

Good afternoon, Royston El community!

Here is your week ahead for May 11-15, 2026.



And for those wanting the "quick hits" for the upcoming week:

School News

- It is Field Trip season. If you are interested in driving or attending any field trips, please make sure you contact our office team early to arrange for Criminal Record Check, Volunteer Drivers abstract, copy of driver's license and insurance. Thank you in advance. We cannot do it without the support of our families.
- **Important dates:**
 - May 15th Non-Instructional Day- No school for students
 - June 17th – Beach Day at Airforce Beach – buses leave at 9:00AM
 - June 23rd - Grade 6 leaving ceremony 10:30 – 12:00
 - June 25th – last day of school for students 11:30
- **Lost and Lonely Clothes**



Welcome to Kindergarten

Our new Kindergarten students had a wonderful time at the **Welcome to K Celebration** this week! Principal Lee McKillican read a beautiful sunflower poem, and each child planted their own sunflower seed to watch it grow!



BC Transit Bus Ready Program



Thank you to Lindsay Eason and our bus driver, Tala, for teaching our students how to safely and respectfully navigate our Comox Valley transit system.

Welcome

Welcome Sophie Pengente, our student teacher who is completing her practicum in Mr. Hutchison's class.

Welcome Ben Morin, our Educational Assistant Student who is completing his practicum in several classrooms throughout our school.

District News

- **School calendars approved and now available online**
 - Comox Valley Schools has approved district school calendars for the next three school years: 2026–2027, 2027–2028 and 2028–2029. The calendars have now been finalized, updated and posted on the district website, along with a helpful FAQ about the calendar development and approval process.
 - Families are encouraged to review the calendars for important dates including the start and end of the school year, holiday breaks and non-instructional days.
 - View the calendars and FAQ here: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/school-calendars-next-three-years/>

PAC News

- Next **PAC Meeting** is May 13th at 6:30PM - All welcome! Free childcare.
- **There will be special visitors from the CVRD to give an update on the Multi Use Path.**
- Volunteers make it all happen!
 - We have some amazing volunteers for Hot Lunch, special events and fundraising but we're always looking for more help! If you want to be added to our volunteer contact list, please send a note to roystonelpac@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!**

- **Fundraising**
- **Gut Feelings Sourdough**
 - Get your fresh sourdough or frozen pizza dough while supporting the PAC!
 - Order by Wednesday for Friday delivery: <https://royston-elementary-pac.square.site/>

Community News

Comox Valley Schools hosts Enduro Mountain Bike Race

<https://comoxvalleyrecord.com/2026/05/06/comox-valley-schools-hosts-enduro-mountain-bike-race-in-cumberland/>

WildCoast Volleyball Camps

Spring Grass Volleyball league for athletes ages 12-16. The program focuses on high-repetition, game-based development in a positive, structured environment that complements school and club sport.

Program Details:

- Program: WildCoast 4s- Spring Grass League
- Ages: 12-16 (co-ed, grouped by level)
- Schedule: Wednesdays, May 20 – June 24, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Location: Village Park(Comox Community Centre Field)
- Registration: <https://forms.gle/j3qZAFiRS4ECZcRaA>

Comox Valley Volleyball Camp

- The Comox Valley Volleyball Camp is July 6th-9th this summer. It is for grades 5 and older.
 - Please contact Brian at bdstevens@hotmail.com for more information.
 - Registration forms can be found at the Royston office.

- **Rainbow Theatre**



- **CV/Arts Summer Art Camps**

CV/Arts is offering three-day Summer Art Camps for youth ages 8–10, 11–13, and 14–18. Led by local artists, these camps provide a welcoming space for hands-on, creative exploration through individual and collaborative artmaking. No experience is required.

Dates: July 6–8, July 13–15, August 12–14, August 19–21

Location: Lake Trail Community School

For more information and to register:

- o <https://comoxvalleyarts.com/programs/art-summer-camp/>

Social Emotional Learning

As children grow, friendships become more emotionally complex. Friendships can bring joy, connection, laughter, and support—but they can also involve misunderstandings, hurt feelings, and conflict. While conflict can feel challenging, it is also an important part of healthy relationship development.

When children experience conflict and are supported through the resolution process, they develop important lifelong skills, including:

- Emotional regulation
- Empathy
- Perspective-taking
- Problem solving
- Resilience
- Assertiveness
- Boundary Setting

These experiences help children learn that challenges in friendships do not always mean a friendship is over. Often, they become opportunities for growth, learning, and deeper connection. Friendships naturally move through different stages. We call this the

Friendship Cycle:

1. Connect

Children meet, spend time together, and begin building trust.

2. Grow

Shared experiences, laughter, and positive interactions help friendships deepen.

3. Challenge

Disagreements, misunderstandings, or hurt feelings may arise.

4. Repair

Children learn to listen, communicate, problem-solve, and work toward resolution.

5. Renew

After working through challenges, friendships often become stronger and more resilient.

Helping children understand this cycle teaches them that conflict is a normal part of relationships—and that healthy friendships require communication, repair, and patience. Enjoy the week ahead!

Lee McKillican and Char Siddon 😊

