



Please see below the calendar, for more detailed information of listed events

Monday, Nov 14	Tuesday, Nov 15	Wed. Nov 16	Thurs. Nov 17
Muffins!	Margot (School Counsellor) AM Kate (LST) Matt (Arts)- PM Pre-School Storytime 11:15am	Library Book Exchange Day Vanier students in the Raven Room Sandy (SLP) Heather (InEd) Stream2Sea Guest Gr. (5-7)	No Classes Parent Teacher Conferences Please get in touch if you have not been scheduled a 15-minute time to meet with your child's teacher

Judi's note to families...

It was wonderful to see a full school this week! For the first time this year all three classes had full attendance! I hope this means that everyone is feeling happy and healthy. On Monday, Grade 2-7 students visited the Natural History Center to receive an introduction to the new space. We look forward to working closely with them regularly throughout the remainder of school year. It continued to be a busy week learning about Peace and Remembrance Day and preparing for our assembly. Our student leaders did an amazing job presenting on Thursday. I hope everyone will have the opportunity on Friday to reflect on those who have served and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

INDOOR SHOES - Please ensure your child has indoor shoes that remain at school. Now that the wet weather has arrived, it's important for students to have clean shoes to wear inside the school during the day. In addition, we have recently had our gymnasium floor

resurfaced and it's important that we protect it. We realize that multiple pairs of shoes can be expensive. Please let Judi know if the school can support you if this is unaffordable.

PAINT SHIRTS — Please provide your child with a paint shirt to be worn over their clothing during Art projects. An old, large, button-up, men's shirt works great for this purpose. Perhaps one could be found in the free store.

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS: Please complete **The Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ)**, online. Please let Judi know if you have any questions about the survey or if you haven't received an invitation.

School Parking lot – Reserved for Bus and Staff

This is a reminder that the school parking lot is reserved for the bus and staff every school morning and afternoon. There is a parking area on Sollans Road with a trail through to the school grounds for parents who are choosing to drive their children to school.

Cars entering the parking lot while students are in the area is a safety concern. In the last week we have seen a small traffic jam before school started, as well as vehicles driving too fast for a parking lot surrounded by children. Please continue to respect this rule that was established when the school first opened. If you are picking up students throughout the day or coming to the school for meetings, you are welcome to park in the lot, provided there is space. Thank you for your cooperation. We are aware that it causes frustration for some families who might be in a hurry, but the parking area on Sollans Road is within close walking distance to the school and there are many days when there is limited parking available to staff.

Parent Teacher Conferences – Thurs, Nov 17, 2022 - no classes

We will be scheduling each family to have 15 minutes with each of their children's teachers on Nov 17th, 2022. Please watch for emails from the office or teachers and respond promptly to secure a time that works for your family. We hope you will have time in your day to visit the classroom and discuss your child's learning so far this year.

Save the Dates:

- **PAC Winter Faire - December 3, 2022**
- **Winter Concert – December 7, 2022 @ The Community Hall**

AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/a%cc%b1mlala-sa-k%cc%b1%cc%93umux%cc%b1se/>

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

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

FRIDAY CLUB DAY Friday Nov. 4. 2022

9:30am-12pm for grades K-7

@ Room to Grow.

Drop-in program. \$5/per child.

We need adult volunteers for Friday Club Days in November.

CHECK OUT THE LINK!! volunteers needed!!!!

Volunteers are needed for Friday Club Day. Check out the link and see if you can help on a Friday:

<https://calendly.com/fridayclubday/friday-club-day>

TEEN NIGHT for grades 8-12.

Drop-in. \$5/per teen

@ The Ravens Room at the school.

Friday's Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 16.

HORNBY RECREATION

Afterschool Soccer Grades 3-7 Thursdays Oct. 6-Nov. 24, 2022

Parent volunteers are needed to assist Coach Jonattan on the field on Thursdays ⚽ 🏀

To register or volunteer please email hornbyrecreation@gmail.com.

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>

School Closures, Power Outages, Ferry Cancellations

Our procedures for power outages and ferry cancellations may affect regular operations of our school. If the power is out before school starts, the Principal/Vice Principal will contact the School District to decide on closing the school. If the school is to be closed, we will begin the emergency phone tree callouts. **If the power goes out during the day, we will make a decision based on information we receive about how long we will be without power.** If there is an issue with our generator, we may need to close the school. If this is to happen, we will contact parents/guardians/emergency contacts. For this reason, and in the case of other emergencies, it is **VERY** important we have your verification forms with alternate emergency contacts. If School District #71 is closed due to weather conditions, Hornby School will also be closed unless otherwise stated. Again, the phone tree call-out will be in effect and all efforts will be made to ensure callouts happen early in the morning.

If there are power outages, we may not get through to your phone line so please be sure to listen to the local radio stations at 97.3 The Eagle and/or 98.9 The Goat. If you can, check the School District website for notices on school closures at: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>. Closures are usually announced by 6:30 AM.

Please note that the contact information we have on file is provided by parents at the beginning of the school year when you review and sign the student verification form. If there are any changes in contact information throughout the school year, please notify the school as soon as possible so we can update our system.