



ARDEN ELEMENTARY

Week at a Glance Nov. 25-Dec 2, 2024

Monday Nov. 25	Tuesday Nov. 26	Wednesday Nov. 27	Thursday Nov. 28	Friday Nov. 29
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Bar • Gr. 5 Volleyball @ Arden - 2:30-4:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Hot Lunch - Old Farm Market • School Assembly - 10:45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curling - Div. 10&11
Monday Dec. 2	Tuesday Dec. 3	Wednesday Dec. 4	Thursday Dec. 5	Friday Dec. 6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonanza 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Bar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Hot Lunch - Pizza - Locals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curling - Div. 10&11 • Festive Friday

Looking ahead:

Nov. 23 – PAC Winter Craft Fair – Arden Gym

Nov. 27 – Gr. 5 Volleyball @ Arden

Nov. 28 – All School Assembly – Parents welcome – 10:45

Every Friday in December – Festive Friday – Dress up in anything Festive

Dec. 6 – Curling Div’s 10&11

Dec. 12 & 13 – Santa’s Workshop – see below

Dec. 17 – Winter Concert – 1:00pm and 6:00pm

Hello everyone,

I hope that many of you had a nice and productive meeting with your teacher yesterday. I also hope the storm this week wasn't too disruptive for your family. Luckily our recesses were not too nasty.

Next Thursday we will be having our November all-school assembly. They are not fancy and I think we decided to read the Arden Way awards in classes, but it should still be good for a smile. It will be about a half hour long. We are trying to find ways to bring some of you back into our building post-COVID. Hope to see some of you there 😊

Now on to the news....

Severe Weather and safety of our students

With recent stormy weather, I wish to remind and reassure everyone that your children's safety and well-being is our utmost concern. As you know, we value outdoor learning at Arden and believe in the importance of outdoor play, so we go outdoors in almost every weather, including cold, snow, wind, and rain. We ask that everyone come to school dressed appropriately for weather conditions. But we still monitor weather conditions closely and consider associated risk, in order to make adjustments to outdoor time and programming as needed.

For instance, in severe weather, like we had on Tuesday night, we would have an inside day. And on days with prolonged heavy rain, like we had during the day on Tuesday, we may do only one outdoor recess and stay in for the other to dry off and warm up. Also, please note that during or immediately after any big windstorm, we do not walk in the woods for safety reasons due to the risk of falling debris.

I hope this reminder gives you peace of mind and also reminds you to dress your children for the weather. If anyone needs help with proper gear, please let us know and we can try to assist with that.

Winter Concert

Our Winter concert will take place on Tuesday, December 17th, with a 1pm and 6pm concert times.

Arden Christmas Market - Saturday, Nov. 23, 10am-3pm - ALL proceeds go directly to Arden Elementary School!

Santa's Workshop - We are very excited to be preparing for Santa's Workshop!

How it works: We collect gently used and new items. On the day of Santa's Workshop, kids get to shop, for free, for gifts for family members.

It would be nice to have lots of items that could be gifts for mom's, dad's, guardians, and of course toys for siblings. There is a box in the foyer for donated items. What a great time to start decluttering your house:)

This is a great opportunity for kids to feel the gift of giving. It is always very special.

Santa's Workshop will be on **December 11th**. It had to be earlier due to other events in the gym.

Please start donating!

From Ms. Smith and all

EDAS

Arden is excited to participate in a district wide compassion project called Everyone Deserves A Smile (EDAS). Our hope is it educate, inspire, and involve local students in service learning, with the great hope that they will grow compassion, connect to unhoused or disadvantaged and help them feel seen, respected and loved.

We will also have a collection box for New wool socks, scarves, and toques. Men's XL, and Women's Medium. A donation box can be found in the front foyer of the school with an EDAS poster attached. Items are being collected at Arden school as well as other schools and businesses throughout the community to support this cause. All donations will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate a monetary amount; cheques can be made out to EDAS or E-transfer to Donate2ComoxValley@edas.ca. All donations are due by December 3.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact katie.arsenault@sd71.bc.ca for clarification.

Hope you all have a great weekend,

Andrew

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