



Have a fantastic, restful, peaceful Winter break!

Monday, Jan 2	Tuesday, Jan 3	Wed. Jan 4	Thurs. Jan 5
<p>No School Last day of Winter break.</p>	<p>Margot here (School Counsellor)</p> <p>Kate here (LST)</p> <p>Matt (Arts) PM</p> <p>Pre-School Storytime 11:15am</p>	<p>Library Book Exchange Day</p> <p>Vanier students in the Raven Room</p> <p>Sandy (SLP) AM</p>	<p>Matt (Arts) AM</p>

Judi's note to families...

Hello families. This week concludes our first term of the 2022-23 school year. Stepping into my Vice-Principal role has been extremely rewarding and I want to thank the community, including families and students, for being so patient and supportive during this transition. I am truly appreciative.

This past week has been filled with making wonderful memories. Our school field trip was a hit. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. Hot Lunch Pizza was a delicious treat for students yesterday and today's Gingerbread House making and school-wide Buddy Reading was also loads of fun for students. It was a great way to end the year. We look forward to many more exciting learning opportunities and enjoyable events in the new year.

Some of you may have expected to see a written Summary of Learning come home with your child(ren) today. This is one of a few changes in Reporting you will see in the coming months. Please see the Hornby reporting methods for 2022-23, outlined below.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Assessment & Reporting

This year, reporting will look a little different than in the past. The Ministry of Education's Student Reporting Policy for K-9 students requires parents/caregivers be provided with at least 4 Learning Updates during the school year. Please be aware that the Ministry reporting guidelines are currently under revision and may change again for the 2023-24 school year. This year, at the Hornby School, reporting is as follows:

Term One: October - Interim Progress Report
November - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Term Two: March - Student-Led Conference
- Written Interim Report

Term Three: June - Showcase of Learning
- Student Self-Assessment
- Summary of Learning

Please be reminded that teachers are always available to meet with parents/caregivers to discuss student progress and address any concerns. Feel free to contact them for an appointment, at any time.

Students establish goals, receive ongoing feedback from their teachers through formative assessment, and have opportunities for peer and self-assessment during the school year.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be happening in January. There will be more information to come early in the new year.

Please review there have been some REVISIONS School Closures, Power Outages, Ferry Cancellations

- The school will be open when the power is out, unless there are adverse weather conditions, or a shortage of staff.
- If there are extreme weather conditions and/or power outages, please be sure to listen to the local radio stations at 97.3 The Eagle and/or 98.9 The Goat to see if SD71 has decided to close all schools. If you have internet access, you can also check the School

District website for notices on school closures

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>. Closures are usually announced by 6:30 AM.

- **If School District #71 is closed due to weather conditions, HORNBY SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED. THE PHONE TREE CALLOUT WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE.**
- If ONLY the Hornby school is closed (this would be highly unusual), we will e-mail families but NO LONGER MAKE EMERGENCY PHONE TREE CALL-OUTS.
- If the power goes out during the day, we will continue regular operations, unless there is a decision to close for safety reasons or if there is an issue with our generator. If the decision to close the school is made once school is already in session, we will telephone parents/guardians/emergency contacts.
- It is **VERY** important we have your verification forms with alternate emergency contacts.

AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/a%cc%b1mlala-sa->

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Am'lala sa K'umuxse' was created in July 2018 for Indigenous Education (School District 71) to be sung by all students to celebrate Kwakwaka'wakw culture and language. Am'lala sa K'umuxse' translates as 'Play Song of the K'omoux' and speaks to the great land "ila a hii" and the powerful ocean and rivers "skoo kum chuck" that are here within the lands of the K'omoux. The song was released into our School District in a ceremony held during a Professional Development Day on February 15, 2019.



Child, Youth and Community School Programs
Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator
hies.childyouth@gmail.com

Our November/December Programs are in full swing! Please sign up now if your child wants to attend the Crafternoon!

TEEN NIGHT for Grades 8-12
Drop-in. \$5/per teen
@ The Raven Room at the school
Friday, 16th

School Parking Lot – Reserved for Bus and Staff

Methods of Communication

At Hornby Island Community School, we know that communication between school and home is of great importance to a child's success at school. School staff share information frequently through the following pathways:

Monthly School Calendar Update: shows upcoming events and celebrates past successes and student recognition. The calendar is updated in weekly notices and posted on our school website.

Weekly Newsletter: sent out by email every Thursday to parents and staff. We also post the notice on our school website. Please be sure to check your email every Thursday to keep informed about important events and announcements.

Student Planners: classroom teachers and EA's support students in recording important information daily.

Allergy/Health Alerts

Please be aware we have students with allergies/sensitivities to specific foods. Students are not to share their lunches with others.

HICS is scent free. For the comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfumes and oils in our school building.

Use of School Facilities

Priority for school facility bookings outside of school hours are given to those organizations providing programming to children/youth. Our Gymnasium and Raven Room spaces can be booked by community groups. These bookings will now be made online through the SD71 website. Please book far in advance. Call the school for more information.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning together with you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have.

School District #71 Emergency Plans

First Aid Attendants onsite are Charmaine Logan and Florette Maclean.

Please familiarize yourself with our school district's emergency plans so you know what to expect if we are faced with an issue. <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SchoolEmergencyProgramFeb2020.pdf>