

# **Elementary Programs**

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## **Homestay**

Homestay is available for students from Grade 6 to Grade 12. Comox Valley International Student Program will arrange a host family for the students. If the students are between Kindergarten and Grade 5, a family member is required to accompany them and act as their custodian.

#### **Activities**

Comox Valley is a great place for kids and parents to connect with other families and participate in activities together in the community. There are a variety of lessons and events kids and parents can easily get access. Courtenay Recreation Centre is the hub of Children Programs, available for kids from 5 to 14 years old and the programs feature learning, physical activity, dance, cooking, music, martial arts, circus and fun. In addition, the LINC Youth Centre in Courtenay provides many opportunities in their Youth Program for 8-18 years children in music, art, skiing, snowboarding, baking etc.

Many other activities are available through out the year. Skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, skating, ice hockey, golfing, track and field, dancing etc.

**Source: City of Courtenay** 





### **Schools**



#### **Aspen Elementary**

- 350 students; Strong Start to grade 7
- Neighbourhood school no busing
- 2 days per week Strong Start program (age birth to 5, with parents)
- Houses the Navigate ENTER (Robotics)
- STEM curriculum offered to all students
- ELL support
- Strong athletics program
- Adjacent to Town of Comox baseball diamonds
- Lots of technology to support student learning
- Close to town recreational facilities
- Boys' and Girls' Club before and after school care on site





#### **Courtenay Elementary**

- 200 students K-5
- 3 preschool programs and a before and afterschool daycare on site
- Neighborhood Community School- no bussing
- Daily Breakfast and Lunch Programs for all students if needed
- After school programs that include Sign Language, Athletics, Art and Garden Clubs
- Before school gym and library programs
- Located in central Courtenay within walking distance of downtown
- ELL teacher and worker on site part
- Strong, collaborative staff
- Coordinated Early Years programs



#### **Queneesh Elementary**

- 430 k 7 students plus a busy Strong Start program for parents and their under age 5 children
- Neighbourhood Program with bus service as well as a District funded Montessori
- A welcoming environment that supports our children's learning with an emphasis on our Queneesh Compass (Community, Connections, Compassion and Communication)
- Strong Community Focus with many no cost family events that bring together our community, such as Family Games and Paint Nights, Books Before Bedtime
- Situated along a city bus route
- **ELL** and **ESL** staff supporting our students and families





#### **Valley View Elementary**

- 350 Students gr.K-7
- Neighborhood school No busing
- Strong Athletics Community
- Shares Soccer/Baseball field with city and Soccer Club
- Strong Community Presence
- Situated next to Mark Isfeld High-School
- Strong technology presence
- Central location in the Comox Valley
- ELL and ESL teacher on site part time