



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to join us this **Thursday, September 24, from 6:00 until 7:00 pm for our Meet the Staff Evening.** The **Meet the Teacher Evening** is an informal yet very informative evening. You will be able to visit your child's classroom and to meet his or her teacher, as well as other teachers and other parents. 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 do this, please make an appointment with the teacher. I hope you will be able to join us here for the evening.



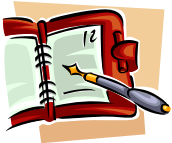
Once again this year, in conjunction with the Errington Volunteer Fire Department, a dinner will be available prior to the Meet the Teacher Evening. The dinner will consist of spaghetti and sauce as a main course, caesar salad, dessert and coffee, tea or juice. The cost will be \$5 for children and \$8 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. Please see the tear-off at the end of this newsletter to pre-purchase or pre-order your meal for you and/or your family.



As I mentioned in the newsletter last week, 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. **Lastly, please remember that as parents, you are always welcome at Errington Elementary School, your family's 3B community school.**

Final Reminder about Student Planners

Students in Mr. Henderson's, Ms. Kelly/Mrs. Boudrot's and Miss Smith/Mrs. Nicholson'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 both at school and at home.



Terry Fox Run this Thursday and Our "Toonies for Terry" Drive

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place **this Thursday, Sept. 24th** with the warm-up starting at **about 1:00 in the gym.** Be a proud Canadian - wear red or white for our Terry Fox Run! We have been collecting **Toonies for Terry**, where for every toonie brought in, a paper toonie is added to our large BC map displayed in the main hallway. Our goal is to completely cover the map of BC with 175 toonies, one for each student in the school. We already have 40! Please come and join in on our run and we appreciate any donations for our **Toonies for Terry Drive!**



**** Reminder to parents: Students do not attend school this Friday ****

**** Friday is a Planning Day across the District ****



Reminder about Traffic Safety for Drivers and Walking Children

As I mentioned last week, we have many more children walking or riding their bikes to and from school and we have many more parents dropping their children off near the school. We would appreciate parents 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 limited 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.**

Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

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 15	Photo Day at EES (individual student photographs taken)
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. 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.

Courtesy is the Virtue for the month of September

Courtesy is 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** 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.



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. Please return your child's "replenished" comfort kit to your child's teacher, as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

Mother Goose Program begins Tomorrow 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 tomorrow Wednesday, September 23rd and runs through until the end of May. Mother Goose hopes to see you here!



PAC News: The Parent Advisory Council has had its first meeting of the year and would like to invite parents new and old to a general meeting, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Errington School. This will be an important meeting as we will be taking nominations and voting for this year's executive, as there are quite a few positions yet to be filled. We would like to encourage all parents to come out and have a voice as we prepare for the 2009/2010 school year. Our meetings are once a month, either at the school or sometimes the local coffee shop. Although we encourage parents to make the monthly meetings it is not necessary to attend every one. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas and make introductions to new parents. Errington parents have already faced some challenges early in the school year with regards to bussing and withdrawn funding, so the PAC meetings are a good opportunity to face these challenges being educated and discussing solutions. Hope to see you September 29th!

The PAC would like to make use of some of the facilities at our school. We would like to organize an after-school club that would like to explore individual creativity through dressing up, creating plays, arts & crafts and games in the gym. Any parents that would like to get involved and have some creative ideas to share, please contact Leslie at 586-5500.

The Hot Lunch Program is looking for a donation of a large Stainless Steel Pot and a Food Processor for use in the kitchen. Anyone who can provide Miranda and the Hot Lunch Program with either of these items, please contact Janette at the school (248-8446).

The PAC bulletin board is located in the foyer.

Updated Bussing Information

Thank you to all the parents who have made application for bus passes for their children. The goal was to have all applications in by September 11, 2009 and to first assign seats for all the eligible riders. Once that was done, remaining available seats would be assigned to courtesy riders and those parents/guardians would be contacted, informing them of their eligibility. The intent was to have this process completed by September 18th. As most applications have been made in the last week and to ensure the information is correct and children are properly accommodated, the process should now be completed by September 25th.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE CONTACTED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 - 25, 2009 IF THERE IS A COURTESY PASS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CHILD. PASSES WILL BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THEIR PASS TO THE DRIVER, STARTING SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.



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 - 11 yrs. It is a fun packed program that children love - call 250 - 248-5333 if you have questions or require further information.
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. **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!
5. **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.
6. **Hula-Hoop Fitness/Dance Classes:** Hula-hoop fitness/dance classes have started, Monday nights at the Errington Hall from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adults and children (9 and up) are welcome to attend together. Please contact Sally Whibley for rates and information at 250-248-8586 (home) and 250-927-7175 (cell). You can also contact her by email at smartfitt@shaw.ca.
7. **Training Opportunity with Restorative Practices:** The District Restorative Justice Committee would like to offer an introductory training in restorative processes and practices. Dates are Monday, Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Arrowview Elementary School. For more information see the bulletin board in the hallway at school.



Pre-order form for

Meet the Teacher Evening Spaghetti Dinner



I would like to pre-order and pre-pay: _____ adult meals \$8.00
 _____ children meals \$5.00

_____ **TOTAL \$ enclosed (please make cheque payable to Errington Volunteer Fire Dept.)**

I would like to pre-order: _____ adult meals
 _____ children meals

 Student's Name

 Home Phone Number

 Classroom Teacher