



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 1, 2019

## Principal's Message

We continue to promote the common language used in our "pillars" of social responsibility: We are SAFE, We are RESPECTFUL, and We are RESPONSIBLE. The article below suggests some ways to encourage your child to develop self-respect:

Children who are disrespectful often lack something they desperately need: self-respect. If they don't value themselves, they will find it hard to value and respect other people. They will also have trouble following rules. But how can you encourage self-respect and how does it develop? Self-respect comes from:

- **Competence.** It feels great to be good at things. Give your child opportunities to learn and practice new skills – everything from reading to playing sports to doing chores.
- **Accomplishments.** Notice and compliment your child's progress. "You've read three books this week. I'm impressed!"
- **Confidence.** It helps to have parents who stay positive through challenges. Display a "You can do it" attitude. Help your child see mistakes as opportunities to learn.
- **Freedom.** Give your child some independence. Let her make age-appropriate choices, too. For example, "Would you like to organize your closet today or tomorrow?"
- **Support.** Show that you accept, appreciate, and love your child for who she is and what she believes. Ask about her day. Listen to her answers. Help her solve problems.
- **Imitation.** If you have self-respect, your child is more likely to have it as well. Be kind to yourself and believe in your worth.

Source: *Elementary School Parents*  
November 2017  
Vol.29, No.3



## Remembrance Day



We will be having our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the gym. We encourage you to attend this formal assembly. If you have a child involved with Cadets, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Guides, etc. we encourage them to wear their uniform on this day!

A reminder that school will not be in session on Monday, November 11, 2019 in order to observe Remembrance Day.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

It was wonderful to see so many families in the school for parent/teacher conferences! If you were not able to schedule an appointment, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange a time to meet – either in person or by phone. Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. Parent-teacher conferences can help you learn more about your child's strengths and weaknesses. They can also give you a better idea about the year ahead.



## Communicating Student Learning

School District 69 is continuing in 2019-2020 to be part of a pilot with the Ministry of Education to modernize our reporting procedures. B.C.'s New Curriculum is based on a competency-driven model of "Know-Do-Understand" that supports students in acquiring the skills they need for learning and working in the 21st Century. As we move to a focus on competencies and how students demonstrate application of competencies, the assessment and communication about student progress is changing. One goal of the new curriculum is to allow for more personalization of the learning experiences. To support this goal, SD 69 is supporting teachers to communicate student learning in a variety of formats. It is our goal to move from isolated reporting events to ongoing communications about learning progress with families. Please read the document below for more information on our changes in communicating student learning. Access available via the following link: [CSL Update for Parents Oct 2019](#)

October 2019

### Communicating Student Learning K-9 Parent Guide



**Reporting has Changed in School District 69 Public Schools**

B.C.'s New Curriculum and Reporting Procedures are based on a competency-driven model of "Know-Do-Understand" that will support students to acquire the skills they need to succeed over time. A collection of evidence that captures student progress in their learning will be used.

The goal of reporting is to identify:

- Student learning over time
- Student strengths
- Areas for improvement and
- Ways to support student growth

**What to Expect**

Communications will occur a minimum of 5 times within a school year

- 2 written communications (*digital or paper*) during the school year
- Minimum 2 communications that are less formal (ie *Student-Led Conferences, phone calls, parent-teacher conferences, etc.*)
- A final summative document at the end of the year

Communication about student learning can happen in a variety of ways

- In person
- Electronically
- Work samples

Communications will display personalized information

- social
- emotional
- academic development

A proficiency scale will be used in K-9.

This scale reflects the student's progress in relation to grade level expectations as detailed below:

PROFICIENCY SCALE			
EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
Student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies.	Student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies.	Student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies.	Student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies.

We are moving from reporting **TO** parents, to communicating **WITH** parents, on an ongoing basis.



**Frequently Asked Questions**

**When can I expect information regarding my child's learning?**

- ✓ Communication is intended to be timely and responsive, not necessarily at designated times of the year. Families will receive information a minimum of 5 times per year.

**Can I request an update regarding my child's learning?**

- ✓ Yes, as in previous years, families are encouraged to contact their child's teacher(s) at any time in the school year.

**Can you explain the proficiency scale in further detail?**

- ✓ **Emerging** Beginning to demonstrate basic knowledge and/or understanding  
Completes work with ongoing support
- ✓ **Developing** Demonstrates some knowledge/understanding  
Completes work with some support
- ✓ **Proficient** Demonstrates good knowledge and understanding  
Completes work independently
- ✓ **Extending** Demonstrates knowledge/understanding above and beyond the learning standards  
Completes work independently  
Transfers knowledge/understanding to other areas

Visit us online for more information: [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca)

## 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.

## **Volunteering**

At EES we love to have volunteers in our school! If you would like to help out in the classroom, library, go on fieldtrips or help on our PAC, please fill out a Police Information Check form available in the EES office. It is simple to do! Just fill out the form and bring to the R.C.M.P. office in Parksville. If you bring in the letter template indicating it is for Errington Elementary School, it is free. This needs to be done once every few years. Due to privacy laws, you must complete the Police Information Check separately for each organization you are involved with. It is best to take care of this now so that you can support throughout the year.



## **Inclement Weather and Clothing**

The fall weather is upon us! 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.



## **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!

## **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.





## **Peanut Awareness**

This year we have students in our school who could have a potentially fatal reaction to peanut butter. A potentially "fatal" reaction means that after contact with a peanut product the child may go into shock and without immediate medical care can die. Therefore, it is vitally important to the safety of the students involved that their classrooms become peanut aware zones. We have a number of systems in place to limit potential exposure. We ask that the school community and especially all parents share the responsibility to contribute to a safe classroom environment for these students by eliminating peanut products from their classrooms. A wide variety of lunch and snack products are readily available at local grocery stores, as are alternatives to these types of food. We ask all parents to discuss with their child about not sharing their snacks with other children and the danger peanut products pose to students with the allergy. We ask that you also discuss the issue of cross-contamination. Shared areas that are likely to be possible points of exposure include doorknobs, tap and toilet handles, soap dispensers, gym equipment, library books, board games, etc. Your understanding and cooperation is vital and appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Morrison 250 248-8446.

## **NEW WAY TO PAY**

**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.**

Errington Elementary is now on Instagram!



Staff have created a profile to share events and highlights from around the school. We are hoping that we will be able to better connect to the Errington community and share the awesome things that are happening around our school. Parents, family members, and students are welcome to follow us. Please follow us by searching: *errington\_wildcats*.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Living and Learning Well in a Digital World  
A Grown-Ups Guide to Using Technology with Young Children

Please find an informative link below for parents/caregivers with guidelines regarding the use of technology with young children:

<https://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/88537/1102290/pub/html5.html#page/13>

### **News From Your Library**

#### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

Arctic Adventure Book Fair is coming to our library November 21! We will set up on Wednesday Nov 20, invite classes to Preview the Fair on Thursday Nov 21, and then the Fair will be open Friday Nov 22 8am-3pm and 5pm-8pm, Monday Nov 25 8am-3pm and Tuesday Nov 26 from 8 am-noon. The library will be closed to regular activities during our Fair. There's always something for everyone at the Fair and we appreciate your support of our Library! We've ordered preschool books this year, too!



#### **Family Movie Night:**

PAC welcomes families to Movie Night on Friday Nov 22nd from 5pm-8pm. The Book Fair will also be open during this time. Wear your jammies, bring your blankets and stuffies and have a fun evening out with your family! All students must be accompanied by a responsible adult, no drop offs. Concession will be open :) Movie TBA!

As always, we'd love to speak with you, any time. Please email me  
at [jrichards@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:jrichards@sd69.bc.ca).

**Ms. Richards and Ms. Macrae**





### Hot Lunch Days

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Hot Dog Day

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Day

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Subway Day

All lunches close on Munchalunch a week prior to lunch date.

Munchalunch is now open for ordering!

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### PAC NEWS

#### UPCOMING DATES:

Movie Night (Small Foot) November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm

Craft Night December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## SANDY SHORES CANSKATE LESSONS



Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

Oct 1 to Dec 3, 2019

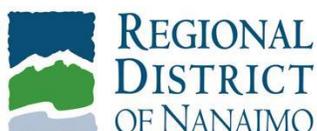
Jan 7 to Mar 10, 2020

Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:15 pm

Oct 2-Dec 4, 2019

Jan 8 to Mar 11, 2020

For all ages, beginners welcome.  
Lessons taught by Sandy Shores Skating Club.



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# FREE SKATE LESSONS FOR YOUTH 13-18

Learn to stop without using the boards.

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

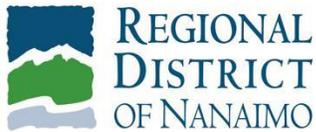
Sep 30-Oct 28

Nov 4-Dec 2

Jan 13-Feb 3

Feb 10-Mar 9

FREE with pre-registration.  
Space is limited.



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8-12 YRS

# DODGEBALL

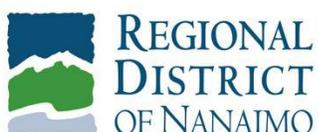
Are you ready for some high energy fun?

Qualicum Commons

We, 5:00-6:00 pm

Oct 2— Dec 4

\$30.15



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# DROP-IN GYM



**Qualicum Commons**  
Wed 3:00 - 5:00 PM

**Craig Street Commons**  
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.

**SEPTEMBER 16 -  
DECEMBER 19**



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# AFTER SCHOOL YOGA

**Join Melanie Beech for an uplifting yoga session.  
Not sure? Try the first 2 classes for free!**

12-18 years

**Ballenas Secondary** Room 801

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm

10910 Oct 1—Nov 19

Instructor: Melanie Beech

\$35/ 8 sessions



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11-14yrs

# BABYSITTERS CERTIFICATION

**Get trained. Get hired.**

**Courses offered:**

Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 18,

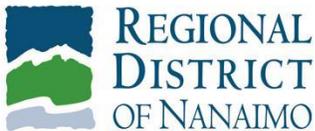
Feb 23, Mar 8

Sundays

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Qualicum Commons

\$49 *Fee includes manual*



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# CANVAS ART

Join local artist Jenny Hughes to create a fantastic acrylic painting.

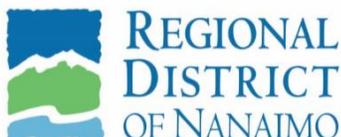
**Nov 7 Fun in the Jungle 7-11yrs**

**Dec 12 Ocean Sunset 11-15 yrs**

**Thursday 4:00 - 5:30 pm**  
**\$25/ 1 session**

Oceanside Art Studio  
124 Harlech Road, Qualicum Beach

\*includes all supplies . No experience necessary. Great for beginners.



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# Caring for Community at Christmas

## Registration



Funded by community donations and  
offered to low income residents  
living in School District 69.

To take part in this program, please **register in person** at:  
**SOS Community Services Centre** 245 West Hirst Avenue, **Parksville**  
Starting November 13, 2019. Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.  
Evening registrations are available by appointment.

Registrations will also be accepted at these outreach locations:  
**SOS Community Services Centre** 744 Primrose St. **Qualicum Beach**  
**Wednesdays** Nov. 13 - Dec. 4, 2 - 4 pm. **Fridays** Nov. 15 - Dec. 6, 9:30 - 11:30 am.

**Wildwood Community Church** 113 McColl Rd. **Bowser**  
**Thursdays:** Nov. 7, 10 am - 12 pm. Nov. 28, 1 - 4 pm. Dec. 12, 10 am - 1 pm.

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)

## EES Calendar of Events

<b>November</b>	1	Professional Development Day – No School
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30am
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
	15	Grade 6 Immunizations (Island Health)
	18	PAC Lunch
	19	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	21	Book Fair (Nov. 21-26 <sup>th</sup> )
	22	PAC Movie Night
<b>December</b>	4	PAC Craft Fair in gym (5:00pm-8:00pm)
	13	PAC Lunch
	18	Winter Concert 12:45pm and 6:00pm
	20	Last day of school before the Winter Break
<b>January</b>	6	School Reopens after Winter Break
	15	PAC Lunch
	21	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
<b>February</b>	11	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	17	BC FAMILY DAY
	24	Professional Development Day – No School
<b>March</b>	13	Last day of school before Spring Break
	30	School Re-opens after Spring Break
<b>April</b>	10	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	13	EASTER MONDAY – No School
	21	Dad's Night Out – EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
<b>May</b>	1	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	15	Professional Development Day – No School
	18	VICTORIA DAY – No School
<b>June</b>	25	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 by September 20<sup>th</sup>. All newsletters after today will be provided online and 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) \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive a paper copy of the EES Newsletter.