



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your 3B Community School”

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Message from the Principal

All the staff at the school work hard to ensure that a safe, kind and respectful environment exists for everyone. We also work together with parents in the hope of maintaining a strong sense of community. At school, we expect our students to use the **3Bs** (**be safe, be kind, be respectful**), both inside and outside at all times. Should problems arise, we teach and encourage our students to use their **WITS** (**walk away, ignore the person, tell the person to stop, seek help from an adult**). We have our **Words for the Week**, as well as our virtues program at the school, where we focus on a specific virtue each month and we encourage our students to demonstrate the virtue where ever they are, in and around the school. As parents, you can help by talking to your child about these programs, and encourage them to “use” these skills at home and out in the community.

Speaking of the virtues program, **thankfulness**, which is like **gratitude**, will be the virtue studied during November and up until the winter break. **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 and gratitude** ideas with us at our next Student Recognition assembly on December 11.



Once Again It's Time for Operation Christmas Child

Your child has brought home a letter and a permission form regarding this project. If you would like to participate, please send the permission form back to school and your child will be given a box to fill. Please use the boy/girl slip on the brochure to indicate who your box is meant for, and check off the age as well. Already we have had a number of boxes filled and returned, and they are growing in number in the foyer. The boxes are due back to the school by Thursday, November 19. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jenkins at 248-8446. Thanks for your support and your display of gratitude and generosity. It is truly appreciated both here and aboard!



Photo Retakes - this Thursday

Photo retakes will be taking place this **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.

School Website

Check it out! Errington Elementary School's new school website is up and running! On the website you can find valuable information about our school, such as upcoming events, district information, Code of Conduct and Inclement Weather information. You can also find our school's weekly newsletter on the front page. Check out the school bookmarks page for safe internet games and educational activities. Just go to www.ees.sd69.bc.ca and voila, there we are!

Thank You for Your “Coats for Kids” Donations

On behalf of the organizers of this program, I would like to thank all those families that donated outerwear to our collection box. The collected coats will be “recycled” to children free of charge at a date to be announced in the local newspapers. Thank you for your support of this important, annual “recycling of coats” program!

Library News: 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:** Classes will be viewing the book fair on Thursday, November 26th and books can be purchased that day during parent-teacher conferences after school until approximately 5:00 p.m. You can also purchase books on Friday morning (November 27th) until noon. Sales from the book fair support the school library in obtaining new books. It is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping! We hope to see you at the Book Fair. If any parents can help with the book fair, please leave a message at the school with Janette (248-8446).

Grade 4 and 5 Snow Passes

If your son or daughter is in grade 4 or 5, attached to this newsletter you will find a Snow Pass application form. This is the 13th year that families across Canada get the opportunity for their children to ski and snowboard for free! Snow Pass holders can ski at each of the 32 participating ski areas in B.C. three times for free during the 2009/2010 season. This generous offer is made by the Canadian Ski Council and the Canada West Ski Areas Association.

