration) starting Monday January 16, 2023.

To determine your neighbourhood catchment school, please visit our district website at, click on “Schools” and go to “Schools Locator”.

If you live in an area where busing is provided, please complete a Bus Transportation Registration Form which is located at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-transportation>.

Please see the attachment below for more details.

➤ **Literacy Week** - Family Literacy week is here!!

Family Literacy Week takes place every January 23-27th, with Family Literacy Day being on the 27th, to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy related activities as a family. Please see information flyer below for more details.

**Pictures**









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# Join us for Family Literacy Week!

Monday January 23-  
Friday January 27

## **FAMILY READING CONTEST**

Parents, to enter this contest, simply snap a picture of your child reading with a family member and send in the photo, along with their name and class before Friday the 27th to [meghan.grzeslo@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:meghan.grzeslo@sd71.bc.ca), to be entered into a draw for a prize! Winners will be announced on Friday, January 27th



## **LUNCHTIME STORYTIME IN THE LIBRARY**

Every day at lunchtime (12:10-12:30), a guest will be reading a story in the library. All students who are interested are welcome to come and enjoy!

## STORYTIME WITH A COMMUNITY HELPER

We will have guest readers coming to classrooms this week! Some classes will receive special visits from a community member who would like to share a story.



## SCHOOL WIDE DROP- EVERYTHING-AND-READ

On Friday Jan 27th, for 20 minutes after lunch, ALL students and staff will be reading!

## FREE BOOK SWAP

If possible, please bring in one book (either a picture book, an early chapter book or a Novel appropriate for grades 5-7) to school by Thursday to the library.

On Friday, all students will have the chance to choose a different book to bring home to keep and enjoy!





**Registration for Kindergarten for 2023/2024 School Year  
Important information for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Families**



School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) will be enrolling Kindergarten students (Neighbourhood, French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous, Fine Arts and eClasses) in District schools for attendance in September 2023. To be eligible for enrolment in September 2023, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2023. Each child's birth certificate and proof of address must be uploaded for registration. BC Services Cards will not be accepted as proof of birth however your child's BC Personal Health Number (PHN) is required on the registration form. A Passport or Landed Immigrant authorization are suitable forms of documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

**KINDERGARTEN CHOICES INFORMATION:**

For more information about Kindergarten Programs listed below, please check the posted information on the school district website:

- Neighbourhood (the Kindergarten program in your catchment school);
- Early French Immersion (located at Ecole Puntledge Park and Ecole Robb Road);
- Indigenous (Located at Ecole Puntledge Park);
- Montessori (located at Queneesh and Courtenay Elementary);
- Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program;
- Navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAe).

**Kindergarten Registration**

All Kindergarten classes are full-day programs. The following choices are available for Kindergarten Registration.

**Neighbourhood School:**

Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood catchment school using the online registration located on our website [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration) starting **Monday, January 16, 2023**. While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having space available. To determine your neighbourhood catchment school, please visit our district website at, click on "Schools" and go to "Schools Locator". If you live in an area where busing is provided, please complete a Bus Transportation Registration Form which is located at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-transportation>. All students travelling on School District No. 71 school buses must carry a bus pass.

**Early French Immersion, Montessori and Indigenous:**

- Online Registration opens **Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m.** If you are interested in Early French Immersion (Ecole Robb Road or Ecole Puntledge Park) or the Montessori program (Queneesh or Courtenay Elementary) or the Indigenous program (Ecole Puntledge Park) complete the expression of interest form for your program of choice on the SD71 registration page [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration). Placements into choice programs are on a first come, first serve basis in the order received. Siblings of current students in the programs will have priority, as long as they are registered before Friday, January 13 2023.
- The indicated school of choice will contact you and provide directions about confirmation or wait listing for placement. Follow their directions on how to register your child for Kindergarten.
- **Montessori Information Session at Courtenay Elementary Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

**NAVIGATE (NIDES) COMPASS PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN: ALL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED ONLINE AT:**

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

Registration for all students for the Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program is completed online and the registration form will be active on **Wednesday February 1, 2023**. Inquiries for this program can be forwarded to Vice Principal, Meghan McMillen at [meghan.mcmillen@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:meghan.mcmillen@sd71.bc.ca)

**NAVIGATE (NIDES) FINE ARTS ECADEMY (FAe) KINDERGARTEN: ALL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED ONLINE AT:**

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

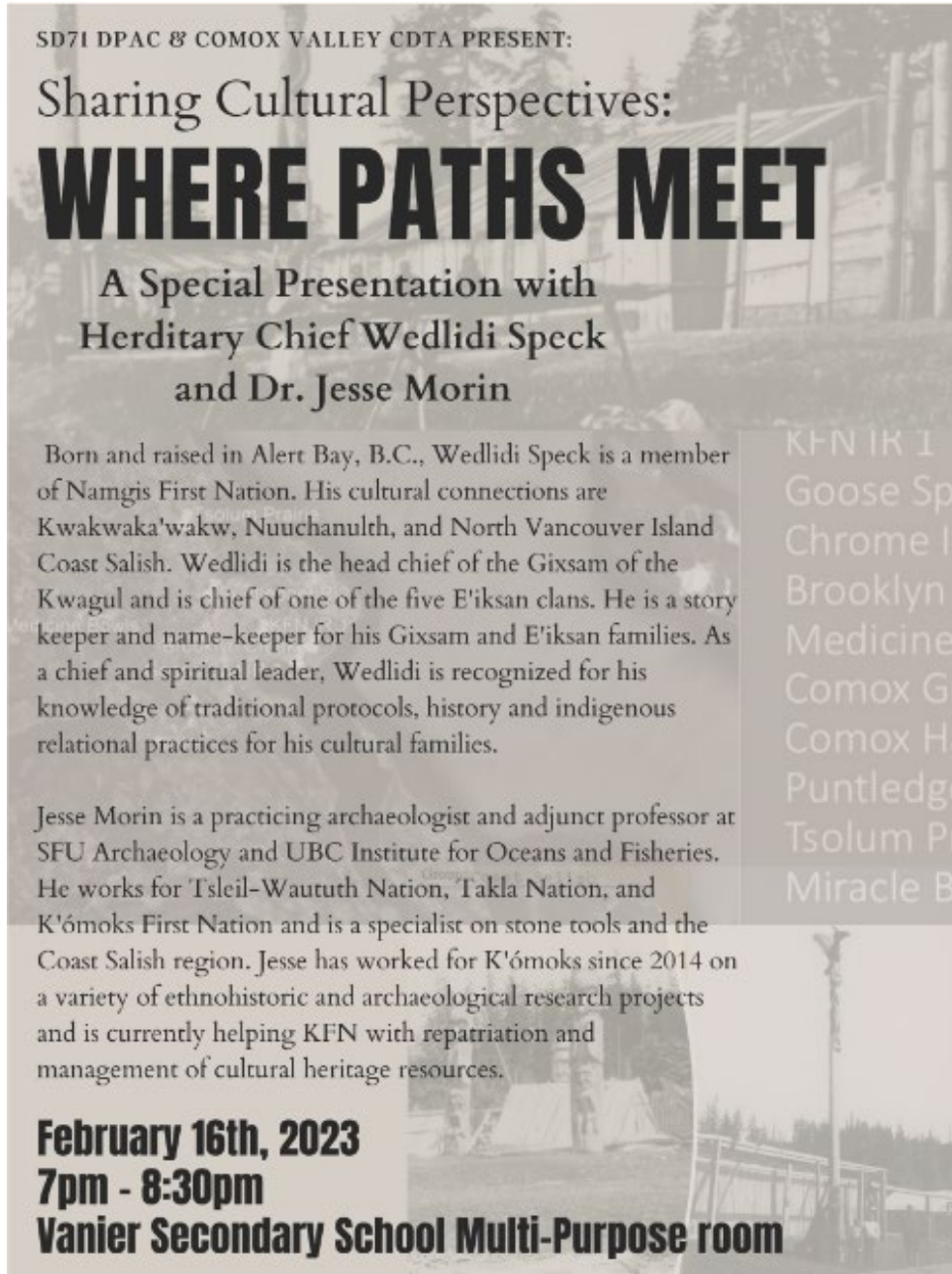
Registration for all students for the Fine Arts eCademy (FAe) Kindergarten at Navigate (NIDES) is completed online and the registration form will be active on **February 1, 2023**. Program entry is based on a lottery system, not first come first serve. Inquiries about this program can be forwarded to Vice Principal, Meghan McMillen at [meghan.mcmillen@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:meghan.mcmillen@sd71.bc.ca)

***There will be an open house at the Tsolum Campus on January 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 am for both COMPASS and FAe Programs.***

For questions about Kindergarten in School District 71, please see the FAQ's on the district website -- contact the individual school -- or email [kindergartenreg@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:kindergartenreg@sd71.bc.ca).



## Community Information



SD71 DPAC & COMOX VALLEY CDTA PRESENT:

# Sharing Cultural Perspectives: **WHERE PATHS MEET**

A Special Presentation with  
Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck  
and Dr. Jesse Morin

Born and raised in Alert Bay, B.C., Wedlidi Speck is a member of Namgis First Nation. His cultural connections are Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchanulth, and North Vancouver Island Coast Salish. Wedlidi is the head chief of the Gixsam of the Kwagul and is chief of one of the five E'iksan clans. He is a story keeper and name-keeper for his Gixsam and E'iksan families. As a chief and spiritual leader, Wedlidi is recognized for his knowledge of traditional protocols, history and indigenous relational practices for his cultural families.

Jesse Morin is a practicing archaeologist and adjunct professor at SFU Archaeology and UBC Institute for Oceans and Fisheries. He works for Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Takla Nation, and K'ómoks First Nation and is a specialist on stone tools and the Coast Salish region. Jesse has worked for K'ómoks since 2014 on a variety of ethnohistoric and archaeological research projects and is currently helping KFN with repatriation and management of cultural heritage resources.

**February 16th, 2023**  
**7pm - 8:30pm**  
**Vanier Secondary School Multi-Purpose room**

Feel free to email me at [zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

**Zale Darnel**

Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary