



## Fernwood Elementary School Newsletter June 11, 2026

### Fernwood Fun Fair

**Thank you to the Fernwood PAC and all the volunteers who made the fun fair happen again this year for the kids! The PAC would like to thank you to the following sponsors:**

Thrifty Foods, Salt Spring Library's Fab Lab, Salt Spring Chocolate, Mouat's, Rainbow Recreation Centre, Salt Spring Books, Country Grocer, West of the Moon and all of the lovely volunteers and toy donors!









## Grade 6 and 7 Leadership Retreat

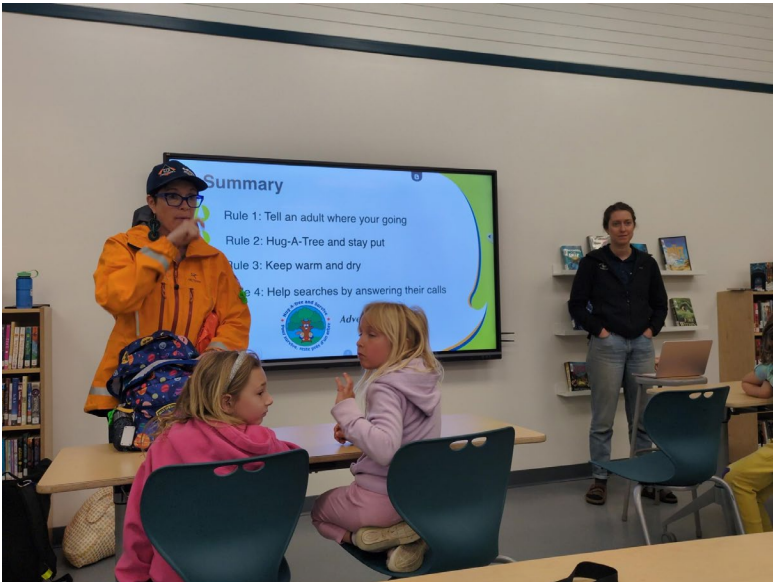
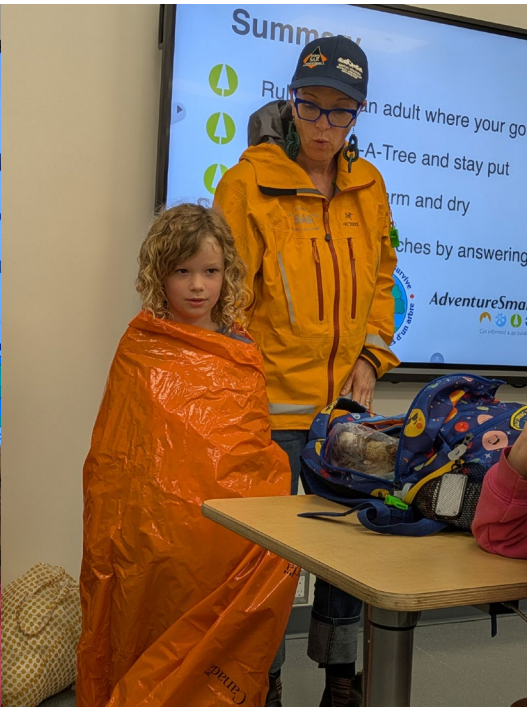
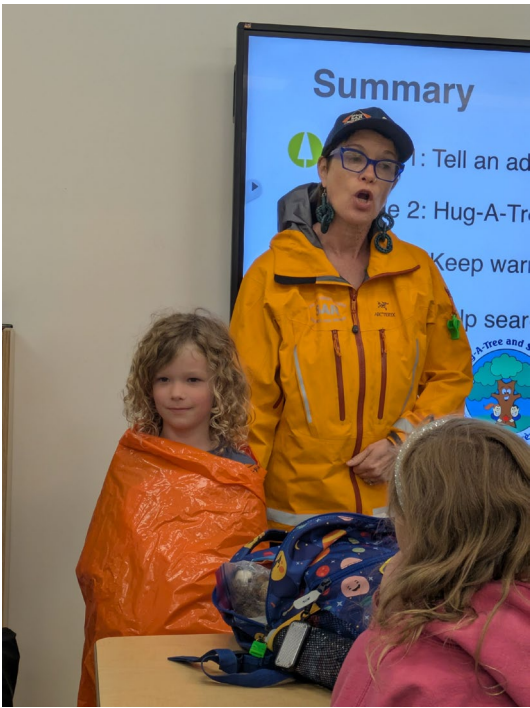
Students entering Grade 6 and 7 had the opportunity to attend a leadership retreat on Wednesday. They will be helping with the BC Blindsport workshops that take place next week. Thank you to Becky for providing this opportunity!



## Salt Spring Search and Rescue - AdventureSmart Program

Students in Sarah Currie's grade 3 class, Myriah Michaux's K-1 class and Cathryn Pyper's 1-2 class participated in the Salt Spring Search and Rescue AdventureSmart Program . One of their programs is called **Hug-a-Tree and Survive**. It teaches children how not to become lost in the woods, and what to do should they become lost. If a child should become lost in the woods, hugging a tree can help them stay safe, and be found. Staying near a tree offers some protection from the elements, and keeps lost children in the same place, which makes it easier for searchers to find them. Before the end of the year they will be dropping off a colouring book and also a small ziploc that included a flash card, the comfort cover and flashcard that they promised to each student.





# POTATO OLYMPICS



Ms Sarah's grade 3 students ran an exciting Potato Olympics where their potatoes competed in measurement events such as the potato luge, potato horse racing, target toss and a potato relay.



**FIELD TRIP: Pole Ceremony, IMAX, Petting Zoo - Victoria**

On Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Melissa Hingston's class attended the pole ceremony at Beacon Hill Park and also went to the IMAX theatre and petting zoo.











## FIELD TRIP: PACIFIC NORTHWEST RAPTORS

Myriah Michaux and Malindi Curtis' classes had an exciting day learning about birds of prey and wildlife conservation at the Pacific Northwest Raptors Centre in Duncan. They participated in a variety of bird and nature-based activities including bird watching, learning about bird care and seeing flight demonstrations. Here are some amazing photos!







These guys are SUPER excited to show their puppet plays to the kindies 😁

## Whole School Meeting – Celebrating the 3Cs!

Shelly led our whole school meeting today and announced some great news! The 'Gem Jar' is FULL! Gems are given out to students anytime they are recognized for the 3Cs (care for self, others and the environment) and when its full the whole school is rewarded. It takes some time to fill up the jar as the jar fits so many gems! The big reward for this time of year is for the whole school to have an extended recess time!

Thank you to Emerson and Jacob for opening and closing the meeting today with the Territorial Acknowledgement and drumming!







**Kindergarten Orientation Day is Wednesday, June 17th**

Parents have received an email to sign up for a time to arrive for this event that starts at 1:20 pm and runs until approx 2:30 pm with parents and their child(ren) arriving in staggered times so everything runs smoothly.

During your visit, you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet our school principals
- Meet the Kindergarten teachers
- Tour the outside of the school
- Take part in a fun craft activity
- Peek into a Kindergarten classroom in action
- Receive a special goody bag

**We look forward to welcoming you and your child on June 17th!**

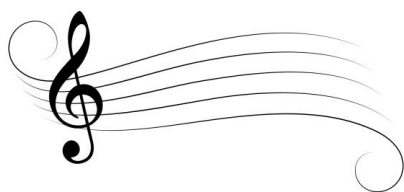
**If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school 250-537-9332.**

**This is the link to sign up for an arrival time - please click the save button once you've chosen your arrival time:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2EAAFBCF8-57198187-welcome>**

Warm regards,  
The Early Learning Team at  
Fernwood Elementary School

**Band Rehearsal is Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and the Band Concert is Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the HUB (the old middle school)**



### **Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> - Dress Rehearsal+ Set up**

3:45-5:15- Set up SIMS Gym

5:30-7:00 - SSI Elementary School Bands (Fernwood, Fulford, SSE) Dress Rehearsal at SIMS gym. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early so instruments, and seating placements are ready before rehearsal time.

**Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> - School Performance:** School performance for the Fernwood classes in the Fernwood gym. Students need to ensure they have all their equipment with them for the school day.

Show time: 9:10

\*No dress code

### **Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> - Main performance**

5:15 PM Call Time at SIMS Gym

6:00 Doors Open for audience

6:30 PM Performance

8:00 PM Clean up

National  
Indigenous  
Peoples Day



National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada falls on Sunday, June 21, 2026.

It marks the 30th anniversary of this national holiday, which aligns with the summer solstice.

***This year classes at Fernwood are invited to Fulford Elementary School for an Indigenous Peoples Day and Pole Ceremony on June 17<sup>th</sup>.***

FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# LOST & FOUND ITEMS

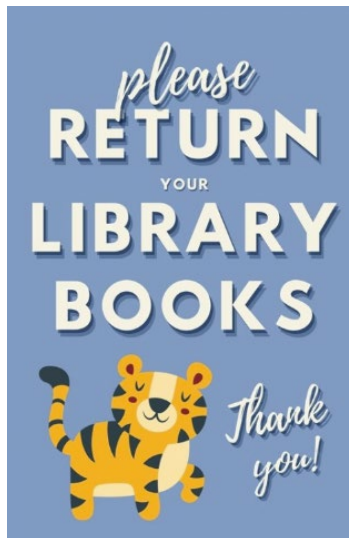


Located in the Gym Hallway

PLEASE CHECK  
BEFORE  
SUMMER BREAK!

ALL ITEMS NOT CLAIMED  
BY THURS, JUNE 25 TH, 2026  
WILL BE DONATED

THANK YOU !



**The library must all books and ensure the computer system is accurate and ready for next year.**

**Starting the week beginning June 15th there will be no more books taken out.**

**Thanks for your help in rounding up books! ~ Amber, Teacher Librarian**



*Ms Curtis' Kindergarten Class Harvesting Kale in the Garden*



Please join us for the  
Grade 7

# Graduation *Ceremony*

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**Class of 2026**

25th • June • 2026  
9:30 - 10:15 am

**FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY**

In the gym...cake to follow!

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## **Dates Looking Ahead:**

Monday, June 15 – Brian Reid and Melissa Hingston Classes to ArtSpring for French programming; Library Books back

Tuesday, June 16

- Brian Reid's Class to WildPlay
- Band Rehearsal (evening at the HUB – old SIMS location)

Wednesday, June 17

- Band Concert (evening at the HUB – old SIMS location);
- National Indigenous Peoples Day Event and Pole Ceremony (Cameron, Bienias and Montgomery classes travelling by school bus to Fulford Elementary for this event 1:00 – 2:30 pm – Mr. Reid's class may also be going – we are just waiting to hear about Bus Transportation)
- New Kindergarten Orientation 1:20 pm at Fernwood Elementary

Thursday, June 18 – Family Picnic for Cathryn Pyper and Heidi Cameron's classes; Field trip TBA for Sarah Currie and Allan MacLean's classes to Ruckle Park – awaiting bus request confirmation

Sunday, June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

Monday, June 22 – Reid Class Sleepover

Tuesday, June 23 – Reid Class Camping at Ruckle Park

Wednesday, June 24 – Grade 7 BBQ (parent event for families) evening, AIRBAND 2:00 pm

Thursday, June 25 - Last Day of School; **Grade 7 Ceremony 9:30 am in the Gym**; Report Cards Home; all Lost and Found items go to the Thrift Store (they were all put out at the Fun Fair and have been available in the hallway by the gym for viewing – please take your items home)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Summer D&D Program with Clay Dawson

There has been a Dungeons and Dragons club running on Wednesdays at lunch at Fernwood this year. This summer, Teacher Clay Dawson will be running a summer program.

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a cooperative storytelling game. Players roleplay fantasy characters in a team that allow them to improvise, explore, and express in a safe, fun environment. Gameplay emphasizes teamwork with their fellow players, problem solving the challenges placed in front of them, and leadership in improvising and facilitating a group environment.

This program will run a single session per week for 2-3 hours in the morning or the afternoon during July and August. The campaign that players will participate in is a pre-made module called the Lost Mine of Phandelver. In this story, characters seek to discover the secrets of a mine long-closed. As they play, they discover the potential secrets of the mine as well as a nefarious plot to race the characters to the treasure.

If you are interested please contact me at [clayfsdawson@gmail.com](mailto:clayfsdawson@gmail.com) or 902-223-3900

‘For the love of growth and adventure.’

~ Clay Dawson

# Stained Glass Art Show



1 day  
only!

Artist Lorne Tippett and apprentice Monika Mayr

July 4<sup>th</sup> at ArtSpring

10am - 3pm

100 Jackson Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V8

"Come experience the colour and optical  
effect of what a life in glass looks like"

ArtSpring

# GALIANO *Kids Fest*



*all invited*

SUNDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 12PM - 3PM  
AT THE GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL FIELD

GAMES | FACE PAINTING  
ART | BUBBLES | MUSIC | FOOD  
LIP SYNC | AND SO MUCH MORE!

**GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!**

sign up to perform a Lip Sync song!



presented in partnership with





# Join our Circle of Caregivers

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To learn more, scan or visit [gov.bc.ca/fostercaregiving](http://gov.bc.ca/fostercaregiving)



Salt Spring  
Tennis Association  
2026

# SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS

**KIDS!** Learn to play tennis and play BETTER tennis with professional coach MUKUL.

**PARENTS!** Mukul is highly qualified.

Check out his credentials.



**Fun afternoon  
tennis camps each  
week all summer**

To register email:  
[coaching@saltspringtennis.ca](mailto:coaching@saltspringtennis.ca)

## Open to youth

7-10 yrs  
(1:00pm - 2:30pm)

11 yrs & up  
(2:30pm - 4:00pm)

## Cost

\$160/pp/week

## Weeks

July 06 - July 10

July 13 - July 17

July 20 - July 25

July 27 - July 31

August 3 - August 7

August 10 - August 14

August 17 - August 21

August 24 - August 28

2 DAY SUMMER CAMP  
FOR KIDS@SIMS WITH  
ARTISTS ANGELO  
ROSSO AND ALICJA  
SWIATLON

# THE SECRET DOOR

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS, PERFORMERS, AND  
STORYTELLERS AGES 9-13!

OPEN THE SECRET DOOR AND STEP INTO TWO DAYS OF  
VISUAL ART, IMPROV THEATER, IMAGINATION, AND  
STORYTELLING



COST \$200 FOR  
BOTH DAYS

EARLY BIRD  
SPECIAL  
\$175

LIMITED TIME OFFER

BRING A SIBLING AND  
RECEIVE 25% OFF!

EMAIL: [ANGELO.ROSSO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANGELO.ROSSO@GMAIL.COM) TO  
REGISTER

CREATE

IMAGINE

ACT

A 2-DAY  
CREATIVE  
ADVENTURE!

AGES  
9-13

JULY 14-15  
10:00AM-3:00PM

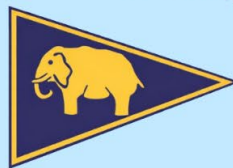
SIMS MUSIC ROOM

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED • NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

LIMITED SPOTS...SO OPEN THE DOOR AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE THIS SUMMER!



SALT SPRING ISLAND SAILING CLUB



SUMMER SAILING SCHOOL

# SUMMER SAILING SCHOOL 2026

BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED LEVELS AVAILABLE

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!

CLASSES RUNNING FROM JULY 6TH TO AUGUST 28TH

MONDAY -FRIDAY 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

### AGES 9 - 18

TAUGHT BY OUR AMAZING  
SAILCANADA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS



FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW!!



OR EMAIL US AT [SCHOOL@SALTSPRINGSAILING.CA](mailto:school@saltspringsailing.ca)

STAGECOACH  
THEATRE SCHOOL

# LAUGH FACTORY: JUNIOR IMPROV

WITH DANIEL SQUIZZATO

July 6-10- 10:00-3:00 - Ages 7-9

## Jump into the world of improv!

- No scripts. No memorization. No pressure.
- Fun theatre games & creative challenges
- Build confidence, quick thinking & storytelling skills
- Make new friends and learn teamwork
- Lots of laughs and imagining
- Explore characters, scenes, and silly situations
- Perfect for beginners and budding performers alike

Family and friends are invited to a special sharing on the final day to celebrate all the creativity and growth.

Limited spots available – enroll today!



FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT [STAGECOACHTHEATRE.CA](http://STAGECOACHTHEATRE.CA)

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THEATRE SCHOOL

# YES AND...! INTERMEDIATE IMPROV

WITH DANIEL SQUIZZATO

**July 13-17- 10:00-3:00 - Ages 9-12**

## Level up your improv skills

- Create bold characters and fun scenes on the spot
- High-energy theatre games and fast-thinking challenges
- Strengthen spontaneity, creativity, and stage presence
- Sharpen instincts and learn to trust your choices
- Build teamwork and stronger ensemble skills
- Explore the core tools of improvised theatre
- Grow confidence and take creative risks in a supportive space
- Perfect for performers ready to stretch, play, and dive deeper

Family and friends are invited to a special sharing on the final day to celebrate all the creativity and growth.

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# IMPROV UNDERGROUND: SENIOR IMPROV

WITH DANIEL SQUIZZATO

July 20-24- 10:00-3:00 - Ages 13+

**No script. No plan. Just vibes.**

- Learn to think on your feet and commit to your choices
- Tackle playful improv challenges and unexpected scene work
- Build confidence by taking risks and trusting your instincts
- Sharpen quick thinking, creativity, and adaptability
- Collaborate, connect, and build strong ensemble skills
- Strengthen communication, presence, and self-expression
- Laugh hard and have a whole lot of fun!

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# MINI MELODIES WITH MISS TANGLE

Build a life long love of music and encourage your child's natural musicality in this fun family class for children 0-5 year olds and their grown ups! Explore rhythm, pitch-matching and beat awareness through storytelling, instrument playing, movement and puppets. Each week has a new theme and empowers children to enjoy music in a safe, playful and interactive environment.

**WHEN:** Wednesday June 10,17, 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 10am-10:45am

**BONUS CLASS:** SUNDAY June 21 11am-11-45am

**WHERE:** SIMS MUSIC ROOM

**WHO:** Ages 0-5 and their adult caregiver

**HOW MUCH:** \$5/child.

Only 20 spots each week!

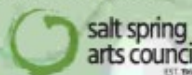
Email [entangledpuppetry@gmail.com](mailto:entangledpuppetry@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.



Visit [www.entangledpuppetry.com](http://www.entangledpuppetry.com) to learn more!

Miss Tangle is a multi-award winning professional children's performer, art and nature educator with nearly 2 decades of experience.

We are grateful for support from Salt Spring Arts.



Summer 2026

Kids 7+

# Nature Art Camp



**Lisa Lipsett**

**Wk 1- Jul 6-10**

**Wk 2- July 13-17**

**Wk 3- July 20-24**

**Wk 4- Aug 10-14**

**Wk 5- Aug 17-21**

**10-3pm, \$375**

**call/ text 250 538 2251**

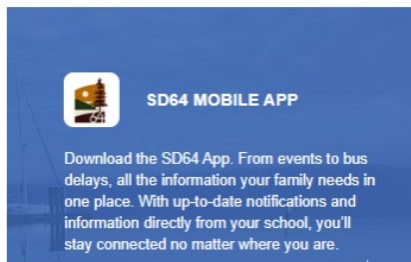
**llipsett@me.com**

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Paintwithnature.com

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**SD64 MOBILE APP**



The Province of BC has a 'no cell phone' policy in elementary schools.





**THANK YOU** FOR TAKING THE TIME YOU DO TO SCAN YOUR RECEIPT! COUNTRY GROCER HAS ISSUED THE SCHOOL \$1600 THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE TO THE 10 CLASSES – IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND ITS WORKING! THE SCHOOL NUMBER IS: #114


Thank you to everyone who chooses to donate to Fernwood Elementary School through the Country Grocer Save-a-Tape program. We appreciate the time it takes to scan your receipt! Funds are used to subsidize field trips and purchase classroom and learning services supplies.

*The Fernwood Elementary School number on their scanning kiosk is #114.*

**This is a  
Scent  
Free  
Zone**

**Chemicals in scented products can be harmful to people with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies, and other medical conditions.**

- Use unscented personal care products. Do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave, and other fragrances.
- Use fragrance-free cleaning products, deodorizers, soaps, detergents, and fabric softeners.

Canada   
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

## **Reminder: Our School is a Scent-Free Zone**

We would like to remind all students, staff, parents, and visitors that our school is a **scent-free environment**. Strong fragrances from perfumes, colognes, body sprays, scented lotions, and other scented products can cause serious health reactions for individuals with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies, migraines, and other medical conditions.

Exposure to scented products do lead to breathing difficulties, headaches, nausea, dizziness, skin irritation, or asthma attacks for individuals in our school and these reactions can be severe and impact their ability to learn or work safely at school.

We ask everyone to help us maintain a healthy and inclusive environment by avoiding the use of scented products when coming to school or attending school events.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support in helping keep our school safe for everyone.