



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

As I have mentioned in a previous newsletter, continuing for this school year, our **Literacy Goal** is “to improve students’ reading comprehension and to increase their interest in reading for enjoyment”. The staff will be using specific strategies that we believe will help our students to improve their reading skills and increase their enjoyment of reading. We are committed to using these strategies with all of our students, in all of our classes, and as parents, you can help by reading with your children and encouraging them to read for pleasure at home. Specifically, before you or your child begins to read, please try these two simple strategies: 1. Think about and talk about the cover, title and topic of the book.

2. Ask your child to predict what they think might happen in the story.

These two, simple pre-reading strategies can help with their understanding.



Generosity will be the Virtue for the month of October

Generosity will be the virtue studied and celebrated for the next few weeks at Errington School. **Generosity** is about giving and sharing freely, recognizing that there is enough for everyone. **Generosity** is a very good way to show friendship and love towards others. We usually find that when one person is generous, other people want to be generous as well. There is more information about **Generosity** in this newsletter. 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

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 are still making plans as to how best celebrate the month, as well as reinforcing our 3Bs because we know that when you practice the 3Bs, you are a safe, kind and respectful person who shows **Courtesy** and **Generosity** towards others. Stay tuned for more information about our Safe Schools Month, and remember to always use the 3Bs at school and at home!



Student Picture Day is next Wednesday

Next **Wednesday, October 21**, Lifetouch Photo will be taking individual school photos. Envelopes have been sent home with last week’s 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.

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.



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 30	Black and Orange Spirit Day at EES
November 6	Student Recognition Assembly for October
November 10	Remembrance Assembly at 11:00 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
December 18	Last day of classes before the Winter Break (December 19 - January 3)
January 4	Schools reopen after the Winter Break



PAC News: Last Thursday was the kick-off of our annual Winter fundraiser. Your child brought home a catalogue to share with you, friends and family. The money raised through this fundraiser will go towards field trips and other whole school events. This is a great way to get some Seasonal shopping done and support our school.

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

**Thanks to those who have come forward
to fill these positions for the year!**

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 you are always welcome. Our next meeting will be on October 29th at 8:15 a.m. at Back Road Java at the corner of Grafton and Errington Road(s). 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 come and find out what we are all about!

EES Library News

Author Visit to EES on Tuesday, October 13, 2009: EES is excited to welcome local Parksville author, **Laura Hesse**. Laura, an avid horse-woman, is a self published author, whose best selling Canadian young adult books involving horses, "The Holiday Series", will be made into 3 made for tv movies. The first movie, based on her novel *One Frosty Christmas* will be broadcast for Christmas 2010. On Oct. 13th Laura will be doing a reading from her book, *The Great Pumpkin Ride* and talking to the 3 intermediate EES classes about ideas for writing stories. For more information, you may contact Laura by email: RunningL@shaw.ca or view her website at www.RunningLProductions.com

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 is "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 assembly. Have fun and good luck in winning a book and poster prize!

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 provided to children free of charge at a date in November sometime. A "Coats for Kids" box will be set up in our school this week, and any and all donations of winter coats will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

Community Announcements:

1. **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.
2. **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 is Saturday, October 24th from 1:00- 4:00. For more information call Carol at 250-248-5484.
3. **Silver Meadows Farm Fall Harvest Fest:** Sun., Oct. 18th from 11:00 - 3:00. Come and join us for some family fall fun on the farm. Corn maze, wagon rides, pumpkin patch, hot dogs, hot chocolate and much more. Bring a blanket and have a picnic. The farm market will be open. 1019 Errington Road.
4. **RDN Recreation and Parks: Teen Glow in the Dark Skate:** Sat., Oct. 17th from 6:45 - 7:45 pm. Regular admission applies.
5. **RDN Recreation and Parks: Hoop Fit:** Adults, children and teens welcome (6 years and older). Make a hoop and learn some tricks. Fri., Oct. 16th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
6. **RDN Recreation and Parks: NEW!!! Drop-in Shinny 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.

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**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 15th
Please make cheques payable to: Errington Elementary School (or EES)

Mon., Oct. 19	Hearty vegetable stew with cheese toast and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Oct. 20	Chicken, bacon, ranch wrap with fruit and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Oct. 21	Rotini noodles with tomato sauce, veggies and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Mon., Oct. 26	Creamy fish chowder with garlic toast and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Oct. 27	Hamburger with ketchup, veggies and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Oct. 28	Tuna melt with fruit and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Oct. 29	Asian style chicken and vegetable stir-fry and juice	\$3.00 _____

Total amount Included _____

Student's Name: _____ Classroom: _____