

Week at a glance september 9-20, 2024

Monday Sept. 9	Tuesday Sept. 10	Wednesday Sept. 11	Thursday Sept. 12	Friday Sept. 13
 Kindergarten Gradual Entry First PAC Meeting 6:30pm 	 Kindergarten Gradual Entry 	 Salad Bar Ceasar Salad Kindergarten Full Time first day 		
Monday Sept. 16	Tuesday Sept. 17	Wednesday Sept. 18	Thursday Sept. 19	Friday Sept. 20
		• Salad Bar		Terry Fox RunStudent Fees due

Looking ahead:

Sept. 9 – First PAC meeting in Multi-Purpose Room

Sept. 25 – Photo Day

Sept. 27 – Orange Shirt Day at Arden

Sept. 30 – School Closed – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Meet the Teacher - Third week of Sept. Date to be determined

Thank you to all of you for your help in what appears to have been a very smooth start-up. Knock-on-wood, but the parking lot seems to be running smoothly so far. Thank you for respecting our one lane in and two lanes out strategy. Just one reminder to make sure that you are not blocking any other cars during pick-up. We weren't sure how it would be with the Childcare centre but their schedules seem to not interfere too much with ours.

You may have noticed that our new swingsets are sitting there without swings. They are just waiting for the cement bases to set and then we should have the swings on there in the next week or two.

I just want to make an extra special shout-out and welcome to all of our new Kindies and their familes. (I know some of you have been here for years, but it is still fun to see you with your little ones) It has been great to pop my head out there and hang out on the carpet for a few minutes ©

The **BIG NEWS** this week is that we have a 'New-to-us' attendance program at Arden this year called SafeArrival. You may already know it if you have had kids at other schools. If you want to use this you wil need to download the app. If you do not want to use this, you can still report absences by calling the school at 250-334-3191 or emailing Laura-Lee.

Here is the page where the guide to parent use of SafeArrival is located: https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/SchoolMessenger-App-Parent-Mobile.pdf

To download the apps, links are located on this page: https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home

Here is a sample of the email/app message that will go out for absences:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your student, <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>, was marked absent.

If you are UNAWARE of the absence, contact the school.

If you are AWARE of this absence, please provide the reason immediately using SafeArrival or contact the school.

Thank you.

ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Toll-free Attendance Line: DISTRICT_TOLL_FREE_NUMBER

Website: MARCONI_URL

*** This email was automatically generated; please do not reply. ***

The voice message is:

First Name Last Name was marked absent <date>.

Please provide the reason now using safearrival or contact the school

Arden Elementary

It looks like next week will be a bit cooler, however, can you still make sure that your child has a water bottle. We do not have fountains in the school.

I will finish today with a reminder that there is no supervision outside before 8:20. If at all possible, I would highly advise that you not have them here before that time. Students are to meet their class at their designated meeting spot when the first bell goes at 8:35. If arriving at 8:40 or later, they must enter through the main doors and check in with Ms. Keltie and get a 'Welcome' slip.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Please feel free to email us with any questions or comments at: andrew.ferneyhough@sd71.bc.ca and teresal.cameron@sd71.bc.ca

Andrew Ferneyhough – Principal and Teresa Cameron – Vice-Principal



Event: Women Explore the Trades

Date: Tuesday, May 28th, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Sandwick Technical School

Who: This event is open to any female students and students who identify as female in grades 9-12.

What: Women Explore the Trades is a hands-on learning event where participants will work alongside professional females in various trades. The event aims to introduce participants to new trades, help them gain practical skills, and explore potential career pathways. The trades covered include Automotive, Carpentry, Baking, Electrical, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Horticulture, Plumbing, and Hairstyling.

Lunch: Lunch is included and will be catered by Live Kitchen.

Registration: To register, students can visit their Careers Office for an application or print one from the careers website. Completed applications should be returned to the Careers Office. A QR code is provided on the event poster for easy access to the registration site.

Join us for a day of discovery, skill-building, and potential career exploration in the trades!