



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December 7, 2018

## Principal's Message

Well, December is upon us and as we look towards the many things coming up this month, I would like to remind you that we keep our calendar of events updated. In this newsletter, we have important information about our winter concert, as well as some examples of how the spirit of giving has been demonstrated here at EES recently. We have a very generous community and it has been heartwarming to see the many ways people give to one another – whether it is the gift of time, material goods to those who face difficult times, or just giving for the goodness that we feel in reaching out to one another with kind gestures. In the gift of giving, we are teaching children valuable lessons in social responsibility and community service. The article below suggests ways to show your child how to give meaningful gifts that are free.

Many people exchange gifts over the holiday season. While children love receiving gifts, they also enjoy being able to give them. Giving gifts can give your child a sense of pride.

Does your child know that the most meaningful gifts don't have to cost money? They simply take time and come straight from the heart.

Share these thoughtful gift ideas with your child. She could:

- **Offer to do chores** for an elderly neighbor
- **Record herself reading a book** for a younger sibling to read along with.
- **Make a list**, such as "My 10 Best Memories With Grandpa."
- **Do a chore** for an entire month without whining.
- **Play** a favorite game with a family member or a neighbor who is home-bound.
- **Record an audio** or video message for a loved one who is far away.
- **Create a playlist** with a bunch of her favourite songs to share.
- **Bake cookies** and deliver them to someone who may not receive many homemade gifts.
- **Create a calendar for [2019]** and decorate it with personalized artwork, one drawing for each month.
- **Make a gift certificate** good for two hours of help around the house.
- **Create a beautiful picture** or poem about a special person.

Source: Elementary School Parents  
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## **Crazy Christmassy Day! Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

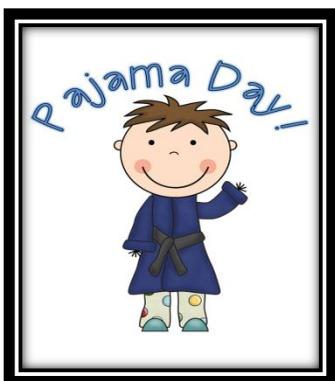
Wear your wackiest Christmas clothing to school to get into the holiday spirit!

One prize will go to the student voted to have the most festive outfit!

## **New Parking Area**

We are very impressed with how well parents have transitioned to the new system – THANK YOU for your cooperation, patience, and following the routines outlined in the last newsletter! We are still awaiting some signage and finishing work, but things are running quite well! A gate will be installed soon and it will be open between about 7:30am-5:00pm (and will be kept open longer for special events). After observing patterns and collecting feedback from users for the two weeks, we have come up with the following list of reminders to help make things run smoothly:

- ❖ Please use your turn signals to indicate what you plan to do. If you plan to use the drop-off/pick-up lane, use your right turn signal as you come around the bend by the “island”. If you plan to park in a stall, use your left turn signal so the traffic supervisors are aware of what you are doing. If you are pulling out of the drop-off/pick-up lane, use your left signal so that others coming through are aware that you plan to pull out.
- ❖ Remember to pull right up as far as you can in the drop-off/pick-up lane. If there are cars ahead of you but you see open space in front of them, please pull ahead and fill in the spaces ahead of them (using your right turn signal to indicate what you are doing). We are really trying to avoid having vehicles stopping at the bend by the island.
- ❖ When using the drop-off/pick-up lane, we recommend that children get out on the passenger side so they avoid traffic.
- ❖ We are noticing the most congestion between 8:05-8:15 in the morning and between 1:55-2:07 in the afternoon. If you are parking in a stall in the morning to walk up to the school with your children, we ask that you wait until 8:20 to exit your stall. This will reduce the amount of vehicles backing up into traffic during the busiest times. The same goes for the afternoon pick-up. If you have parked in a stall and walked up to the school to meet your child, please wait until 2:07pm to exit.
- ❖ If you are parking in a stall and getting out, please make sure to keep your children with you and wait until it is safe to cross over to the walking path.
- ❖ If you are trying to park in the lower lot and there are no more stalls available, please park along Fairdowne Rd. for overflow. We ask that you use the wide, paved walking path into the new lot and up the paved walkway next to the field by the school.



### **Pajama Day! Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Come to school in your favourite PJ's the day after our Christmas concert!

\*Remember:

- No slippers (wear regular shoes).
- Choose pajamas that are appropriate for the weather!

## Winter Concert

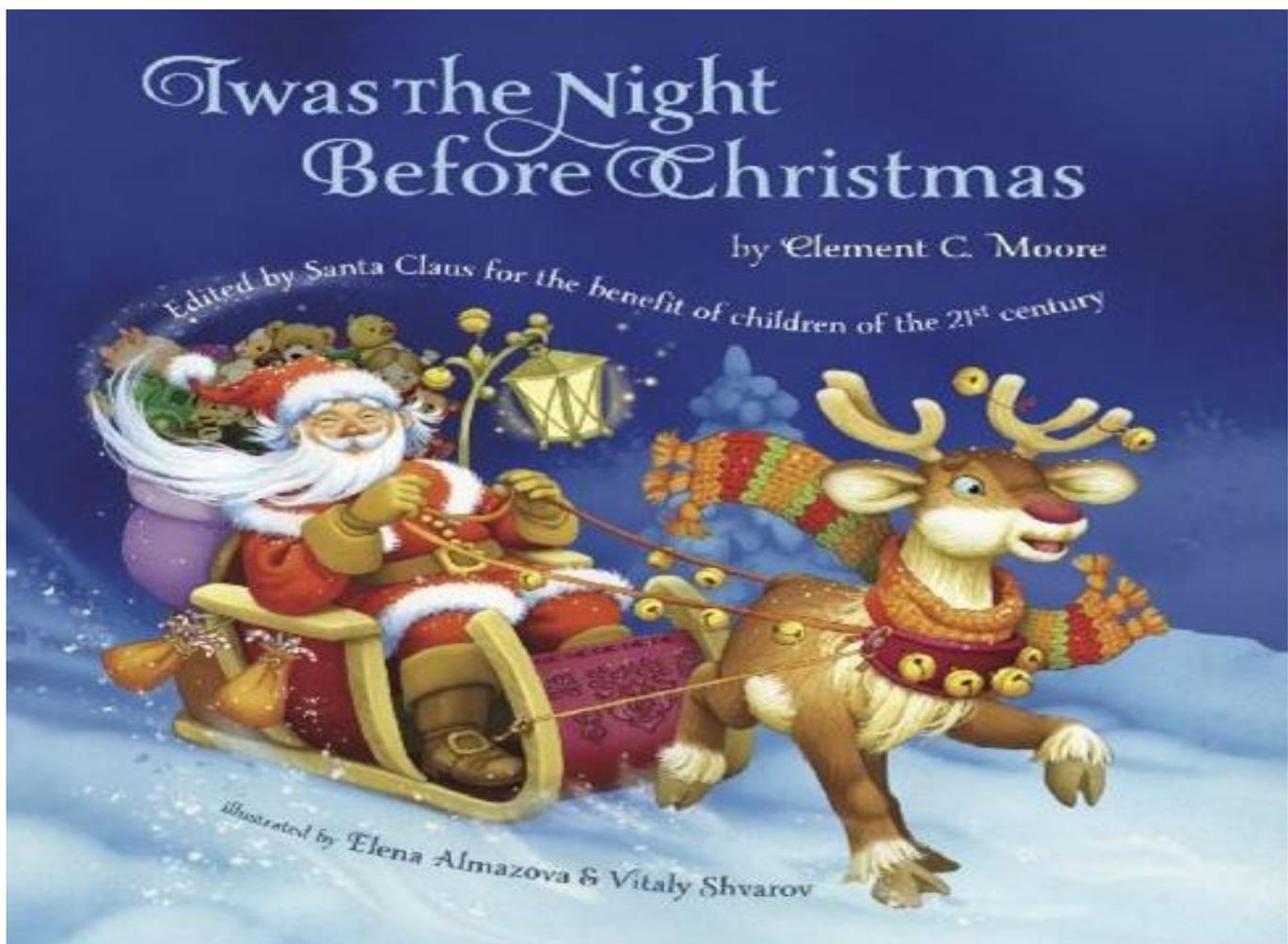


We will be having our Winter Concert on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We have 2 showtime options for you to choose from: 12:45pm **OR** 6:00pm. In order to manage the crowds and ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the show, we ask that you attend only one of the showtimes.

Gym doors will open at 12:00pm for the afternoon show. Please note that Kindergarten students in Mrs. Norman's and Mrs. Dieward's classes will only be performing in the afternoon show. We encourage people to consider attending the afternoon show as an option to help us reduce the crowd in the evening.

For the evening show, the gym doors will open at 5:20pm. We ask that students arrive to their classrooms at 5:30pm. Students will stay in their classrooms until their turn to go on stage and will need to be picked-up from their classroom after the show is over. Although the new parking lot will accommodate several families, we know that many vehicles will need to park on Fairdowne and Grafton. We do encourage families to carpool if they can and also to bring a flashlight as it is very dark on the road. For the evening show, we have arranged for a shuttle bus to travel up and down Grafton and Fairdowne to transport people to the school and back. The shuttle will be available between 5:10pm and about 5:55pm and then again after the show. If you would like to catch a ride with the shuttle, please stand at the road and wave them to stop. If you are transporting people with significant mobility issues, you may drop them off at the front of the school and then park your vehicle in one of the designated spots (the new parking area or on Fairdowne or Grafton).

For both shows, please use the main entrance of the building. The outside doors by the gym will be kept locked. We know that folks are busy and may have other places to be – we are asking spectators to stay for the whole show as movement in and out of the gym is very distracting to the performers. We would also like to remind you that we have several children at EES whose photographs are not to appear publically. In order to respect the privacy of our students, we ask that you do NOT download, copy, or distribute any pictures taken at the concert through social media that contain images of students other than your child's.



## Inclement Weather and Clothing

Now that we are experiencing fall and winter weather on the west coast, it is extremely important for students to have appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor use, along with a pair of inside shoes to change into when inside the building. These shoes are also used for gym use. We expect students to wear warm coats (hoods are a good idea) and we recommend boots, hats, gloves, and umbrellas. In general,



students go outside to play during recess and lunch breaks, even if it is raining or snowing. Each day, we assess the combination of weather, wind, and temperature to determine whether or not it is suitable for the students to play outside. We recommend that students have a spare change of clothing kept at school in case of various emergencies. We have a very limited supply of clothing available.

## Use of Technology

We value the use of technology as an integral part of teaching and learning. Our handheld devices have become part of our daily routines and give us access to a wide variety of tools, including photographing our students doing all sorts of activities at school. We have noticed that some photos of our students have appeared on social media – we understand that people taking and sharing photos during school sanctioned activities are doing so with good intentions. What people may not realize is that we have a number of students who have media restrictions in place and parents have indicated they do not want their child's photo to appear publically. In order to respect the privacy of our students, we ask that you do **NOT** download, copy, or distribute any pictures or other personal information through social media that contain images of students and/or student work other than your child's.



### A Message From Oceanside Public Health Services

Influenza season is approaching! 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.

In addition, Oceanside Public Health will be hosting a public influenza drop-in clinic for all eligible individuals on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>/18 from 10am-2pm at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. No appointment necessary.

Information regarding eligibility for publically funded vaccine can be found at:  
<http://www.viha.ca/flu/>

## **Washroom Etiquette**

We have noticed that the student washrooms are getting very messy each day. Toilets aren't flushed, urine is often on the floor in front of the boys' urinal, there are things in the toilets that should not be there (food and food wrappers, pens/pencils, etc.), and there have been cases where graffiti has been written on the walls. This has caused plumbing issues and as we have had to close washroom stalls down during the day for cleaning, it reduces the number of toilets available for student use throughout the day. It also causes additional time to clean in the evenings when the custodial staff should be concentrating on cleaning the rest of the school properly. We are very concerned about the state of the washrooms and have been monitoring them throughout the day. We hope that you will help by reminding your children about responsible washroom use.

## **Successful Learner Traits**

As part of our work with the re-designed curriculum, many of our teachers have been using some common language around Successful Learning Traits. The Successful Learner Traits apply to ALL learning: social, emotional, academic; learning at recess, at home, and for extracurricular pursuits. Students typically rely on a cluster of 2-4 Traits that reflect their strengths and enable their success. We encourage students to reflect on themselves as learners in order to bring greater understanding to their strengths, as well as to set goals for improvement. Your child along with their mentors can identify their learning strengths and goals around the following "I" statements:

Thoughtful: I am a thinker

Strategic: I work smart

Confident: I can do it

Industrious: I take action

Enthusiastic: I love to learn

Creative: I find my own way

Risk Taking: I am bold

Compassionate: I am kind

### **Reporting Student Absents**

When reporting your child's absence, please call the office at 250-248-8446 (after hours you can leave a message on our answering service – just listen for the option to report a student absence in the directory). It is important to let the office know if your child will be late or not attending school for the day(s) so your child is accounted for. It only takes a minute. If your child is not at school or late you can expect to receive a call to your main number. Thank you in advance for reporting early!

### **NEW WAY TO PAY**

**This year our district has made it possible to pay for any school fees online. If your student's classroom teacher has requested to use agendas, a sheet with detailed instructions on how to sign up for School Cash Online has come home. If your student's teacher is not using agendas this year a detail sheet will come home shortly. On our Errington Website there is a direct link to [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com), it is quite easy to sign up. Once signed up you will receive email notifications if there is a fee associated with your student. You are still able to pay for any school fees with cash or cheque, but we are offering the option to pay online.**

**As always if you need any help navigating this system please feel free to call the office and they will be happy to help you.**

## News From Your Library

**LOST AND OVERDUE BOOKS:** We ask that students be really great at returning books this year. If a book is lost, please either bring one from home which is similar quality and genre, or pay the replacement cost to the Library. Having a special spot at home for library books can help with remembering. Also having a big ziploc bag to keep library books in will help with keeping them clean and free from juice spills!

**OUR FRIDAY VOLUNTEER!:** We are very happy to welcome Dena Lane (a school mom) in our Library on some Friday afternoons. Thanks Dena!

**LINKS FROM HOME:** You can access many awesome reading resources directly from home on your computer. By going to [www.sd69.bc.ca/schools/EES](http://www.sd69.bc.ca/schools/EES) you can click on the Library Website. Here, you'll find links to research tools including World Book Online and more. Click on the library CATALOGUE to access our EES books.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [jrichards@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:jrichards@sd69.bc.ca). Thank you!



Janet Richards, Teacher Librarian  
Cathy Macrae, Library Clerk



## Donate Your Book Credit to EES Library!

Cozy Corner Books in Coombs has a great offer for us. You can bring in your books to Cozy Corner and donate all or part of your book credit to our school. Cozy Corner has about 60,000 books - you're sure to find something you love, too. They sell their books at half off cover, and give credit for 25%. That means for every \$10 book, you could donate your \$2.50 credit to EES. It all adds up, and puts great books in the hands of our students! Thank you very much to Sean Wallington and Lorien Hammond for this great support of our Library.

Find Cozy Corner at Coombs Emporium, 2300 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, phone 250-586-0222.



Thank you to everyone who organized and attended the Christmas Family Craft Night – the evening was a huge success!

If you haven't yet claimed your silent auction item, please visit the school office.



We would like to send our thanks to Quality Foods who kindly donated oranges for our EES Girl's Grade 6/7 Basketball Team, who are attending a basketball tournament today Friday December 7, 2018.

*Go Wildcats!!*



### Headlice



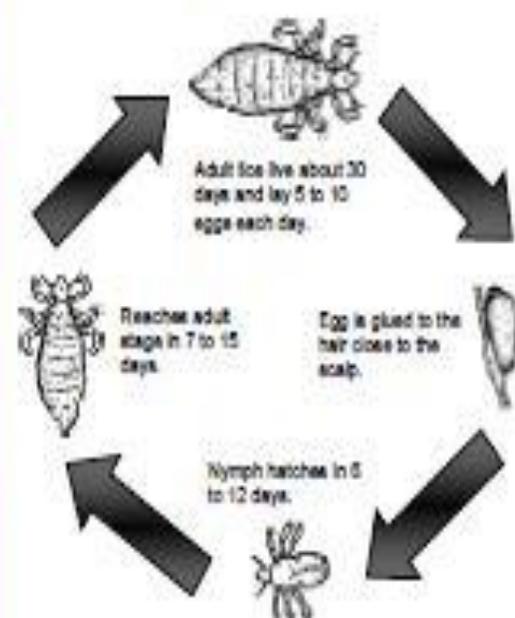
It's that time of year – headlice is back in town! A reminder to parents to start checking your child(ren)'s head and let's be preventative. If in need, the school does have lice combs and pamphlets describing the recommended treatment – just ask at the office.

Information is posted on our website, in the General Information section and included in this newsletter.

# HOW TO GET RID OF HEAD LICE

## WET COMBING

### LIFECYCLE OF THE HEAD LOUSE



### HEAD LICE FACTS

- ◆ Lice are tiny insects about the size of a sesame seed.
- ◆ Anyone with hair can get head lice.
- ◆ Lice do not have wings and cannot fly or jump.
- ◆ Lice move quickly in dry hair and this makes them hard to see.
- ◆ Lice do not live long once they are off the head. They only lay eggs close to the scalp.
- ◆ Having head lice does not always make the scalp itchy.
- ◆ Lice commonly move to other heads when heads touch and rarely by sharing hairbrushes and combs.

- ◆ Lice are common where children play or work closely together.
- ◆ Once a lice egg has hatched, the empty eggshell stays stuck to the hair.
- ◆ If you find an eggshell more than half an inch away from the scalp, it is most likely empty.
- ◆ The eggshells are white and look like dandruff but cannot be brushed or blown away.

### WHEN TO CHECK

- ◆ Regularly ONCE A WEEK after shampooing
- ◆ If your child's playmates have head lice
- ◆ When a family member has head lice
- ◆ When a person is scratching his or her head more than usual

### WHAT YOU NEED

- ◆ Shampoo and white-coloured conditioner (low-priced is fine)
- ◆ Wide-tooth comb to untangle hair
- ◆ Towels and paper towels
- ◆ Lice comb - we recommend a narrow comb with fine teeth and slanted tips, such as a "Bug Busting" comb, that makes it easier to remove lice.
- ◆ Lice combs are available at many Public Health Units and pharmacies.

## HOW TO CHECK FOR LICE



1. Wash and rinse hair.
2. Put enough conditioner on the hair to cover the whole scalp (usually about 2 handfuls).
3. Use a wide-toothed comb to get tangles out.
4. Begin combing the head carefully with the lice comb. While you are combing over the head, keep the teeth of the comb touching the scalp at all times.
5. Checking can be done with the head forward over the sink, combing from the back of the head to the front, or from a sitting position going from the front of the head to the back.
6. Pull the comb through the hair in one stroke. If the comb tugs, add more conditioner.
7. After each stroke, wipe the comb on a paper towel and look for lice.
8. Make sure to comb the entire head, checking for lice after each stroke.

If you find any lice, move onto the treatment process.

## IF YOU FIND LICE

- ◆ Hats, pillowcases, combs and hairbrushes that have had contact with the head in the previous 2 days could be considered for cleaning in hot soapy water.
- ◆ Clean the supplies that you used for checking for lice in hot soapy water.
- ◆ You DO NOT need to spend time cleaning the house.

Use this chart to keep track of the days (shaded areas) that you need to comb and condition.



## TREATMENT (IF YOU FIND LICE)

1. With the conditioner still on, pull the comb through the hair in one stroke from the front to the back of the head. Keep the teeth in contact with the scalp for the entire stroke.
2. After each stroke, rinse the comb in warm water. Check the comb for lice before you pull it through the hair again to make sure you do not put lice back onto the head.
3. Keep combing over the entire head until you find no more lice.
4. Rinse the hair to remove conditioner. Leave the hair wet.
5. Untangle the hair with a wide-tooth comb to take out the knots.
6. Comb the whole head again with a lice comb, rinsing the comb after each stroke to make sure there are no more lice.
7. Keep repeating the steps every 4 days for a full two weeks to make sure that new lice are removed as the eggs hatch.



8. If lice are found on the fourth combing, add one more combing in 4 days.

For more information, contact your local Health Unit:

[www.viha.ca/locations/health\\_units/](http://www.viha.ca/locations/health_units/)

Oceanside Public Health Services

Parkville Family Place

494 Bay Avenue, Parkville

Tel: 250-947-8242 Child, Youth and Family Community Health

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## VIUs Milner Christmas Magic



Nov 30, Dec 1-2, 7-9, 14-19, 2018, 5 to 8:30pm

*last entry 8pm*

Outdoor Christmas light show for the whole family to enjoy. Santa, live Christmas music, Teddy Bear Cottage, Storytelling, VIU Baking Students Gingerbread Houses, Refreshments, Tea Room, Gift Shops. Onsite shuttle for mobility challenged. Bring a flashlight.

Sorry, we are unable to take Tea Room reservations.

All entry donations help support the garden. Suggested donation: \$5/adult, \$2.50/child, \$12.00/family (2 adults and up to 3 children/youths under 19 yrs).

[milnergardens.viu.ca](http://milnergardens.viu.ca)





# TIDES

## INQUIRY SHOWCASE



DECEMBER 18 • CEAP SECONDARY

5:30 PM-7:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US

WITNESS LEARNING • STUDENT LEAD • GARDEN  
MICRO-CLIMATES • AQUAPONICS • CURIOSITY  
• EXPLORING QUESTIONS AND INTERESTS



# Caring for Community at Christmas

## Registration



**SOS Caring for Community at Christmas** is funded by community donations and is offered to low income residents of District 69.

To take part in this program, please **register in person** at:  
**SOS Community Services Centre** 245 West Hirst Avenue, **Parksville**  
Starting November 14, 2018. Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.  
Evening registrations are available by appointment.

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Registrations will also be accepted at these outreach locations:  
**SOS Community Services Centre** 744 Primrose St., **Qualicum Beach**  
Wed. Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 2018, 2 pm - 4 pm.

**Lighthouse Community Centre** 240 Lions Way, **Qualicum Bay**  
Thurs. Oct. 25, Nov. 29 and Dec. 13, 2018, 10 am - 1 pm.

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When you register remember to bring:

- Photo ID for each adult (19 yrs +)
- Proof of residency
- Care Cards for minor children

**250.248.2093 ext. 229 | [coordinator@sosd69.com](mailto:coordinator@sosd69.com) | [www.sosd69.com](http://www.sosd69.com)**



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## 2019

### REGISTRATION

# OPEN

### FOR CHILDREN

### AND YOUTH

### AGES 6 - 21

Parksville  
 Qualicum Beach



**CANADA**  
 4-H British Columbia

**Learn To Do  
 By Doing**



WHAT IS 4-H?

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT 4-H PROGRAMS?

GO TO: [4-H-canada.ca](http://4-H-canada.ca)

#### 4-H offers children & youth:

Fun and Friendship | High School Credits | Animal Husbandry  
 Hobby and Life Skill Development | Leadership Development  
 4-H Camps, Scholarships | Travel Opportunities  
 4-H Country Fairs | Judging Rallies and more...



For more information contact: Denise Whitson • 250-752-9086 | [mvalley@uniserve.com](mailto:mvalley@uniserve.com)

# Dad's Night Out: Free Skate Night

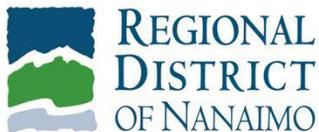


Free admission and skate rentals courtesy of  
Building Learning Together

Oceanside Place Arena  
Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45pm

Nov 6, Dec 4,  
Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5

Take part in more  
BLT Dad's Night Out Events:  
Nov 20, Errington Elem  
Dec 11, Family Place  
Munchkinland



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

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All school  
ages

# DROP-IN GYM

Sept 17-Dec 20, 2018



**Qualicum Commons**

Wed 3:00 - 4:45 PM

**Parksville Elementary**

Mon/Thu 3:00 - 5:00 PM

**To drop-in bring your 10x Active Pass:**

\$30.15 (child) \$40.26 (student)

Grade 5 and 6 active passes also accepted.



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## FREE SKATE LESSONS FOR YOUTH 13-18 YRS

Join your friends, learn to skate!

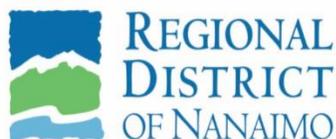
Mon, Oct 1-Oct 29 4:00-5:00pm

Mon, Nov 5-Dec 3 4:00-5:00pm

Mon, Jan 14-Feb 4 4:00-5:00pm

Mon, Feb 25-Mar 11 4:00-5:00pm

FREE but you must register as space is limited. 13-18yrs



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## WINTER WONDERLAND ON ICE TEEN SKATE

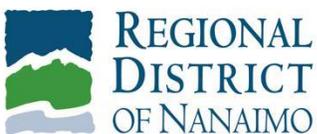
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Oceanside Place  
Arena

Tuesday Dec 18  
7:00-8:30pm

Free admission  
and skate rentals



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13-18  
years

# TEEN SWIM

Teens only at RAC every Friday night

Ravensong Aquatic Centre

**Fridays,  
7:00-9:00 pm**



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11-14 YRS

# DODGEBALL

Are you ready for some high energy fun?

**Craig Street Commons**

Fridays, 4:15-5:15 pm

Nov 9—Dec 14

\$26.80 / 6

Late registration is welcome



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**North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre presents....**

**MAGICAL**  
4th ANNUAL

# Nights of Light

A wildLIGHT experience for the whole family!  
All proceeds support the Wildlife Recovery Centre

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**Fridays & Saturdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**(December 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22)**

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**Admission is by PRE-PURCHASED ONLY ticket**  
**\$5 per person • Children 12 & under free (ticket required)**

**There is a FREE SHUTTLE available!**  
The pick up location is at Craig Street Commons (330 Craig Street, Parksville)  
Shuttle Passes will be issued upon event ticket purchase.

*As space is extremely limited, parking on-site at NIWRA will be available by pre-purchased parking pass only. • Cost: \$5 per vehicle*  
**PARKING ON LEFFLER ROAD IS PROHIBITED**

**ALL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BEAR DEN GIFT SHOP at NIWRA**

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 **North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre**   
1240 Leffler Rd, Errington • [www.niwra.org](http://www.niwra.org) • 250-248-8534  
NIWRA Hours: 7 days a week from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



## November 13, 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 is open till December 20<sup>th</sup> and then re-opens January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Craig Street Commons- Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Qualicum Commons- Drop in Gym Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:45 pm

### Drop-in Afterschool Skating

Oceanside Place Arena is the place to be on Mondays and Wednesdays after school for the reduced rate skate from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. 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

### Teen Swim 13-18yrs

Enjoy the Friday night swim activities at Ravensong Aquatic Centre geared to our teen crowd. Admission is the reduced rate at \$2/student. 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

### Oceanside Pond

The Oceanside Pond ice is now open for skaters. Preschoolers who are 3 years and under skate for free.

### Junior Adaptive Gymnastics 7yrs+

This is a smaller class to support children with a variety of confidence, attention and learning concerns. Tue, Jan 8 from 5:45 to 6:30 pm Craig Street Commons.

### Adaptive Swim Program 5-15yrs

This swim program is for children with learning and behavior differences. A variety of techniques are used to support the child's abilities and learning styles. Wed, Jan 9-Mar 13, 1:45-2:30p. \$79.15 #9733

### 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.

### Homemade Play 2-4yrs

A fun-filled hour with your preschooler to make homemade play dough, cornstarch goop and other low cost concoctions. Fri, Dec 7, 11:00a-12:00p, \$10, #9261.

### **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, 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Oceanside Art Studio in Qualicum Beach. View dates and painting projects online. Cost is \$20 per painting workshop.

### **Events**

#### **Coastal Community Credit Union, Parksville Branch, Sponsored Skate**

Join your friends for a free everyone welcome skate, courtesy of the Parksville Branch of Coastal Community Credit Union at Oceanside Place Arena. Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Free admission and skate rentals. Phone RDN, Recreation and Parks 250-248-3252 or view skate and swim schedules online at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation).

#### **Disco Light Skate for all ages**

Catch dance fever under the disco lights at Oceanside Place Arena.

Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. 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, December 4, January 8, February 5, and March 5 from 6:45 to 7:45 pm. This free skate is sponsored by our partners at Building Learning Together.

#### **Splish Splash Everyone Welcome Swim**

Splish splash everyone welcome swims at Ravensong Aquatic Centre are a water adventure you don't want to miss. The lifeguards are going to bring out all the pool toys for you to enjoy. From the rope swing to the snake to the dino ribs there will be water play for everyone. Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 5:00pm. Regular admission. Phone RDN, Recreation and Parks 250-752-5014 or view skate and swim schedules online at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation).

#### **Winter Wonderland On Ice**

December 15–31

It is a holiday tradition to take part in this magical skating event at Oceanside Place Arena. Special lighting and décor makes you feel as though you are skating on an outdoor pond at night. Even if you do not skate, come by and view the lights from the deck. Wheel chairs and strollers are welcome. The public skating schedule with free skates will be available November 23<sup>rd</sup> at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation).

#### **FREE New Year's Eve Family Celebration**

Celebrate New Year's Eve family style at Oceanside Place Arena on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Enjoy the last skate of the year on Winter Wonderland, join the family fun pond hockey, make a craft, listen to great entertainment and join in the early countdown at 8:00 pm. Food will be available to purchase at the event. Admission and skate rentals are free courtesy of Tim Horton's, Parksville. Tickets are required and are available December 10<sup>th</sup> at either Oceanside Place Arena or Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

## EES Calendar of Events

<b>December</b>	14	"Crazy Christmas" Spirit Day
	20	Winter Concert (12:45pm and 6:00pm)
	21	Pajama Day
	21	Last day of school before the Winter Break
<b>January</b>	7	School Reopens after Winter Break
	18	Crazy Hair/Hat Spirit Day
	29	Dad's Night Out – RDN/ACRA event at the EES gym (6:30pm-7:30pm)
<b>February</b>	12	Dad's Night Out – RDN/ACRA event at the EES gym (6:30pm-7:30pm)
	14	Red/White/Pink Spirit Day
	18	BC FAMILY DAY
	19	Professional Development Day – No School
<b>March</b>	15	Idiom Spirit Day
	15	Last day of school before Spring Break
<b>April</b>	1	School Re-opens after Spring Break
	3-9	Scholastic Book Fair
	18	Professional Development Day – No School
	19	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	22	EASTER MONDAY – No School
	26	Animal Spirit Day
	30	Grade 7 Health and Wellness Fair
<b>May</b>	17	Conferencing Adjustment Day - No School
	21	VICTORIA DAY – No School
	27	Grade 6 Immunizations (Booster Shots)
<b>June</b>	27	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early (11:00)

\*\*Please note the above calendar will be updated as new events occur\*\*

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### Electronic Newsletters

EES newsletters are provided bi-weekly on Fridays. Newsletters are posted to the EES website and parents who have registered will receive a notification email and link when a newsletter has been posted. Most parents use this option and it certainly reduces the amount of paper and time required to prepare newsletters. Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is very simple.

Sign up through the Errington Elementary School website (<http://ees.sd69.bc.ca>) by entering your email address in the area "Sign up for our newsletter & keep in touch" found near the bottom of the home page. After you enter your email and click on "GO" an email will be sent to your email address. **You must respond to the email to become a verified member to receive newsletters.** There is an option to "Unsubscribe" at any time you choose.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please fill out the tear-off below and return to the school as soon as possible. We will only print a paper copy to those who have filled out the tear-off below. Please note that you need to indicate your desire for a paper copy of the newsletter each year. We will keep a few extra copies in the main office for pick-up if necessary.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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