



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

In the past two newsletters, I have written about how you, as parents, can support our Reading goal at home when reading with your children. I mentioned a couple of pre-reading strategies parents can use with their child before reading begins, and then last week I spoke about the need for parents to help with our guided reading program. As I stated last week, in many of our primary classes, guided reading groups are meet regularly to take part in specific reading instruction and practice. Parent volunteers can play a vital role in this program. All it takes is a willingness to commit to 30 minutes in the morning at least once a week. If you would like to know more about this program, or feel you would like to become involved, please contact your child's teacher, or leave your name and 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

As you know, **Generosity** is the virtue being celebrated this month at Errington School. **Generosity** is about giving and sharing and **Generosity** is a very good way to show friendship and love towards others. Ms. Jenkins' combined grade 1 and 2 class is 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 have created a delightful **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.

Betty Hoops comes to EES

Tomorrow Wednesday, October 28, we are very pleased to play host to a professional hoop dance instructor, Betty (Hoops) Shurin from Colorado. She will be in our school all day and 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. Our early primary students will be in a workshop beginning about 9:00 am, our grade 2 and 3 students begin at 10:15 am, and our intermediate students will have their workshop right after lunch, beginning at 12:35. Interested parents may join us if you feel so inclined and information for parents interested in purchasing hula hoops will be available after the workshops.



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!



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!

Remember: Black and Orange Spirit Day this Friday, October 30

Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

October 28	Betty Hoops workshops for students all day at EES
October 29	PAC meeting at 8:15 am at Back Roads Java
October 30	Black and Orange Spirit Day at EES
November 1	Torch Relay Celebrations at the Coombs Market and Hall from 8 am until 1 pm
November 1	Daylight Savings Time ends (clocks fall back 1 hour)
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)



PAC News: Our next meeting will be on Thursday of this week, October 29th at 8:15 a.m. at **Back Road Java**. Everyone is welcome and the coffee is free, and there is always a fun atmosphere and a real sense of contribution towards the school and our children. We will be joined by a special guest from the Nanoose Bay Elementary PAC, who will be speaking to us about a program they have run. We hope you will be able to join us on Thursday morning!

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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday

This Sunday, **November 1st**, clocks will be set back 1 hour, as daylight saving time ends.

It is also a good opportunity to check your batteries in your smoke detectors, as well as the batteries in your family's emergency preparedness kit.

Community Announcements:

- ACES:** ACES is hosting the Olympic Torch Ceremony on Sunday, November 1st from 8:00 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.
- Tiger Lily Farm:** Tiger Lily Farm will be open every day this week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are plenty of pumpkins yet to be picked in the Pumpkin Patch (\$4.00 each). On Halloween Day the wagon rides will take you out to see the scarecrows and to the pumpkin patch. There will be treats for children in costume. Tiger Lily Farm will close after Halloween until December 20th for Christmas in the Country.



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 29th
Please make cheques payable to: Errington Elementary School (or EES)

Mon., Nov. 2	3-bean chili with garlic toast and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Nov. 3	Seafood melt with krab & shrimp, fruit and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Nov. 4	Crispy chicken wrap, veggies and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Nov. 5	Baked cheese & tomato pasta with broccoli and juice	\$3.00 _____
Mon., Nov. 9	Broccoli cheese soup with garlic toast and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Nov. 10	Soft beef taco, fruit and juice	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Nov. 12	Ham and cheese wrap, veggies and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____

Total amount Included _____

Student's Name: _____

Classroom: _____