



# Hornby Island Community School Newsletter

February 2nd, 2012



Students in grade three have started their new schedule working with the fours or on their own with either me or Mr. Hutchison on core goals in reading, math, and science. This is on top of the focused time grade threes spend in a learning pod each day with their teacher, Ms. Coley. Our goal is to provide them with both the guided teaching and the acceleration. It's a pleasure to work with them!

Have a peaceful weekend!



Captain Thunderpants had the rapt attention of the primary class & the younger children who will be coming to the 'Big School' in the coming years.

## Dates to Remember

### February

- Mon. Feb. 6th** professional day— **no school**
- Tue. Feb 7th** blended arts school proposal 1:30
- Wed. Feb. 15th** one hour early dismissal
- Mon. Feb. 13th** Hornby Island Parent
- Mon. Feb. 27th** Group

### March

- Mon. Mar. 12th** Hornby Island Parent
- Mon. Mar. 26th** Group

## Blended arts school proposal

We have a new date for the meeting with the Navigate (formerly NIDES) folks about their plans for a blended home school/arts school initiative. Jeff and Alyssa will be here at the school to meet with parents on Tuesday Feb. 7th at 1:30

## From the Community Coordinators Desk

We did it! The weather was on our side this week and we were able to kick off the first set of farm visits.

Ms. Coley's students were busy on Pam Gordon's farm feeding sheep, horses and chickens. Then

it was on to selecting the best broad

bean seeds and planting them in the garden. Pam was a great hostess and full of knowledge.



Ms Coley's class after a long day of working on the farm

the afternoon at Outer Island farm where they had a chance to learn

about fruit tree pruning, preparing a garden bed and planting garlic, learning

about sheep husbandry and chicken farming.

There was even a chance to hold and feed a 3 day old lamb. A busy time that seemed to go by far too quickly.



Salem holding the new born lamb

plete, focus now will be on the school garden. We need to solidify the garden committee, so if you or anyone you know may be interested in committing time and experience to the

group we would love to hear from you. We will be asking for community support for donations of materials and time as we work through the final plans.

The intermediate class spent

With the first farm visits com-

Please contact Karen at 335-1021 if anything comes to mind.

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## Don't miss it!!!!

### Hornby Island Parent Group - "Keeping Parents Sane"

Facilitators: Mike Nestor & Julie Kochanuk

Join Mike and Julie from the Hornby & Denman Community Health Care Society as they facilitate a lively and informative discussion on a wide range of parenting topics including getting kids to help around the house, the different temperament types of children, focusing highly active children in a positive way, in addition to other general tips and suggestions for parents. Have a topic of interest on this subject - feel free to bring in!

When: **Mondays February 13 & 27, March 12 & 26, 2012** from **9:00-10:30 am**. Coffee and muffins/goodies will be available

First group topic (February 13): Helping kids with stress/recognizing the signs and surveying parents for topics of interest

Where: Hornby Island Community School

Who: Open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers of kids of all ages!

Cost: No Charge

Contact: Mike or Julie at [250-898-0247](tel:250-898-0247) for questions or to reserve a spot.

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