



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

Here at EES, we have a social responsibility goal as part of our school's growth plan that addresses students being “good citizens” at school and in the community. As “The Bee” tells us daily, we have three simple rules to follow as part of this goal – be safe, be kind and be respectful. With this in mind, Ms. Kelly and Mrs. Boudrot's combined grade 4 and 5 class from Room 14 have chosen **Kindness** as the virtue for February. **Kindness** is showing that you care. **Kind** students treat themselves, others and the community around them with care and respect. When people practice **Kindness**, they help make things better for themselves and those around them. They also help to make things better for the Earth and other living creatures. By being **kind**, people are more connected to others and their community and more involved too. So, as you can see, **Kindness** is a very appropriate virtue for helping with our social responsibility goal. Let's all try to demonstrate **Kindness** wherever we are. I would like to thank our focus class for **Excellence**, Mr. Henderson's combined grade 4 and 5 class, who in keeping with their virtue, did an excellent job with their informative and colourful bulletin board display and their presentation about **Excellence** at our “Student Recognition Assembly” last week. Well done, Room 16.



Helping Hands for Haiti

Room 2 has begun their Helping Hands for Haiti project to help in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. Many people have made donations and “helping hands” are beginning to fill the map of Haiti in the foyer. Already more than \$100 has been collected. The students in Room 2 hope to have the entire map covered with hands, and encourage everyone to continue to be generous and donate to this worthwhile cause. Thank you from Room 2.

Parents Supporting Student Achievement

As I have mentioned previously in our newsletters, over the next few weeks, I will be writing about our goals and how parents can help their child or children at home. In relation to our:

Literacy Goal - to improve students' reading comprehension and to increase their interest in reading for enjoyment. As our beginning readers master **phonemic awareness** and **phonics**, the next important step in developing strong readers is that of **fluency**.

Fluency is the ability to effortlessly and automatically read words connected together in a story. As parents, you can help by having your child read aloud a sentence that you have read to them (this is called echo reading) and by having your child read aloud often.

Take turns reading a story, and act out parts that your child finds exciting. When your child comes to a “new” word, help them with the pronunciation, and talk about its meaning. Rereading favourite books also helps to build fluency. Be sure to talk to your child's teacher about their progress in this area.

Social Responsibility Goal - to provide increased opportunities for students to contribute to the classroom and school community. You can help by encouraging your children to practice this month's virtue of kindness at home and on their way to and from school. We will be looking for “kind students” who show this virtue at school, especially when they are outside on the playground..



Library News

Congratulations to the following students who have been drawn as winners for January's book draw: Josh Primeau in K, Logan Farmer in Room 1 and Zoe Balinsky in Room 16. The theme for February's library book draw is “Celebrating Canada” where students are encouraged to read a book about Canada, or a book written by a Canadian author. Entry forms are in the library. Happy reading to all!

Dates to Remember for Parents of Errington Students

February 3	Parent Forum on School District Budget at 7:00 pm in the library
February 4	EES hosts the District Elementary Free Throw Competition at 11:30 am in the gym
February 12	Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony at EES beginning at 10:15 am in the gym
February 19	School Reporting Day (students do not attend school this day)
February 22	District Pro-D Day (students do not attend school this day)
February 26	Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony at EES beginning at 10:15 am in the gym
March 3	Public Health Nutrition presentations to our classes
March 3	Term 2 Report Cards home to parents
March 5	Student Recognition Assembly for February/March at 8:45 am
March 5	Last Day of Classes before the Spring Break
March 6 to 21	Spring Break (all schools are closed)
March 22	Schools re-open after the Spring Break
April 2	Good Friday (all schools are closed)
April 5	Easter Monday (all schools are closed)

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Our annual Free Throw Competition took place last week in our gym and boys and girls in grades 4 and 5 came out to take part in the school competition. Everyone enjoyed themselves as they took part in this annual event. Four students, who "shot" particularly well will be representing EES at the District Finals on Thursday of this week. We would like to congratulate Cassidy Ackerman, Keilan Guild, Jakob Desrosiers and Corben Franklin and wish them well when EES hosts the District Finals this Thursday, February 4 beginning at 11:30 am. Students from across the School District will be in our gym to take part in the competition. Good luck to all competitors.



Our Special Students for the Month of January (Excellence)



Room 1	Nyah Adams, Jasper Charlinski and Shae McRae-Marlatt
Room 2	Baileigh Duncan, Trevor Nicoll and Logan Orcutt
Room 7	Willy Fox, Emma Price and Jonah Klevinsky
Room 10	Katie Fox, Connor Lott and Josh Morris
Kindergarten	MacKenzie Busch and Hannah O'Donnell
Room 12	Grace Dzogan-Fleming and Austin Klee
Room 14	Kairos Ainsworth and Sequoia Charlinski
Room 16	Zoe Balinski, Gage Ladeur and Bailey Maltesen

Board Budget Presentation to PAC

As part of the development of the 2010-2011 Preliminary Operating Budget, a trustee from the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum), as well as a Senior Administrator, will be attending a meeting with each school's Parent Advisory Council during the month of February. It is hoped that parents in each school community would take the opportunity to attend. At this meeting information about the budget process and preliminary indications of fiscal challenges the Board is anticipating will be provided, and participants will be invited to provide the Board with their ideas about priorities for district budget planning.

If parents are unable to attend the scheduled meeting with PAC at their school, they are welcome to attend at another school. Please see the district web-site for the complete schedule. Budget deliberations will continue in a series of Public Budget Board meetings to be held on March 30, April 14, 21 and 27. These meetings will be held at the Forum in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre at 7:00 pm.

***** The EES PAC Budget meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 pm in the library. *****



PAC News: A Special update

A special presentation on the School District budget takes place tomorrow night at 7:00 pm in the library. More information is on the next page. School trustee, Bill Preston and Secretary-Treasurer, Bernice Hannam will be in our library tomorrow to talk to parents about the District's budget for next year. It will be informative and an opportunity to provide input into the decisions made as part of the budget process. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our next general PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, in the library at the school. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and agenda items include the Spring Carnival, PAC, school and school district budget concerns. We hope you will be able to join us!

Health and Nutrition at EES with Room 1

Mrs. Philip's class is doing a project on nutrition and they are learning about the Canadian Food guide. During the Olympics, they will be graphing lunches to see who has "Gold Medal Lunches." They wanted to share the guide with all students, and so with today's newsletter, you will also be receiving your own copy of Canada's Food Guide. We hope you will be able to study and discuss it with your child. We will also have class presentations on nutrition by nursing students on Wednesday, March 3, all day long. Please remember that if you have a nutritious snack or recipe that your children love and you think others would love to try, please send a written copy to school and we will try to include some of them in the weekly newsletter.

Eat Well...Get Moving - Tickets for the Olympic Opening Ceremonies

Hopefully you and your family are paying attention to and tracking the amount of physical exercise you are receiving on a daily basis and your intake of healthy fruits and vegetables! We are into the third week of the six week promotion, **Eat Well, Get Moving** and some students have already finished their first tally card. Lucky School District Draw winners for the first two weeks (Jan. 18 - 30th) will be announced to schools shortly!

Participating EWGM students and their families are eligible to attend the Olympic Opening Night, February 12th 5:30 to 9:00 pm at the Live Site in Parksville -the Community and Conference Center on Jensen Ave. Entry is FREE but you must have a ticket to for entry. Tickets are available through schools for EWGM families. During the Opening Ceremonies at the Live Site there will also be FREE raffle and draw prizes for students and adults - Eat Well, Get Moving prizes for students and Olympic memorabilia for the adults. A concession on site and pizza orders through Boston Pizza will be available for those who wish to purchase snacks or dinner. Also, the RDN Recreation Department will have games and activities set up in adjoining rooms so younger children or students not interested in watching the ceremonies on the Big Screen can be entertained while other family members enjoy the opening of the 2010 Olympic Games. This is a family oriented night and the whole family is being invited to attend.

Tickets will be available through your schools office so ask your teacher to reserve tickets for your family. Tickets will be out to schools next week - Monday Feb. 8th for those who have reserved

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Student Name: _____

School: _____

Olympic Opening Night Ceremonies:

Please reserve our family _____ tickets to attend the Opening Ceremonies at the PCCC in Parksville, Feb. 12th 5:30 to 9:00

Parent signature

Tickets will be sent home the week of Feb. 8th

Community Announcements

Prevention Plus and What Your Genes Want You to Eat: A presentation about making smart choices to take control of you and your family's health at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort on Wed. Feb. 3 at 7:00 pm. Contact Sally at 250-927-7175 for more information.

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Hot Lunch Order Form - please return to the school by **THURSDAY, FEB 4/10**
Please make cheques payable to: Errington Elementary School (or EES)



Mon., Feb 8	split pea soup w/garlic toast & fruit (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Feb 9	Veggie Burger w/cheese & fruit salad	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Feb 10	Tuna Casserole w/vegetables (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Feb 11	Chicken Wrap w/ side salad	\$3.00 _____
Mon., Feb. 15	Broccoli cheese soup w/crackers & fruit (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____
Tues., Feb. 16	Baked beans w/bun and veggie sticks	\$3.00 _____
Wed., Feb. 17	Noodles w/ham and cheese & fruit	\$3.00 _____
Thurs., Feb. 18	Sloppy Joes, Caesar Salad (please indicate white ___ or chocolate ___ milk)	\$3.00 _____

Total amount Included _____

Student's Name: _____

Classroom: _____

