



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

Last week, I wrote about how as parents, you can support our Reading goal at home when reading with your children. This week, I would like to mention that in many of our primary classes, teachers are setting up guided reading groups. These small groups of young readers meet regularly to take part in specific reading instruction and practice. If you are interested in working with our students in *structured, guided reading sessions* and are willing to commit to 30 minutes in the morning at least once a week, we have a place for you at the school. If you would like to know more about this program, or feel you would like to become involved in this or in another way, please contact your child's teacher, or leave your name and phone number with Janette. When we work together, we can make a real difference with our students, and in this case, the real difference is in their reading. So, if you are able to, please join us for a morning as a parent helper with this program.



Generosity is the Virtue for the month of October

Generosity is the virtue being studied and celebrated for the next few weeks at Errington School. **Generosity** is about giving and sharing freely. **Generosity** is a very good way to show friendship and love towards others. Ms. Jenkins' combined grade 1 and 2 class will be our focus class for this virtue, and they will help with a special school wide project that you will learn more about in the weeks to come. They will be creating our **Generosity** bulletin board display for the hallway, and will be sharing their ideas about **Generosity** at our next 3B Assembly that takes place on Friday, November 6 at 8:45 am in the gym. We hope you will be able to join us.

October is Safe School's Month in School District 69

As mentioned last week, October has been designated by the Board of Education as **Safe School's Month!** During the month, all schools in District 69 will emphasize aspects of being safe, caring, and inclusive schools. Here at EES, we will celebrate the virtues of **Courtesy** and **Generosity**, as well as focus on our Social responsibility goal of “*students contributing to the classroom and the school community*”. The month will end with a spirit day, a Black and Orange Day, on Friday, October 30. We will continue to reinforce daily our 3Bs because we know that when students practice the 3Bs, they are safe, kind and respectful citizens who show **Courtesy** and **Generosity** towards others. So, at home and at school, remember to always use the 3Bs!



Student Picture Day is Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 21, Lifetouch Photo will be taking individual school photos. Envelopes have been sent home but the school office has additional envelopes, if needed. Your order and exact payment must be given to the photographer **tomorrow**, otherwise your child's photo will be taken for school records only. Lifetouch Photo will return in about 3 weeks time to do retakes and take photos of students who were absent.



Another Chance for the Community Kids' Cooking Program

A **second session** of 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 4:00 pm, beginning on Thursday, November 12. 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 to register your child or children for this second session, please contact Janette in the office (248-8446).



Once Again, It's "Coats for Kids" Time

Once again this year, the Rotary Club, with help from the Leadership classes at Ballenas Secondary School, will be collecting used or underused winter coats. The collected coats will be “recycled” to children free of charge at a date to be announced in November sometime. A “Coats for Kids” box has been set up in the foyer of our school, and any and all donations of winter coats will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and we hope you will be able to take part in this vital “recycling of coats” program!

Important Reminder to Parents

Thursday and Friday of this week are Professional Development Days
Students do not attend school on either day.

Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

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)
October 28	Betty Hoops workshops for students all day at EES
October 29	PAC at 8:15 am at Back Roads Java
October 30	Black and Orange Spirit Day at EES
November 6	Student Recognition Assembly for October
November 10	Remembrance Assembly at 11:00 am in the gym
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 (starting at 11:30 am)
December 18	Last day of classes before the Winter Break (December 19 - January 3)
January 4	Schools reopen after the Winter Break



PAC News: Our next meeting will be on October 29th at 8:15 a.m. at Back Road Java.

Everyone is welcome and the coffee is free! The PAC meetings are once a month at either the school or Back Road Java, there is always a fun atmosphere and a real sense of contribution towards the school and our children, so please come and find out what we are all about!

Errington Elementary's Parent Advisory Council Executive for 2009/2010 is:

Chair	Laurie Schuerbeke and Michelle Armstrong	Vice-Chair	Amber Doig
Secretary	Gail Moilliet	Treasurer	Chris Sepos
DPAC Rep	Jodie Bater	Executive Director	Linda Doukakis

PAC still needs two executive positions filled (another DPAC Representative and another Executive Director). If you are interested in either of these positions or are just interested in finding out more about PAC and the role that PAC plays within Errington Elementary, please join us on the 29th at 8:15 am.

Betty Hoops comes to EES

Next Wednesday, October 28, a professional hoop dance instructor, Betty Hoops will be at our school. She will present three workshops for our students during the day, emphasizing health and the use of hula hoops for fitness and fun. All of our students will take part in one workshop that day. Interested parents may join us if you feel so inclined, and specific workshop times will be confirmed in next week's newsletter.



EES Library News

Library Book Draw: All students are welcome to participate in our monthly library book draw. Entry forms are in the library and bulletin board outside the library. For September, the draw topic was "Caring for Books" and for October "How Books are Brought to Children around the World". A winner from Kindergarten-Grade.1, Grades 2-3 and Grades 4-5 for September and October's library book draw will be announced at the next student recognition assembly on Nov. 6th. Have fun reading and good luck in winning a book and poster prize!



After School Drama and Arts Club

Children from all grades are welcome to attend this free after school club. The club will run for 4 weeks, every Tuesday, during November, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. The children will have an opportunity to express themselves creatively through dress-up, puppetry and through weekly arts and crafts activities. Permission forms must be signed by parents for participation in this program, and may be picked up in the office from Janette. Parents wishing to volunteer their time, ideas or craft supplies are welcome to contact Lesley at 250-586-5500.

Community Announcements:

- ACES:** ACES is hosting the Olympic Torch Ceremony on Sunday, November 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Coombs Fairground and will need volunteers from both Coombs and Errington to help with planned activities. Please contact Linda at 250-248-7210 for more information and to register.
- Buckshot Books:** Buckshot Books (1254 Fair Road) is hosting card trading afternoons once a month. Bring your traders only! Bella Sara, Pokemon and Chaotic cards to trade with other collectors. First trading day will be this Saturday, October 24th from 1:00- 4:00. For more information call Carol at 250-248-5484.
- RDN Recreation and Parks:** *NEW!!! Drop-in Shiny Hockey:* Mon. from 4:30 - 5:30 for 12-15 yr. olds and Fridays from 3:45 - 4:45 for 8-11 year olds. Regular admission fees apply.