



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to welcome you back to what I know will be another exciting and rewarding school year at Errington School. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation and I know that our students (and many parents too) are excited about returning to school. To those parents and students who are new to our school, I welcome you to our school and look forward to meeting you in the days ahead.



We have had many new students register during the past two weeks, which is very nice to see. We decided to have a “re-connect day” today which saw students return to their last year’s classroom. This allowed them to feel more comfortable returning and allowed us to reconfigure many of our class lists to create good, working classes. We hope to have our class lists finalized for tomorrow and that no further changes will need to take place. We appreciate your understanding and support at this early stage of our school year.

We will be celebrating the Virtues Program again this year and each month we focus on and celebrate a specific virtue. **Courtesy** will be our virtue for the month of September and Mrs. Philip’s class will be our focus class for this virtue. More information about **Courtesy** can be found as an insert in this newsletter. Lastly, but most importantly, **please remember that you, as parents, are always welcome here at the school.**

EES Bell Schedule



Please note that our school day remains the same as last year.

Our school day starts at 8:15 and ends at 2:00.

Start	8:15 a.m.
School-wide Reading	8:15 - 8:35 a.m.
Recess	9:55 - 10:10 a.m.
<u>Lunch</u> : Eating period	11:40 - 11:55 a.m.
Play time	11:55 - 12:27 p.m.
Dismissal	2:00 p.m.

Morning Supervision

Playground supervision begins at 7:45 a.m. There is no supervision before 7:45 a.m. and students are asked not to arrive earlier than that time in the morning. The school will open for students at 8:00 a.m., except when weather is inclement. Students are supervised at recess, at lunch playtime and after school until the last bus leaves. There is no supervision after the last bus leaves. Thank you for your cooperation.



Students with Medical Problems (Alerts)

Please note it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make the school aware of any life threatening medical problem/s your child may have. This includes any changes in conditions for those students already on our medical alert file. Written permission from the student’s doctor is required before the school can issue medication or supervise the taking of medication. An authorization form is available from the school office. Medication cannot be administered unless the form is completed. Ref. Policy #8006. Parents are to provide medication in its original container clearly marked with the student’s name. Please check the expiration date of the medication. If the medication requires administration (i.e. injection) it is important that those charged with the procedure have the proper training. Please call the Health Unit at 248-2044 for assistance.

Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

September 8	Schools reopen after the summer vacation
September 24	EES Terry Fox Run in the afternoon beginning in the gym at 1:00 pm
September 24	Meet the Staff Evening at EES beginning at 6:00 pm
September 25	School-based Planning Day (students do not attend)
October 12	Thanksgiving Day (all schools are closed)
October 22	School-based Professional Development Day (students do not attend)
October 23	Provincial Professional Development Day (students do not attend)
November 11	Remembrance Day (all schools are closed)
December 18	Last day of classes before the Winter Break (December 19 - January 3)



Student Comfort Kits

As part of our Emergency Preparedness Plan, we are asking all parents to "replenish" their child's comfort kit and return it to the school this month. Perishable items (juice box and snack bar) should be replaced and you may want to add an updated photo, message or "new" book to the kit. The kit should be a ziplock bag with your child's name. All comfort kits are stored in class bins and placed in our emergency kiosk. Please return your child's "replenished" comfort kit to your child's teacher, as soon as possible. Thank you for your help with this very important matter.

Student Accident Insurance

The Qualicum School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. However, the School District does provide the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance Program underwritten by Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance.

All parents are encouraged to purchase Student Accident Insurance, either through their own insurance agent or through the Student Accident Insurance Policy. Applications for the IAP Kids Plus™ program are included with this newsletter, are available in the main office or application can be made on-line at www.iapkidsplus.com

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Teaching Staff

Sara Boudrot
Leslie Gilmour
Tim Henderson
Trish Jenkins
Geraldine Kelly
Colleen Nicholson
Bev Philip
Eileen Saremba
Wendy Smith
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Support Staff

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Kim Bowater
Janet Chomolok
Robyn Elliot
Janette Gair
Laurie Hollman
Pennie Kilback
Tracy MacDonald
Angie Norman
Jim Rogers

Criminal Record Checks

All volunteers *new to the school* must complete a "Criminal Record Information" form. Parents, guardians or community members wishing to act as a school volunteer are referred to the Oceanside RCMP Detachment to complete a "Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information" form, preferably in September. Thank you.

Student Planners

Students in Mr. Henderson's, Ms. Kelly/Mrs. Boudrot's and Miss Smith/Mrs. Nocholson's classes will be receiving planners for this school year. Please send in \$5.00 to your child's classroom teacher to help cover the cost of these planners. Thank you and please support your child using their planner.



Welcome Back Booklet

Included with this newsletter is the Welcome Back booklet published by School District 69. It contains important school and district dates, information, and policies. Please take a moment to look through the publication and keep it on hand for reference throughout the year.

Communicable Diseases

Please report all serious communicable diseases to the school (248-8446) and Health Unit (248-2044). Common examples of these diseases are chicken pox, mumps, measles, strep throat and scarlet fever.

School Newsletters

Parents can expect to receive a school newsletter each Tuesday. Please remember to check your child's backpack so that you can remain as informed as possible.

Miranda continues as our School Lunch Program Coordinator

Our school lunch program, which is supported both by the District and our PAC, will be up and running very soon this school year. We are very pleased to announce that Miranda Cockayne has graciously agreed to continue as our program coordinator this year. As such, she will be responsible for all aspects of the program, and did a wonderful job in this capacity last year. We will have the program operate from Monday to Thursday of each week and plan to have our lunch program start up again on Mon., Sept. 21st. More information about our lunch program, a menu and order form will be in next week's newsletter.



Errington Community Childcare Centre: A licensed childcare center is located in Errington Elementary School. Open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Register now for **Fall 2009:** Before and after school care, kindercare and a morning play group for 3-5 year olds. Call Linda at 248-7210 to register!



PAC News: Just a reminder that all parents whose children attend EES are automatically members to the school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC). PAC meetings take place monthly and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be more information about PAC in next week's newsletter. The PAC bulletin board is located in the foyer.

EES Code of Conduct for Students

Along with this newsletter, parents will find a copy of our Code of Conduct for you to have at home. I would appreciate it if you would read and discuss the Code of Conduct with your child/children, and have them return the form below. Thank you for your help with this.

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My parents and I have read and talked about the Code of Conduct

Name of student

Parent signature



Important Notice: CHANGES TO BUSSING REGISTRATION

As in past years, students requesting transportation service must have a bus pass. However, unlike past years, not all students will be eligible for bus service. The District has had to reduce its bus fleet by 8 busses which has resulted in a complete redesign of its transportation system. To do this, the District will enforce walk limits to 3.2 km for kindergarten to Grade 5, 4.0 km for Grades 6 to 8 and 4.8 km for Grades 9 - 12. The system has been designed to assure transportation to their neighbourhood school for students living outside of the walk limits. Please see our website at www.sd69.bc.ca and click on "Transportation Information" to view the walk limits and collection points for your school.

Eligible riders are those students living outside the walk limits of their neighbourhood school. Registration fee for these riders is \$40 per student.

Courtesy riders are those riders who live within the walk limits of their neighbourhood school or who are cross-boundary; that is, attend a school other than their neighbourhood school. Transportation for courtesy riders will depend on whether there is room on the bus after eligible riders have registered. Priority will be given to the youngest student living furthest from their neighbourhood school, but within the walk limit. Registration fee for courtesy riders is \$100 per student.

PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2009.

After September 11, 2009, all applications, whether they are from eligible or courtesy riders, will be considered on the same basis. PREFERENCE MAY NOT BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE WALK LIMITS IF THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2009.

To help parents to do this, there will be Evening Bus Registration this week only. The School Board office will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8th, Wednesday, September the 9th and Thursday, September 10th to receive applications. The Board Office is located at 100 Jensen Street, Parksville (in the building with the public library).

Community Announcements:

1. **MedicAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School:** The *No Child Without* program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program.
Your child's voice in an emergency, MedicAlert membership;
 - Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet
 - Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
 - Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
 - Allows free updates of the child's medical record as neededMedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office. If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child's file.

***Welcome Back from the Staff at
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