

Miracle Beach Elementary School Week-at-a-Glance

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
February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10
Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel’s Class Fruit Delivery - Apples	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel’s Class Noon- Hackergal Noon - Seventh Generation Club Health and Safety Committee Meeting	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel’s Class Gr. 6/7 Girls Basketball <u>Game @ Home</u> Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Game @ NIDES Noon – Musical Rehearsal <u>Biegler/ Gravel Field Tip to Mt. Washington</u>	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel’s Class 8:00 – SBT Noon- Leadership	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel’s Class Hot Lunch

Upcoming dates to note:

- **February 17th – Pro-D**

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

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

- **Water Bottles for Students** – Water Bottles were distributed on Tuesday (January 24), it has been great to see so many students using them!!

Thank you Forbidden Zone Pizza and Espresso Bar and MainRoad North Island for their donations that allowed us to provide water bottles to all of our students free of charge.

Below is a coupon for Forbidden Zone Pizza and Espresso Bar, please present it at your next time of purchase for 20% of you order.



- **Next MBE PAC Event is Financial Literacy!** - To follow our craft fair in December where we learned a little about commerce, the next event is all about money management.

On Monday, February 13th, we have a CPA professional volunteering her time to come and provide a couple of workshops at the school. If you or your child are interested in attending one or both sessions, [please RSVP here](#). (If your RSVP is for one event and not the other, you can just put the number 0 attending for the second one.)

Everyone is welcome to come to the following events;

1. From **1:30-2:30 Parents** are invited to come to the school for the workshop called *“How to talk to your kids about money”*.
2. From **2:45-3:45 Parents and Students** are invited for a kid-friendly session called *“Needs and Wants”*. Although all children and parents are invited to attend, the workshop is designed for kids in grade 3 and above. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children, but it is not necessary. Note: The session will finish after the bus has left the school.

More information will be sent out closer to the date. **Please be sure [RSVP](#) by Friday, February 10th at 12 noon if you are planning to attend.**

If you are interested about learning more, please visit the BCCPA website here:

<https://www.bccpa.ca/cpa-financial-literacy-program/financial-literacy-sessions/how-to-teach-your-kids-about-money/>

<https://www.bccpa.ca/cpa-financial-literacy-program/financial-literacy-sessions/grades-4-5-needs-and-wants/>

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Heather Morris:

heathervmorris@outlook.com

- **Events Committee Meeting** - We have our first Events Committee meeting set for Jan 30th from 7-7:30pm. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let Heather Morris know and she will send you the Zoom link. It will be an informal meet-and-greet where we will talk about the objectives of the committee as well as upcoming events like the one on Feb 13th. Email: heathervmorris@outlook.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
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 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.

Pictures







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 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. 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

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

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

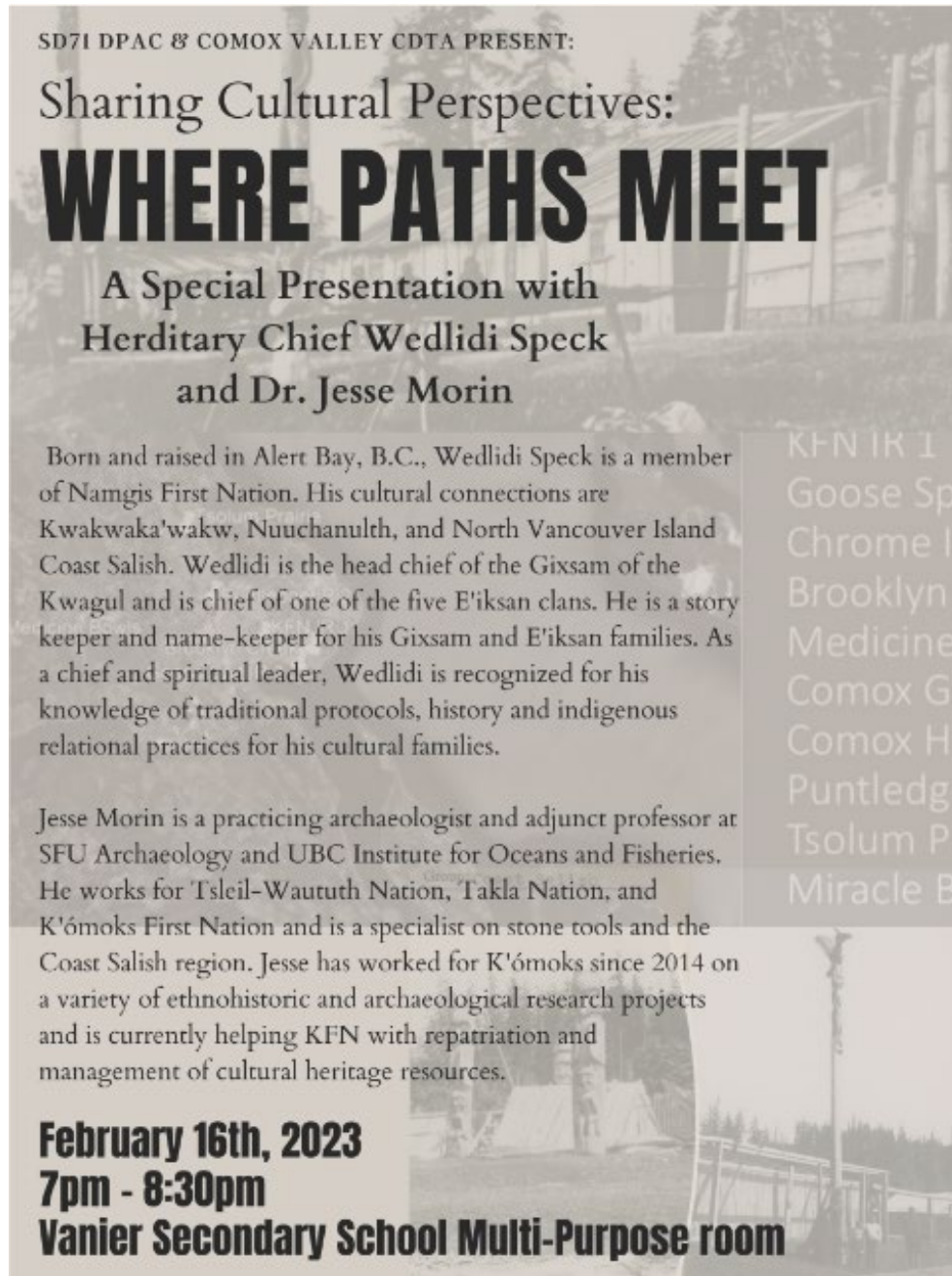
www.navigatenides.com

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

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.

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 if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel

Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary