



## ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Your Community School"

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## PARENT NEWSLETTER #9

January 12, 2018

\*\*\*\*Kindergarten Registration begins January 22, 2018\*\*\*\*

EES Important Dates for Your Calendar	
Jan 15	PAC Boston Pizza Day – order online
Jan 22	Kindergarten Registration Begins
Jan 26	PAC Panago Pizza Day – order online
Feb 1	Teachings of the Paddle Ceremony
Feb 5	PAC Hot Dog Day – order online
Feb 12	Family Day Holiday
Feb 16	PAC Panago Pizza Day – order online
Feb 19	PAC Island Drive-In – order online
Feb 23	Professional Development Day
Mar 5	PAC Subway Day – order online
Mar 16	PAC Panago Pizza Day – order online
Mar 16	Last Day Before Spring Break
April 3	First Day Back after Spring Break

### MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a safe and restful break. It has been a busy week of teaching and learning at EES. This week our kindergarten to grade 4/5 classes attended the play Peter Pan at Ballenas Secondary. Classes had a lot of fun at the play and students at BSS did a wonderful job performing.

January often brings the west coast rain and we do our best to send students out during recess playtime. Please make sure to send your child with appropriate rain gear, including a coat, boots and gloves. It is also helpful to have a spare pair of clothes in their back pack, which includes pants, socks and a shirt. This prevents the office from having to call parents to bring extra clothes should your son/daughter get wet during recess time.

From all of the staff at Errington Elementary, we wish you all the best in 2018!

### AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Please make all after school arrangements before school starts. The office has had an influx of calls and it is very difficult to get these messages to students at times. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this issue.

### VISITORS TO EES

Guests and community partners to EES include such people as retired individuals, parents, student teachers, work experience students, district personnel as well as members of our college/universities. For each visit, please follow this routine: 1. Check in at the office – sign the sign-in sheet and be sure to include all information (this is helpful in the event of such emergencies as earthquakes and fires or for important phone messages). 2. Ask Mrs. Martini or Ms. Webb for a visitor tag which will identify you as someone who belongs in our school. 3. When your visit is complete, please return your tag, and sign out on the sign-in sheet (again, during emergencies this is very helpful). Thank you for your support in making your visit safe and successful.

### REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

For safety purposes, we need to know where every child is during the school day, therefore please make sure you sign out your child at the school office when leaving the school before the end of the day. Also, the school office must be advised by the parent/guardian if your child is not attending school. Please phone 250-248-8446 and speak with the secretary or leave a message on the answering machine.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school line 250-248-8446 to report the length of time and reason. We thank you and greatly appreciate your diligence in this matter.

## **POPCORN SALES-**

Every Wednesday is **POPCORN DAY!** Popcorn sales are every Wednesday morning before school in the foyer. You can pay for the day, for the month, or till Spring Break. Popcorn bags are \$.50 (50 cents) and is delivered to each classroom for little recess.

## **NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY**

**Library Page Shift Change:** On Feb 1st, our Second Term Library Pages will start work in the Library, please check the shift schedule. When not in the library, our Pages are at work lending their leadership skills as reading mentors, school helpers, classroom tech support and playground leaders. Well done Errington leaders!

**Book Draw Feb 13-March 16:** Our Seriously Awesome Series! The popular Book Draw is back! Students are encouraged to check out a book in a series, read it, and complete a book draw form when they return it. Enter to win awesome prizes! Read some amazing series :) The more you read and enter, the better chance to win! Series can be fiction chronological, character, author or non-fiction. The sky's the limit!

**Spring Book Fair:** Our spring fling book fair is coming April 5-10th, keep checking our website and newsletter for more info :)

**Lost and Overdue Books:** Please look under couches, in parakeet cages and the back of the car! We have a lot of books overdue, so encourage you to bring your books back :) If they are lost, you can replace with cash or a book from home of similar quality and genre. Please speak with us about it :)

**Take and Trade Table:** We have lots of books on our Take and Trade Table. Hey, these are FREE! Please help yourself. We love donated books, so if you have some great books that you aren't reading, and other students would love, please drop them by the Library, thanks!

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found bin is located in our foyer and is already filling up. We invite you take a minute to search it if your son or daughter is missing a garment.

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)**

Check out our PAC Facebook Page at **EES PAC**, Website at [www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com](http://www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com) or email at [erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com)

PAC FUN Lunch Days will be booked online again this year. At <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/>, there is also a link on the Errington Elementary School Website. If you **absolutely** cannot order online please email us and we will try to work something out. The new "session" is now open.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out, if you are able to help out in any capacity please contact PAC either on our PAC facebook page or [erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com) – Thank you in advance.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fun Lunch</b>	<b>Order Deadline</b>
Monday, January 15, 2018	Boston Pizza	Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Friday, January 26, 2018	Panago Pizza	Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Monday, February 5, 2018	Hot Dog Day	Thursday, February 1, 2018
Friday, February 16, 2018	Panago Pizza	Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Monday, February 19, 2018	Island Drive-In	Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Monday, March 5, 2018	Subway	Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Friday, March 16, 2018	Panago Pizza	Tuesday, March 13, 2018

## **Paddle Blessing Ceremony - Thursday, Feb 1st 1:00 p.m.**

You're invited to join with us as we welcome our Elder, our Indigenous Education staff and artist-in-residence Bill Helin. As artist-in-residence in October, Mr. Helin designed and carved a special paddle for our school. Our celebration features Rooms 1 and 10 students who will sing a wonderful adaptation of "The Song My Paddle Sings" and present their river mural project. All students are invited to wear/bring their individual cedar paddles they've been working on this year. Teachers and students created classroom paddles which will be on display for our celebration.

## Sports Centre

Volleyball Season is starting up at E.E.S. for boys and girls in grades 6 and 7. The boys and girls teams will be taking on teams from other schools starting on the week of January 22nd and running until early March. The preliminary plan is to have boys games on Tuesdays and girls games on Thursdays. All games will be played at schools with larger gyms; namely, the former middle schools. Bussing to the games will be provided and parents will pick-up from the school. Game schedules will be provided to players.

Bike Club will resume on Thursday, January 18th. Anyone interested in still joining Bike Club can see Mr. Avis for the permission forms. Bike Club is for students in grades 4-7. Our rides leave the school around 2:20 on Thursdays and pick-up time is 4:00.



## **Errington placed 3 and 4 at basketball tournament**

by Tyler Turner

The basketball tournament took place at Ballenas High School in December. The girl's team placed 4th after playing against Arrowview but lost. The boys had a bit of better luck and placed 3rd after beating, funny enough, Arrowview. This was the first time that Errington ever placed top 4. It was an amazing time at the tournament.

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Oceanside Public Health Dept.

Influenza season is here! Oceanside Public Health is extending an invitation to families with eligible children to attend one of our family flu clinics throughout November and December. Please call Oceanside Public Health Services at 250-947-8242 if you would like to book a family flu appointment. Information regarding eligibility for publically funded vaccine can be found at:

<http://www.viha.ca/flu/>



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)  
2018-19 KINDERGARTEN" AND "PROGRAMS OF CHOICE" INFORMATION  
REGISTRATION: MONDAY, JANUARY 22 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 26; and MONDAY, JANUARY 29 –  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018  
9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Board Policy 7015  
Excerpt:

"The Board of Education believes that, in general, students should attend their neighborhood school. Transfer of a student to a school outside of his/her catchment area will be considered upon written application of the parent to the Superintendent of Schools"

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Qualifying Age:

To qualify for school enrollment in September 2018, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2018.

Required Documentation:

Proof of Age for student (Birth Certificate or Passport);  
Proof of Residency (see SD69 website for list of acceptable documentation or contact catchment area school:

Where to Register:

<http://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx>  
Please register at your neighbourhood (catchment) elementary school. Attendance boundary information is available at each school or by contacting the School Board Office at 250-248-4241.

### **CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION**

Cross Boundary Process:

Parents wishing to enroll their Kindergarten child at an out-of catchment school within the district are to **make their request upon registration** and complete an "Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year" Form. All "Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year" forms must be submitted during the months of February and March (first Monday in February to last Friday in March – prior to Spring Break). **Early applications will not be accepted.**

### PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

School District 69 (Qualicum) is proud to offer a range of Programs of Choice that provide unique and innovative learning opportunities for our diverse student population.

Programs of Choice are staffed consistent with the district's overarching methodology and philosophy regarding financial prudence. For these reasons, Programs of Choice classrooms are often (like regular classrooms) organized into combined grade configurations. All program options either align with or support the B.C. curriculum and help provide a pathway towards Grade 12 graduation.

The Board of Education is committed to Programs of Choice placement sustainability to the best extent possible, but must balance this commitment with emergent building capacity pressures, and the importance of students being able to attend their neighbourhood school. All Programs of Choice are reviewed annually as part of the budget process. Programs of Choice typically generate much interest and are continued each year, however they can be subject to cancellation due to enrollment and budgetary considerations. Please note that space in these programs is limited.

Please see the following link for further information regarding District Programs of Choice:

<http://www.sd69.bc.ca/Programs/Education%20Programs/Pages/default.aspx>

INFORMATION SESSIONS OFFERED:

CEAP Program

The Collaborative Education Alternative Program provides a blended-learning kindergarten program that consists of home-schooling in addition to being supported by scheduled student activities at Qualicum Commons – CEAP classroom. Learning resources as well as support for parent(s) is provided by the program teacher.

An information session for parents considering the CEAP Kindergarten program will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the CEAP classroom at Qualicum Commons, 744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach. For more information, please contact the program at 250-752-5628 or visit the CEAP website at [www.ceap.ca](http://www.ceap.ca)

French Immersion:

French Immersion is intended to develop fluency in French learning to functional bilingualism. Students study in French while following the regular BC Curriculum Learning Standards. The French Immersion Program for Grades K – 7 is located at Oceanside Elementary School. The French Immersion Program for Grades 8 – 12 is located at Ballenas Secondary School. **Please apply at appropriate school.**

NOTE: An information session for parents considering the Early Immersion Kindergarten program will be held Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Oceanside Elementary School.

For more information, please contact Oceanside Elementary School at 250-248-4662.

**Student selection for the Early French Immersion program will be held by lottery. Parents will be notified regarding the lottery outcome by the end of February.**



Information at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)

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## January 9, 2018

This winter RDN Recreation and Parks has drop-in gym, swim and skates in addition to registered programs and events to offer. Check it out at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)

### Drop-in Gym Plus January 8 to March 15, 2018

Pick up an Active Pass and come to the after school drop in activities:

Craig Street Commons- Drop in Gym and Lego Time Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Qualicum Commons- Drop in Basketball and Lego Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:45 pm

Craig Street Commons- Drop in Gym and Craft Room Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

### Saturday Breakfast Club

Enjoy a parent and tot exploration and a Mother Goose circle time at Munchkinland, Family Place in Parksville. Join us for songs, stories and breakfast. Saturdays, January 13th-March 10th. 9:30 to 11:30 am. This is a free program suitable for families with children 6 years and younger.

### Claytime Creations 5-11 years

Join local pottery artist Anne Marie Veal to learn clay skills. Each month has a theme. Classes are on Tuesdays at Qualicum Commons from 3:00-5:00 pm. Flexible start time. Full details online.

### Painting Classes for kids, teens and families

Jenny Hughes will guide you through how to paint a fantastic yet surprisingly simple acrylic painting. No experience necessary. All supplies are provided. View dates and painting projects online. Cost is \$30 per painting workshop and \$35 per paint a tote workshop.

### Pro D Camp

Parents this is your Pro D day solution. Our experienced play leaders will provide a great day off school that is filled with creative art, and active games. Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons, RDN Activity Room 12. Cost is \$38.

### FREE Skate lessons for Youth 13-18 years

Learn to ice skate so you can join your friends at Oceanside Place. Lessons are Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm, Jan 15 – Feb 5 or Feb 19 - Mar 12. Free skate rentals included. Registration required as space is limited. Full details online.

### First Aid Training 13yrs+

Be prepared and get trained in first aid skills. Training includes home hazards, accident prevention, safety education, CPR, First aid skills for common emergencies and automated external defibrillators (AED). Retraining is recommended every three years. Feb. 24, 9:00am-5:00pm, Qualicum Commons, \$86.

### Leaders in Training 13-17 years

Learn to lead through play, make friends, develop your leadership skills and mentor under some amazing leaders. Jan 26 & 27, Craig Str Commons. \$65

## Events

### Disco Light Skate for all ages

Catch dance fever under the disco lights at Oceanside Place Arena. The flashing lights and pumping music will take you back in time on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Regular admission.

### Super Hero Skate

Super heroes unite. Make a cape, wear your costume and apply your superpowers to games and crafts. Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at Oceanside Place Arena. Regular admission.

### Dad's Night Out: Free Skate

Dads, bring the kids to Oceanside Place Arena and enjoy a free skate together on the pond Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This free skate is sponsored by our partners at Building Learning Together.

### Dr. Suess on the Loose Family Swim

One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish come and enjoy a swim with thing one and thing two at Ravensong Aquatic Centre. There will be games to play to give you fun on this wet wet day. Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Regular admission.

### BC Provincial Family Day Swim and Skate events

Both Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place Arena are open to celebrate BC Provincial Family Day on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>. Free admission to both of these events is courtesy of CUPE 401, Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Free Family Swim from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Free Family Skate from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

### Winter Carnival Skate

Brighten the winter days with a fun carnival on ice at Oceanside Place Arena. Participate in carnival games and win tickets to bid on prizes at the end of the skate session. Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Regular admission

### Pro D Day Skate

School is out but skating is in. Everyone Welcome Skate at Oceanside Place Arena on Friday, February 23 from 1:30-3:00pm. Regular admission.

### Pro D Day Freezie Swim

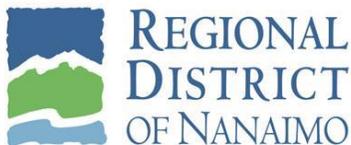
Stay active on your day off from school with a swim at Ravensong Aquatic Centre on Friday, February 23 from 1:00-2:00pm. After your swim everyone will be given a freezie treat to enjoy. Regular admission.

# FLIPPIN' FUN FOR BOYS

A session just for the guys...  
Great cross training for a variety of sports and activities.

Qualicum Commons  
Fridays 6:00-7:00PM

Jan 19-Mar 9, 7661, \$88



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All School  
Ages

# DROP-IN AFTER SCHOOL

Play with friends and burn off some energy after school. Healthy snacks provided.  
Purchase an Active Pass \$29.30/ 10 drop-in admissions

## Gym & Lego

Craig Street Commons, Parksville  
Mon 3:00 - 5:00 PM

## Basketball & Lego

Qualicum Commons  
Wed 3:00 - 4:45 PM

## Gym & Crafts

Craig Street Commons, Parksville  
Thu 3:00 - 5:00 PM



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# FREE SKATE LESSONS FOR YOUTH

## Join your friends, learn to skate!

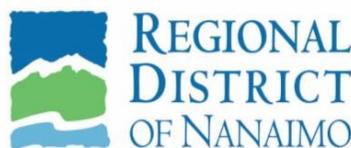
Oceanside Place Arena

Mon, 4:00-5:00pm

Jan 15—Feb 5

Feb 19—Mar 12

FREE but you must register  
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13-17 yrs

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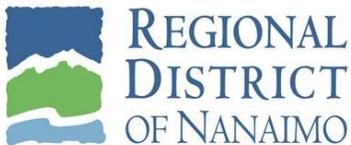
**Craig Street Commons**

**Fri Jan 26 3:30 - 6:30pm**

**Sat Jan 27 9:00am - 4:00pm**

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