



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

We have had a very nice start to our school year, and our “Re-connect Day” proved to be a wonderful way to begin our month of September. The staff has worked together to carefully and thoughtfully create classes which we are confident will be wonderful working groups of students. I do want to impress upon parents that without exception, all of our classes pose unique challenges to the staff and to best meet these challenges, we are still in the process of carefully developing plans to support those students and classes. Parents will be kept informed fully as to the ways the student support will be provided.



At this time I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to join us on **Thursday, September 24, from 6:00 until 7:00 pm for our Meet the Staff Evening**. Once again this year, in conjunction with the Errington Volunteer Fire Department, a dinner will be available prior to the Meet the Teacher Evening. The dinner will consist of a pasta main course, with meat or vegetarian sauce, a salad and dessert. The cost will be \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. A family rate will also be available the evening of the dinner. **The dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:00 pm** in the gym.



The **Meet the Teacher Evening** is a great opportunity to see your child's classroom and to meet his or her teacher. You will also be able to not only meet other teachers in the school, but also other parents. It is quite informal yet very informative. We will begin in the gym at 6:00 pm, and after introductions, parents will be able to go to classrooms for the next 45 minutes. I would like to remind parents that the Meet the Teacher evening is not the time to discuss your child's progress. If you would like to discuss your son or daughter's progress, please make an appointment with the teacher. Please mark the 24th on your calendar, and I hope you will be able to join us here for the evening. **Lastly, please remember that as parents, you are always welcome at Errington Elementary School, your 3B community school.**

Courtesy is the Virtue for the month of September

Courtesy will be the virtue studied and celebrated this month at Errington School. **Courtesy** is being polite and having good manners, and acting and speaking respectfully to others. **Courtesy** is like a magnet in that it makes a person more attractive to others because they know they are valued. **Courtesy** will be stressed as a virtue throughout the year as well, and I encourage parents to model **Courtesy** for their child at home and at school as well. Mrs. Philip's class will be our first focus class of the year. They will be creating a bulletin board display for the main hallway, and will be sharing their ideas at our first Student Recognition Assembly on Friday, October 2 at 8:45 am in the gym. We hope you will be able to join us.

Terry Fox Run and Our Toonies for Terry Drive

This year, our Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, Sept. 24th with the warm-up starting at about 1:00 in the gym. Beginning tomorrow, we will be collecting **Toonies for Terry**. We will have a large BC map displayed in the main hallway, and for every toonie brought in, a paper toonie will be added to our BC map. Our goal is to completely cover the map of BC. Please come and join in on our run and we appreciate any donations for our **Toonies for Terry Drive!**



Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

September 16	Welcome Back PAC meeting at Back Roads Java beginning at 8:30 am
September 23	Mother Goose program begins - 10:45 to 11:45 am in the library
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 (Dinner at 5:00 pm)
September 25	School-based Planning Day (students do not attend)
October 2	Student Recognition Assembly at 8:45 am in the gym
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)

E.E.S. Student Achievement Goals for 2009-2010

Literacy Goal - to improve students' reading comprehension and to increase their interest in reading for enjoyment. As parents, you can help by reading with your children and encouraging them to read for pleasure at home. At school, everyone reads for 20 minutes at the beginning of every day and our library is always open.



Social Responsibility Goal - to provide increased opportunities for students to contribute to the classroom and school community. At school, we expect all of our students to practice the 3Bs (be safe, be kind, be respectful) in the classroom, in the hallways, and elsewhere in and around the school. We are also focusing on Courtesy as a virtue this month and throughout the rest of the year as well. You can help by encouraging your children to use the 3Bs and courtesy when they are at home or with you out in the community.

Students with Medical Problems (Alerts) - Final Reminder

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.



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 zip lock 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 - Final Reminder

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 were included with this newsletter, are available in the main office or application can be made on-line at www.iapkidsplus.com

EES Code of Conduct for Students

Parents will have received a copy of our Code of Conduct for you to have at home with our last newsletter. 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. All returned forms will be entered in a draw. 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 Traffic Safety Notice for Drivers and Walking Children

With the changes to our busing this year, a number of our children are walking or riding their bikes to and from school. We also have more parents dropping their children off near the school. We would appreciate people who are driving their children to **please slow down and obey the speed limits** which are clearly posted on our roads (**30 km per hour**). With no shoulders for children to walk or ride on, drivers need to be extremely careful as they approach and leave the school. **Please slow down** to ensure the safety of everyone.

H1N1 Influenza Information Sheet

Along with this newsletter, parents will find a useful **Fact Sheet about the H1N1 flu virus**. The information is printed on the **blue sheet** and should be read over and kept in your home for future reference, should the need arise. The better informed all of us are, the better we can deal with this potential illness.

Mother Goose Program begins on Wednesday, Sept. 23

Mother Goose and her friends invite all pre-schoolers and their siblings, kindergarten students, parents, grandparents and care providers to join her and her friends in the school library Wednesdays from 10:45 until 11:15. This early literacy program is free and runs the full school year and requires no prior registration. Children and parents will enjoy a half hour of songs, stories, rhymes and fun. They will receive their own library card and are encouraged to take home books from the school library. Join us weekly and develop a pocketful of strategies that will help to "Grow Your Child's Brain"! This wonderful program starts on Wednesday, September 23rd and runs through until the end of May. Hope to see you there!

Student Planners

Students in Mr. Henderson's, Ms. Kelly/Mrs. Boudrot's and Miss Smith/Mrs. Nocholson's classes have received their planners for this school year. If you have not already done so, 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.



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.

Our School Lunch Program

Our school lunch program, which is supported both by the District and our PAC, will be up and running next week under the guidance of Miranda Cockayne. She will be responsible for all aspects of the program, and did a wonderful job in this capacity last year. The program will again operate from Monday to Thursday of each week. A menu and order form can be found in this newsletter.



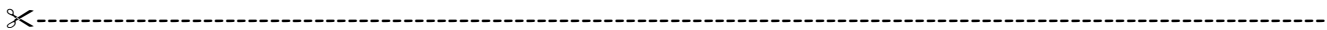
Errington Community Childcare Centre: A licensed childcare center is located in Errington Elementary School. Open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Register now for **Fall 2009:** Before and after school care, kindercare and a morning play group for 3-5 year olds. Call Linda at 248-7210 to register!



PAC News: Just a reminder that all parents whose children attend EES are automatically members to the school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC). **Our Welcome Back PAC meeting will take place tomorrow Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Back Roads Java from 8:30 until 10:00 am.** Everyone is welcome to attend. The PAC bulletin board is located in the foyer.

Community Announcements:

1. **Musical and Dramatic Theatre** classes, for ages 7 to 13, will be held Wednesdays from 4-5:30 pm beginning on Oct. 7th. For information contact tstavroff@shaw.ca or 250-752-9867
2. **Awana:** Oceanside Community Church in Parksville is running the Awana Program this school year for children ages 5 - 11yrs. It is a fun packed program that children love - call 250- 248-5333 if you have questions or require further information. . An information BBQ is planned for Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30pm at 1420 Alberni Hwy. RSVP
3. **Oceanside Minor Hockey:** It's not too late to register for hockey for the 2009/2010 season. Registration packages can be picked up at Sports Traders or Oceanside Place. For more information, please visit our website at www.oceansidehockey.com or e-mail leslieklassen@shaw.ca
4. **Tiger Lily Farm:** Tiger Lily Farm is celebrating Fall Sunday, September 20th with a Harvest Festival. Join us for a corn roast, take a pony ride or a pony cart ride, ride the tractor pulled wagon, watch the Coombs Country 4H Horse Club Drill Team and have your face painted as well as all of the regular barnyard activities. Visit www.tigerlilyfarm.ca for a complete schedule of events. All activities are included with the barnyard admission.
5. **Qualicum Beach Historical and Museum Society:** "Children's Day at the Museum" in Qualicum Beach (587 Beach Road) on Saturday, September 26th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Join in more than 16 stations including face painting, pedal power, lemonade stand, fossil rubbings, petting zoo and pony rides, come see the alpacas, make a wooden boat or hat, participate in shake making and help build the pioneer house AND take home your very own potted fir seedling. Best of all - IT'S FREE!
6. **Parksville Ballet School:** Offering dance classes for all ages (18 months to adult). Fully qualified teachers for ballet, jazz, kinder-classes, musical theatre, tap, national dance, hip-hop, fusion and modern. Registration on now. Phone 248-9522 for more information.



**IN ORDER FOR THE LUNCH LADY TO BUY SUPPLIES
WE WILL NEED TO HAVE THE ORDER FORMS
BACK TO THE SCHOOL BY THURSDAYS THIS YEAR.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS.**



Hot Lunch Order Form - please return to the school by **Thursday, Sept. 17th**
Please make cheques payable to: Errington Elementary School (or EES)

Mon., Sept. 21	Greek pasta salad with hummus and pita bread and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Sept. 22	Teriyaki chicken with vegetables & rice and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Sept. 23	Spaghetti with meat sauce and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Sept. 24	Bean and cheese burrito, fruit and juice	\$3.00 _____
Mon., Sept. 28	3 Bean chili with garlic toast and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Sept. 29	Chicken and cheese burrito with coleslaw and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Sept. 30	Tuna salad wrap with fruit and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Oct. 1	Ham and cheese sub with veggies & dip and juice	\$3.00 _____

Total amount Included _____

Student's Name: _____ Classroom: _____