



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

Here at Errington Elementary School, we have the hope that all our parents will be actively involved in their child's education and our doors are always open for you 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. We are always grateful for parent helpers at special events and your presence at these events and at assemblies are always appreciated. If you would like to volunteer in a classroom, or are interested in performing specific tasks with students, please contact your child's classroom teacher. One of the many joys of working at this school is the strong support we receive from the PAC as well as individual parents. I know I speak for all the staff when I say that we look forward to your help and support, and to working with you this year, to ensure that all of our students have a successful school year. Lastly, please remember that as parents, you are automatically a member of our PAC, **and you are always welcome here at EES, your family's 3B community school.**



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

Our annual Terry Fox Run and our **Toonies for Terry** campaign has taken place and I would like to thank all those who took part and contributed toonies." We were able to reach our goal which was to completely cover the map of BC with 175 toonies. I would also like to thank Mrs. Philip and her students for their help in coordinating these two events. **Well done, Room 1 and all of 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**, along with our 3Bs, will be stressed throughout the school year, and I encourage parents to model **Courtesy** for their child at home. Mrs. Philip's class created a **Courtesy** bulletin board display in the main hallway, and shared some wonderful **Courtesy** ideas at our first Student Recognition Assembly last Friday in the gym. It was very nice to have many parents join us for the assembly. We hope you will be able to continue to join us in the future.

Special Cultural presentation today

We were treated to a special performance of *Gauche, the Cellist* today in our gym. The performance was based upon a famous Japanese short story and featured storytelling, mime, dance and music. All our grade one to five students attended the performance. 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.



Lifetouch Picture Day (please note this date)

On **Wednesday, October 21**, Lifetouch Photo will be taking individual school photos. Envelopes have been sent home today with this newsletter. The school office has additional envelopes, if needed. Your order and exact payment must be given to the photographer on **Wednesday, October 21**, otherwise your child's photo will be taken for school records only. Lifetouch Photo will return in 2-3 weeks to do retakes and take photos of students who were absent. If you have 3 or more children in this school district, there is a family discount and please check the photo envelope for more information concerning this discount.

Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

October 8	Fire Department visits EES (class presentations about fire prevention)
October 12	Thanksgiving Day (all schools are closed)
October 21	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 6	Student Recognition Assembly for October
November 11	Remembrance Day (all schools are closed)
November 27	Parent Conferencing Day at EES (students do not attend)
December 11	Student Recognition Assembly for November / December
December 16	Christmas Concert (6:30 - 8:00 pm)
December 17	Whole school Skate at Oceanside Place
December 18	Last day of classes before the Winter Break (December 19 - January 3)
January 4	Schools reopen after the Winter Break

Our Special Students for the Month of September

Room 1	Avalon Franklin and Brandon Nicoll
Room 2	Jimmy Paetkau, Amy-Jean Reedel and Casey Reumkens
Room 7	Randy Biscayno and Kaitlyn Lee
Room 10	Casey Adams, Memphis Cluley and Cameron Mazy
Kindergarten	Asher Buerge, Lucas Rebmann and Sequoia Schultz
Room 12	Teagen Poland and Miranda Sepos
Room 14	Cora Beijik, Tyson Colley and Aurora Sjolholm
Room 16	Becca Balfour, Nicole Bater and Corben Franklin



Welcome to Our Student Teachers from Vancouver Island University

We warmly welcome three student teachers to our school who will be working with our staff for this school year. Chantalle Wilson will be working with Mrs. L. Gilmour, Danika Vickers will be working with Mrs. Nicholson and Ms. Smith, and Chelsea Vickers will be with Mr. Henderson. The three student teachers will be teaching in those classes for four different sessions throughout the school year.



FINAL REMINDER: 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 help us be as prepared as possible by returning your child's "replenished" comfort kit to your child's teacher this week.

Popcorn for Sale each Thursday

Our "Popcorn Princesses" are back and popping each and every Thursday. This means that popcorn will be for sale at recess every Thursday throughout the year. 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: This Thursday will be the kick-off of our annual Winter fundraiser. Your children will be bringing home a catalogue to share with you, friends and family. (Take it Thanksgiving dinner this weekend.) The money raised will go towards field trips and other whole school events. This is a great way to get some shopping done and support our school.

The Parent Advisory Council would like to invite parents, both new and old to their meetings that are held once a month. The meetings take place either at the school or at Back Road Java, 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. We hope you will be able to join us at our next meeting on October!

The PAC 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.

Community Announcements:

- 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.
- ACES:** This is a call for volunteers for November 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Coombs Fairground. ACES is hosting the Olympic Torch Ceremony and will need volunteers from both Coombs and Errington to help with activities. Please contact Linda at 248-7210 for more information and to register.
- Errington Hall - Kikeyambay All Ages Dance:** Tight percussion rhythms, amazing vocals, talented guitars, dazzling dance performances and more come with this 12 person African orchestra. Come along and watch, listen and DANCE! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. They are available at the Errington Store, Cranky Dog in Parksville and the Shoe Inn in Qualicum. Coffee and refreshments available.

PIZZA DAY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th

Sponsored by PAC

Pizza - \$3.50

Cheese
 Pepperoni
 Ham & Pineapple
 Veggie

Juice - .50

Orange
 Apple
 Fruit Punch

Ice Cream Sandwich - \$1.00

Ice Cream



_____ + _____ + _____ = _____ **TOTAL**

REMINDER: Kindergarten class may only order ice cream due to delivery time.

Orders must be returned to your classroom teacher by Friday, Oct. 9th as Monday is a holiday. Thank you.

We are ordering personal pizzas.