



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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## Message from the Principal

I would like to thank those parents who were able to join us last Thursday for our Meet the Staff Evening. The Meet the Staff Evening is always a pleasant evening event, and it was nice to see our students showing their parents around the school and sharing their work with them. As I mentioned Thursday evening, our doors are always open for you, as parents, to come into the school. Parents are welcome to come into the library before school starts, and volunteers willing to read with children, or to sponsor an activity in the school, are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Once again, thank you for joining us, and I look forward to your help and support, and to working with you and your family this year.



Once again this year, a dinner was available for families to purchase prior to the Meet the Teacher Evening. Although we did not have a large number of families join us, the dinner proved to be wonderful and I would like to thank the Errington Volunteer Fire Department for sponsoring the meal. With the generous support of Quality Foods and Save on Foods, the Fire Department prepared and served a delicious meal to those who were able to take part. **Finally, as I mention frequently, please remember that as parents, you are always welcome at Errington Elementary, your family's 3B community school.**

## The Terry Fox Run and Our "Toonies for Terry" Drive

Our annual Terry Fox Run took place last Thursday, under beautiful "summery" conditions. Mrs. Philip and her students shared some lovely words about Terry Fox and then led the school in a warm-up before the run. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff dressed in their red and white for our Terry Fox Run. We have been collecting **Toonies for Terry**, and our goal to completely cover the map of BC with 175 toonies, has almost been reached. We will willingly accept any last minute donations for our **Toonies for Terry Drive this week. Well done, Errington School**



## Courtesy has been the Virtue for the month of September

**Courtesy** has been the virtue studied and celebrated this month at Errington School. **Courtesy** is being polite and having good manners. **Courtesy**, along with our 3Bs, will be stressed throughout the year, 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 have created a bulletin board display in the main hallway, and will be sharing their ideas at our first **Student Recognition Assembly this Friday, October 2 at 8:45 am in the gym.** We hope you will be able to join us.

## Special Cultural presentation next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, October 6, beginning at 10:55 am in the gym, we will be treated to a special performance of *Gauche, the Cellist*. The performance is based upon a famous Japanese short story and features storytelling, mime, dance and music. The performance will run for about 60 minutes, and all our grade one to five students will be attending the performance. Parents of kindergarten students are welcome to join us with their child as the performance will begin shortly after the kindergarten dismissal. In advance, we wish to thank Jim Powell our District Principal: Educational Programs and Ron Hadley, co-coordinator of the Qualicum Beach Harvest of Music Festival for their support in bringing this unique performance to our school.



## Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

September 29	<b>PAC Meeting tonight at 7:00 pm in the library</b>
October 2	Student Recognition Assembly at 8:45 am in the gym
October 6	Special Cultural Performance from 10:55 until 11:50 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)



### Please Return Your Child's Comfort Kit

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 has begun at EES

The Mother Goose 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 Wednesdays from 10:45 until 11:15 am weekly** and develop a pocketful of strategies that will help to "Grow Your Child's Brain"! This wonderful program has started and Mother Goose hopes to see you here Wednesdays.

### Popcorn for Sale each Thursday

Our "Popcorn Princesses" are back and so popcorn will be for sale at recess again starting this week and on every Thursday. Prices are 25 cents for a small bag and 50 cents for a large bag. All proceeds from our popcorn sales go to our PAC.



**PAC News:** The Parent Advisory Council would like to invite parents new and old to a general meeting, tonight, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the library. This will be an important meeting as we will be taking nominations and voting for this years' 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 29<sup>th</sup>!

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 / or 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).

### Important Bussing Information

Starting this week, all students will be required to show their bus pass to the driver.



## Community Kids' Cooking Program

Our very popular after school children's cooking program will be taking place again this fall, with the help of the Society of Organized Services (SOS). The program will take place at our school, on four Thursday afternoons from 2:00 until 3:30 pm, beginning on Thursday, October 8. There is no cost to have your child take part, but space is limited for this program to 10 students from grades 3 to 5. If you would like more information or a registration form, please contact Janette in the office.



## Community Announcements:

- 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](http://www.oceansidehockey.com) or e-mail [leslieklassen@shaw.ca](mailto:leslieklassen@shaw.ca)
- 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](mailto:smartfitt@shaw.ca).
- 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.
- Coombs Country Craft Fair:** Mark it on the calendar - Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Coombs Fair Grounds (behind the Coombs General Store) from 10:00 - 4:00. FREE admission, concession/lunch available. Book your tables now (outdoor for \$20 and indoor for \$30). Contact Angie at 954-0153 for more information.
- RDN Recreation and Parks: After School Drop-in Hockey:** Bring your friends for this supervised drop-in hockey time. Full gear required; regular admission applies. 12-15 year olds Mondays from 4:30 - 5:30 starting Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 8-11 year olds Fridays from 3:45 - 4:45 starting Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- RDN Recreation and Parks: Storybook Theatre for 4-8 year olds:** Dress-up and pretend! Kids will explore their favourite fairy tales and stories through guided improvisation. Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Springwood Middle School (Sept. 26-Nov. 21) \$49.00 for 8 sessions.
- RDN Recreation and Parks: Sports Jam for 5-7 year olds:** Enjoy many sports in one program, parents welcome. Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.



**IN ORDER FOR OUR LUNCH LADY MIRANDA 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, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Please make cheques payable to: Errington Elementary School (or EES)

Mon., Oct. 5	Split pea soup with crackers and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Oct. 6	Cheesy chicken noodle bake, fruit and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Oct. 7	Perogies & bacon, veggies and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Oct. 8	BBQ pork roast on a bun, veggies and juice	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Oct. 13	Chicken noodle soup with crackers and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Oct. 14	Bean and cheese burrito with fruit and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Oct. 15	Egg salad on a bun with veggies and juice	\$3.00 _____

Total amount Included \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_