



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal

Now that the cooler and wetter fall weather is upon us, I would ask that all parents make sure that their children have **proper clothing for the outdoors when they come to school**. Although we do have IN days when the weather is especially awful, in most situations, we have OUT days where we do expect the students to go outside to play, both at recess and at lunch. It is really appreciated when your child comes to school with a **warm, weatherproof jacket and boots or sturdy outdoor shoes**. Having an extra pair of socks in their backpack can also be helpful on these wet autumn days. If you can, **please label your child's clothing with their name or initials**, as that can be very helpful, and it reduces the amount of clothing that finds its way into our Lost and Found bin. In advance, thanks for your help with this.

As I stated last week, in many of our primary classes, guided reading groups are meeting 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 up 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 has been the Virtue for the month of October

As you know, **Generosity** has been the virtue being celebrated this month at Errington School. Ms. Jenkins' combined grade 1 and 2 class has been our focus class for this virtue, and they will help with our special school wide Operation Christmas Child project. They have created a delightful **Generosity** bulletin board display for the hallway, and will be sharing their ideas about **Generosity** at our Student Recognition Assembly that takes place **this Friday, November 6 at 8:45 am** in the gym. We hope you will be able to join us.

## Thankfulness is the Virtue for November

Thankfulness, which is like gratitude, will be the virtue studied during November. Mrs. Saremba's combined K and grade 1 class will be the focus class. More information about Thankfulness will be in next week's newsletter.

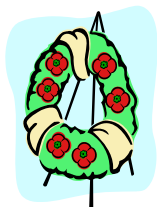
## Betty Hoops was at EES

Last Wednesday, we were very pleased to play host to a professional hoop dance instructor, Betty (Hoops) Shurin from Colorado. She was in our school all day and presented workshops for all our students and staff. Betty emphasized health and fitness, and showed students how easily hula hoops can be used for both fitness and fun. Everyone had a great time with Betty. I would like to thank Sally Whibley for coordinating Betty's visit and making the workshops possible. We had a number of parents join us, and information for parents interested in purchasing hula hoops is available in the office.



## Final Reminder for "Coats for Kids" Program

This is the final week to donate used or underused winter coats to this worthwhile program. The collected coats will be "recycled" to children free of charge at a date to be announced in November sometime. The "Coats for Kids" box in the foyer is still accepting any and all donations of winter coats, and your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of this important, annual "recycling of coats" program!



## Remembrance Day Assembly will be on Tuesday, November 10

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m. The assembly will take place in the gym and parents and other guests are welcome to join us. Our school choir will be performing at this assembly. Poppies will be available for students, and guests, and we are encouraging everyone to donate coins to the "poppy tray". Please join us on Nov. 10 at 11:00 am.

## Library News

November's book draw topic is "**Connections**". Entry forms are in the library and bulletin board outside the library. September and October's winners will be announced at the student recognition assembly November 6<sup>th</sup>. *Many thanks* to Laura Hesse, local author, who visited Errington School a couple of weeks ago, for her incredible generosity by giving each student in the intermediate classes a copy of her book "The Great Pumpkin Ride".

**Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students**

November 6	Student Recognition Assembly for October at 8:45 am in the gym
November 10	Remembrance Assembly at 11:00 am in the gym
November 11	Remembrance Day (all schools are closed)
November 19	Photo re-take day for children who missed our first photo day or re-takes (afternoon)
November 26	Pyjama Day at EES (school spirit day)
November 27	Parent Conferencing Day at EES (students do not attend)
December 10	Christmas Craft Fair from 6:00 until 7:30 pm in the gym
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
January 6	10 year celebration of Errington Elementary (new millennium) School
January 14	"Alice in Wonderland" performance at Ballenas Secondary School



**PAC News:** DPAC is sponsoring the "True Colors Workshop" which is free for all PAC parents. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call Susan Imber at 752-0728 or email @ [goodthings@shaw.ca](mailto:goodthings@shaw.ca) for more information.

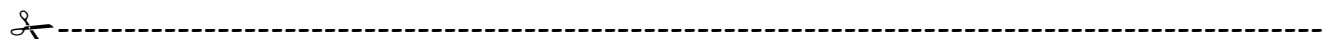
We need our Errington parents support in getting our Grade 5 students to Hornby Island Camp in the spring. We have set up an account at the Parksville Bottle Depot and are asking all parents to donate their bottle funds to the Errington Elementary Account. This will go a long way to insuring our Grade 5's get to Hornby Island. Another way parents can help is by donating their Quality Foods points to Errington Elementary School! Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Thurs., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Craft Affair is a fundraising event for the school's Grade Fives who will be attending the Hornby Island Camp at the end of the year. The funds raised from this event helps off-set the cost to parents and the school. This is a great send-off for our Grade 5's! Once again we will be holding a Silent Auction at this event and I would like to encourage any parents who can donate an item(s) suitable for our Auction as it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the school and left with Janette. Calling all Grade 5 parents, and any other parents willing to volunteer a small amount of time to prepare and plan for this year's Craft Fair to insure its success - please contact either Brodie or Kelly Guild at 248-4407 or [kbguild@telus.net](mailto:kbguild@telus.net).

**Christmas Cards**

Errington students have participated in the "design a Christmas card" contest. The cards are being sold to assist the villagers of Panabaj, Guatemala. The village was decimated by a mudslide in 2005. There are 4 different cards: \$15.00 purchases fruit trees and vegetable seeds; \$20.00 supplies a water filter and 2 years of potable water; \$25.00 supplies educational material for the new school as it has no maps, globes, books, pencil crayons, or math tools; \$35.00 supplies one student with running shoes, backpack, underwear, socks and school supplies. Each card contains the picture of the child or family you would be helping. Cards are available at the school office, Home Expressions in Qualicum or Our Glass Shop in Parksville.

**After School Drama and Arts Club**

Children from all grades are welcome to attend this free after school club. The club started this afternoon and will run for 3 more 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.



**PIZZA DAY - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th**

Sponsored by PAC

<u>Pizza - \$3.50</u>	<u>Juice - .50</u>	<u>Ice Cream Sandwich - \$1.00</u>
Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Orange <input type="checkbox"/>	Ice Cream <input type="checkbox"/>
Pepperoni <input type="checkbox"/>	Apple <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ham & Pineapple <input type="checkbox"/>	Fruit Punch <input type="checkbox"/>	
Veggie <input type="checkbox"/>		



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**REMINDER:** Kindergarten class may only order ice cream due to delivery time.  
**Orders must be returned to your classroom teacher by Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**  
 We are ordering personal pizzas.

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