



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Your Community School”

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Thanksgiving, Monday, October 9th, 2017
Students are not in Attendance

PARENT NEWSLETTER #2
September 29, 2017

EES Important Dates for Your Calendar	
Oct. 2	FSA (Foundations Skills Assessment) starts - Grade 4 and Grade 7 students
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day – students not in attendance
Oct 16	PAC Hot Dog Day
Oct 16-18	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Online sign up starting next week
Oct. 19	Conference Adjustment Day – students not in attendance
Oct. 20	BC Provincial Pro D – students not in attendance
Oct. 23 (tentative)	Photo Day – (tentative date)
Nov. 20	Immunizations – Grade 6 students

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

September has raced by us and many events have occurred or are ready to take place. EES enjoyed a great Terry Fox Run this past Thursday afternoon. The entire school took place which was very rewarding to see. Thanks to Mr. Avis for spearheading this event. Donations to the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation are still welcome in our office.

As fall arrives we see the intermediate sports teams starting up. Grade 6/7 Basketball for boys and girls will commence quickly. Tuesday afternoons will be game days and Tues /Thursdays will be practice days. Thank you to Mr. Pike and Mr. Friesen for taking this on. Bike club has returned and Mr. Avis and Mr. Friesen have a strong turnout of students enjoying the early fall weather. This year EES is entering an elementary Cross Country opportunity. Thanks to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Armstrong, a number of intermediate students will be training for a District Meet being held this year with other elementary schools on November 3.

As the weather turns wet, please ensure that your child is properly dressed for the inclement weather. This may include rubber boots, warm coats as well as a hood or hat. While we do have some ‘in’ days, they are usually only when the rain is excessive.

Finally, we need to announce that Mr. Worthen, our Vice Principal for the past few years has been re-assigned to another school in this district. We thank Mr. Worthen for his service here and wish him all the luck in the future. He will be missed. We now take the opportunity to welcome Mrs. Shauna Huggins as our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Huggins comes to us from the CEAP program and we look forward to her starting her role as administrator at our school.



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. Toda 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.

TEACHER CONFERENCE ON-LINE SIGN UP

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Oct 16-19. Conference times will be booked online again this year, at ees.parentconferences.net the link to book can also be found on our school website. Booking has begun for parent/teacher conferences @ ees.parentconferences.net or you can find the link on our school website. If you have any trouble please call the office and the office staff will be happy to help you.

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.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

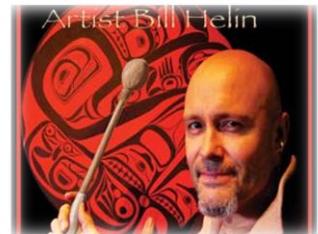
Our EES Newsletter is posted on our school website. If you would like to receive a digital copy, go to the EES Website at <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES/Pages>, scroll down below the calendar to SIGN UP TO OUR NEWSLETTER AND STAY IN TOUCH, put in your email address, and press GO. You'll receive an email with a verification link to finish the sign up process.

NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY



Book Fair: Saddle Up And Read! Our Fall Book Fair is coming in November and we've got lots of great books and gifts for students of all ages.

Artist In Residence Program: We are thrilled to welcome Bill Helin, First Nations Artist to our school from Monday to Friday, October 2-6th. Bill is designing and carving a cedar paddle for our school. Bill will be working outside the front of the school from 11:30-1:30 and classes will be visiting him throughout the carving process. Families and community members are welcome to visit the viewing area, too.



Bill is a Tsimshian Norwegian Artist from Prince Rupert who now lives on Vancouver Island. He is an artist, designer and cultural storyteller. He spent most of his artist career, which started in 1979, carving traditional Tsimshian wood carvings, jewelry and painting. Other projects he's been involved with include working with NASA and the Canadian Space Agency designing 3 mission patches and educational materials. He spent six months at the Canadian International School of Hong Kong carving totems for the school and working with students from Grades K-12.

Bill's art has evolved from creating large wood project such as a 40 foot Ravensong canoe in 1993 and working on the World's Largest Totem Pole in 1994, to illustrating children's story books. Bill has worked with the Vancouver Board of Trade, as a member and artist in residence and with Aboriginal Tourism as director.

Recently, Bill illustrated 32 Guided Readings books for Strong Nations in Nanaimo. At EES, we have purchased many of these materials for our students in the library and in Learning Services. He is also the Artist In Residence at the North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre this fall. For more information about Bill and his projects please visit his website at:

<http://www.billhelin.com/>

If you have any questions about our Library Learning Commons, please speak with us.

Ms. Richards and Ms. Macrae

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.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Check out our PAC Facebook Page at **EES PAC**, Website at www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com or email at erringtonschoolpac@outlook.com

PAC 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 open now for orders.

The Harvest Fall Festival held at the Silver Meadows Farm is on October 15th this year. We work the concession stand and welcome all volunteer help. If you are able to help please email above address.

PARKING AND DROP OFF

Thanks to all the parents and caregivers that help make our drop off and pick up of students manageable. While we are in the process of obtaining a new drop off and parking area, this endeavor will take some time as it involves many governing factors. We appreciate your patience and ask you to continue with your careful driving on Fairdowne Rd. during early morning and after school times.

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.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

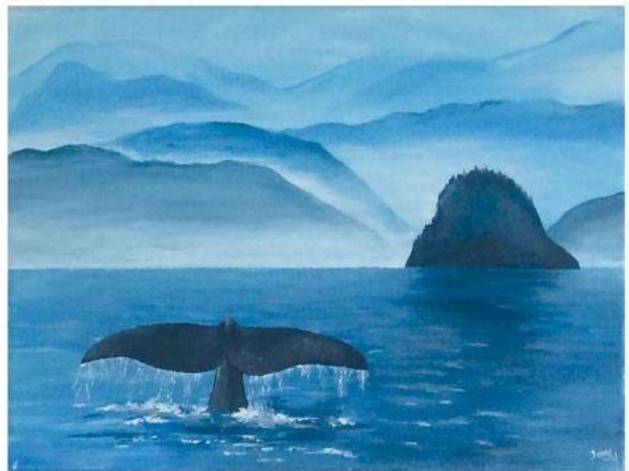
CANVAS ART

Jenny Hughes will guide you through how to paint this amazing acrylic painting

\$30

For Teens 10-13yrs
Sep 28, 5:45-7:15pm
Qualicum Commons Rm 12

For Kids 7-10yrs
Oct 5, 5:45-7:15pm
Craig Street Commons



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Information at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena
830 W Island Hwy, Parksville
250-248-3252

Find us on



September 27, 2017

This fall 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

Drop-in Gym Plus

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 Gym 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

NEW Monday Reduced Rate Skate

Oceanside Place Arena is the place to be on Mondays after school for the NEW Reduced Rate Skate from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, starting Monday, October 2nd. Hockey enthusiasts – the far end of the ice will be set up for pond hockey, bring your helmet and a stick. \$2 child or student, \$4 adult

Oceanside Pond

The Oceanside Pond ice will be back on and skating opens on Tuesday, October 10th.

Junior Adaptive Gymnastics 5-12 years

This is a smaller class to support children with a variety of confidence, attention and learning concerns. Tuesdays, Oct 31-Dec 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm Craig Street Commons. Cost is \$77.

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. Full details online.

Flippin' Fun for Boys 6-9 years

A session just for the guys... acrobatics that will increase your strength, coordination and balance. Fridays, Nov 3 to Dec 15 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$77.

Acro Gym 13 years+

An acrobatics and gymnastics combo program that will increase your body awareness, control, balance and coordination. Fridays, Nov 3 to Dec 15 from 7:00- 8:00 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$77.

Floor Hockey 6-11 years

Game on. Join your friends after school for a fast-paced scrimmage. Wednesdays, Nov 1-Dec 20 from 3:00- 4:45 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$23.50.

Cartooning

Learn to draw characters from your favourite shows and comics or create your own. Saturdays, Oct 14 to Nov 4 from 1:00- 3:00 pm Craig Street Commons. Cost \$45.

Canvas Art for Kids and Teens

Jenny Hughes will guide you through how to paint a fantastic yet surprisingly simple acrylic painting. No experience necessary. All supplies are provided. Thursdays, 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm at Qualicum Commons. View dates and painting projects online. Cost is \$30 per painting workshop.

Babysitters Certification Program

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Saturday, Oct 14 or Nov 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons. Cost is \$46.35.

Leaders in Training

Learn to lead through play! In addition to the two days of hands on training, participants will complete a minimum of 25 volunteer hours at RDN programs and events. Training days are Thursday Oct 19 and Friday Oct 20 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons. Cost is \$80 and includes a LIT shirt and manual.

Dodgeball

Here's your chance to dodge, dip, duck and dive. Tuesdays, Nov 7 to Dec 5 from 4:00- 5:00 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$25.

Pro D Camps

Parents this is your Pro D day solution. Camps are offered Oct 19, 20 and Nov 10 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$38.

Paint a Tote Bag 7-10 and 10-13 years

Show the world your creative side with a hand-painted tote. All supplies are included. View dates and project details online. Cost is \$35 per project.

Events

Mother Goose Family Swim

Bring your little ducklings to Ravensong Aquatic Centre to swim and play for a couple of hours on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Enjoy rhymes and songs and a visit with Mother Goose. Regular admission.

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 October 14th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Regular admission.

RDN 50th Anniversary & Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail Opening Celebration

Join the Regional District of Nanaimo Saturday, October 14th at Springwood Park in Parksville to celebrate fifty years of providing services in this region and take part in the official opening of the Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail. The official opening starts at 10:30 am; learn about past, current and future projects and services the RDN provides; register your bike with the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers; and enter to win prizes. Take advantage of our special shuttle service to or from Coombs available from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information www.rdn.bc.ca/parks or call 250-248-4744.

School's Out Everyone Welcome Skate

School is out but skating is in at Oceanside Place Arena on Thursday October 19 and Friday, October 20, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Regular admission.

Pro D Day Water Fun Swim

Join us for a fun time at Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Take a break and be active at Ravensong Aquatic Centre on Friday, October 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Regular admission.

Teen Pizza Swim 13-18yrs

Enjoy the Friday night swim activities at Ravensong Aquatic Centre geared to our teen crowd with an added pizza bonus. Free admission on Friday, October 27th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Halloween Howl Swim

Ghosts and goblins will be seen at Ravensong Aquatic Centre this night with a few tricks and games for the children. The howl will finish off with an annual piñata bash. Parents are free when accompanied by your children. Sunday, October 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Regular admission.

