



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal

In last week's newsletter, I asked parents to make sure that their children have proper clothing for the outdoors when they come to school. This should include a warm, weatherproof jacket and boots or sturdy outdoor shoes, as well as an extra pair of socks. I also asked parents to please label their children's clothing with their name or initials as that can be very helpful when it comes to returning clothing to the rightful owner, should it get misplaced. Each day, many items of clothing are found around the school and are placed in the Lost and Found, mostly because we cannot determine who "owns them". So please, label your child's clothing, as well as other items they regularly bring to school. **There are some items however, such as cell phones, MP3 players, electronic games and other expensive toys, that should not be brought to school, but rather, should always be left at home.** If they leave your home, they need to be engraved to ensure that they remain in the right hands. In advance, thanks for your help.



## Thankfulness is the Virtue for November and December

**Thankfulness**, which is like **gratitude**, will be the virtue studied during November. **Thankfulness** is being grateful for what you have. **Thankful students** appreciate the things that they have as well as the people that care about them. Mrs. Saremba's combined K and grade 1 class will be the focus class. As well as creating a bulletin board display, this class will share their Thankfulness ideas with us at our next Student Recognition assembly on December 11. More information about Thankfulness can be found in this newsletter.



## Photo Retakes - next Thursday

Photo retakes will be taking place next **Thursday, November 19** beginning sometime around noon. Parents wanting their child to take part in the retakes need to send the complete package back to the school. If you have any questions, contact Janette in the office.

## Final Reminder for "Coats for Kids" Program

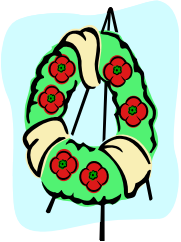
This is the final week to donate used or underused winter coats to this worthwhile program. The collected coats will be "recycled" to children free of charge at a date to be announced later this month. Thank you for your support of this important, annual "recycling of coats" program!

## Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

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 for EES

## Our Special Students for the Month of October

Room 1	Lily Fanyeck and John Stephenson
Room 2	Maia Gillard and Amber Timmermans
Room 7	Shawn McGrath, Dawson Orcutt and Autumn Spencer
Room 10	Noah Caradonna, Anthony Crowther and April Treleven
Kindergarten	Locklyn Patenaude and Ernest Simpson
Room 12	Hayleigh Bendall and Dawson Metheral
Room 14	Tiggy Cooper, Kylie Keefer, Tayah McRae-Marlatt and Ryan Timmermans
Room 16	Keilan Guild and Scott Sheppard



### Remembrance Day Assembly was Memorable

We held our Remembrance Day assembly this morning and it proved to be a memorable and moving one. Our school choir, under the direction of Mrs. Willers, sang the song "One Nation" beautifully at the assembly and our student presenters from Room 10 and our Grade 5 Leaders shared some wonderful words and phrases about the importance of remembering and Remembrance Day. We were pleased that a number of parents and other guests were able to join us. Poppies were worn by all and I encourage students, parents and staff alike to please remember to take a moment to honour our veterans tomorrow on Remembrance Day.

### Library News

Congratulations to the following students who were Book Draw winners for September:

*Sarah Paetkau* in Kindergarten, *Garrett Barada* in Grade 3 and *Alyssa Abbott* in Grade 5.

Similarly, congratulations to the following students who were the October Book Draw winners:

*Olivia Graham* in Kindergarten, *James Ellwyn* in Grade 1 and *Amber Deakin* in Grade 2.

Special congratulations to *Tiggy Cooper* for winning an autographed copy of "The Great Pumpkin Ride" donated by local author Laura Hesse for a special draw among all intermediate students.

November's book draw topic is "**Connections**". Entry forms are in the library and on the bulletin board outside the library. Keep reading and by all means, enter the Book Draw for this month, as you just may be a winner.

**Scholastic Book Fair - Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** (after school and evening), **Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

(morning). If any parents can help with the book fair, please leave a message at the school with Janette (248-8446).



**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.

**Our next PAC meeting** will be held at Back Road Java at 12:00 on Wed., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and the coffee is free!

Attached to today's newsletter you will find information on our **Poinsettia Fundraiser**. Orders will be taken until November 27 and shipment will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> to be handed out at our annual Christmas Craft Fair and Fun Night, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to buy for family and friends at a cost of \$12 per plant in colours red, white and pink. Monies raised will be used to send our Grade 5 students to Hornby Island to celebrate their final year in Errington Elementary.

**Silent Auction items** are needed for our Craft Night and can be dropped off with Janette at the school!

**Winter Wonderland Fundraiser items** will be sent home with your child next Wednesday. If you would prefer to pick it up, please call Janette (250-248-8446).

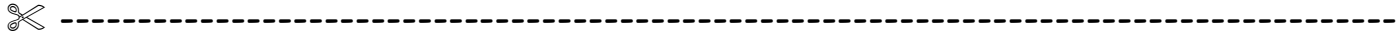
### Christmas Cards

Errington students have participated in the "design a Christmas card" contest. The cards are being sold to assist the villagers of Panabaj, Guatemala which 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; \$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.



**Important Notice: Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing**

First term conferencing with teachers will take place on Thursday, November 26th after school and on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in the morning. On the bottom of this page, parents will find a tear-off to complete and return to the school by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Parents are asked to select a date and time and to indicate their preference on the tear-off. Please have your child return this to their classroom teacher. The exact time and date of the conference will be provided to you the week prior to conferencing. Where possible, parents with more than one child in the school will have their conference times arranged so that they are close together. If you would also like to meet with someone other than your classroom teacher, please indicate that clearly.

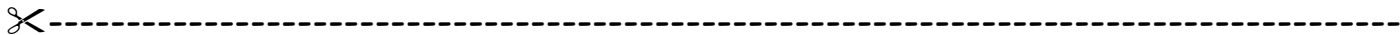


**Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing Preference**

In an attempt to facilitate conferencing times, we ask you to complete the following. Please indicate with a check mark ✓ the date and times that you could attend.

- Thursday after school Nov. 26
- Friday morning Nov. 27
- OR**
- I would like my child's teacher to contact me by phone. My phone number is \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name:	Teacher:
Other Teacher(s) you wish to meet with:	



**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, November 12th**  
Please make cheques payable to: Errington Elementary School (or EES)

Mon., Nov. 16	Lasagna with Caesar salad and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Nov. 17	Turkey noodle soup with crackers and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Nov. 18	Chicken fingers, dip, garden salad and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Nov. 19	Salmon burger, tartar sauce, a pickle, veggie sticks and juice	\$3.00 _____
Mon., Nov. 23	Tomato soup with beans and macaroni, garlic toast and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Nov. 24	Tuna casserole with fruit and juice	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Nov. 25	Chicken & cheese burrito, veggie sticks and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Nov. 26	Broccoli cheese soup with garlic toast and milk (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____

Total amount Included \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_