



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 18, 2019

## Principal's Message

We are pleased to say that most of our families have signed up to receive the online newsletter and we are now producing less than 30 paper copies to those families who have indicated to us that they prefer to receive a paper copy. We publish a newsletter every two weeks, on a Friday. Families who have signed up to receive our online newsletter get a notification email with a link sent as soon as the newsletter is ready. Signing on to the online newsletter also means that your email address is on the list to get important updates in emergent situations. Families who have contacted the main office to sign-up for a paper copy receive their newsletter either on the Friday or the following Monday. We also post our newsletters to the EES website in the "Newsletter Archives" quick link. We have heard that some families are not receiving newsletters. We hope that if you are reading this, you can help spread the word to anyone who mentions that they are not receiving newsletters. School newsletters, classroom newsletters, and the EES website are all places to get important information about the things we have going on at school.

We have continued to promote the common language used in our Code of Conduct for social responsibility: We are SAFE, We are RESPECTFUL, and We are RESPONSIBLE. The article below suggests some habits at home which can help your child thrive in school and in life:

Every family – and every child – is different, but there are ways all families can set their children up for success. Studies show that kids are more likely to achieve in elementary school and beyond when their parents give them the tools to succeed. To help your child:

- **Assign chores.** Kids who have responsibilities around the house learn how to be responsible. Give your child a list of weekly tasks to complete. He may grumble, but don't give in.
- **Teach social skills.** Your child's success in life hinges on more than grades; it centers on his ability to get along with others. Model good behavior – like cooperation and courtesy.
- **Set the bar high.** Expect your child to do well and he'll rise to the occasion. Don't demand perfect grades but do insist he work to the best of his ability. And praise him when he tries hard – even if he falls short. When you show him you believe in him, he'll believe in himself.
- **Nurture your relationship.** You are your child's parent, not his friend. But you're also his ally. So, make time to have fun together! Share a hobby. Play catch in the yard. Never let your child forget you're on the same team.
- **Take care of yourself.** If you're always stressed, your child will be, too. Carve out time to relax, exercise, or curl up with a good book. A calm, peaceful home starts with you.

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



## Conferencing Adjustment Day and Pro-D Day

A reminder that school is not in session next Thursday and Friday (October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>). On Thursday it will be a "Conferencing Adjustment Day" and on Friday it will be a "Provincial Professional Development Day".

## Parent Teacher Conferences

A reminder that Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up soon. Teachers will be available to meet during the evening of Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers have also made themselves available for other times during the next few weeks. We are using the "Parent Conferences" online program again this year to book your appointment. If you have not already booked a conference time, directions on how to use this booking system are listed below. If you are not able to schedule an appointment during one of the times listed, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time. Please note that October 24<sup>th</sup> is a "Conferencing Adjustment Day", where students do not attend. Conferences will not be scheduled on this day.



### School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ees.parentconferences.net>
2. Click to "**REGISTER**" (top box).
3. Complete all the required fields.
4. Click "**REGISTER NOW**".
5. Click "**Add Student**".
6. Complete the required fields.
7. Click "**Insert**".
8. Next to your child's name, click on the **blue calendar icon**. Click on the **blue calendar** beside your child's teacher name. When teacher is highlighted, click on **View Calendars**.
9. Click on **an appointment day and time** that you would like to book. *Note your name is automatically put into the field at this time. Others who look on this calendar will not see your name, they will just see that the time slot is not available.*
10. Click **Book Appointment**.
11. **If you have more than one teacher:**
  - Go back to **Home**.
  - Click **Manage Students**.
  - Add **New Student**.
  - Complete the fields as above and continue with the rest of the process to book your other appointment(s).

**Note: You can edit or delete names if you have made a mistake.**

If you have any problems or questions, please contact the office at 250-248-8446. Thank you! We are looking forward to seeing you at the parent/teacher conferences!

## Report Cards/Communicating Student Learning

As you are most likely aware, our province has restructured the Kindergarten through Grade 9 curriculum and we are now into our fourth year of full implementation. We appreciate the conversations happening around the way the revised curriculum is structured. Detailed information can be found by searching "Building Student Success" on the Ministry of Education website.

We are still in a transition period in terms of Report Cards, or "Communicating Student Learning". The Ministry of Education has provided school districts with the flexibility to determine how this communication of student learning will take place. Throughout this school year, teachers will be continuing to participate in a Ministry of Education Pilot Project to have a voice in the next steps of Communicating Student Learning, in conjunction with student portfolios which will reflect the restructured curriculum.

Our plan for Report Cards will be similar to what we did last year. We will NOT be sending a report card home in the fall. We will be providing 2 formal Report Cards during this school year – one at the end of January (Learning Update) and one at the end of June (Summary of Learning). The following link will take you to a brochure developed by School District 69, which outlines some important aspects of communicating student learning. We have also posted this pamphlet on our EES website for your reference (found under the "Newsletter Archive" quick link):

[Curriculum Redesign Brochure](#)

Teachers take great pride in their work with their students and will continue to connect with you in a variety of ways throughout the year – through class newsletters, student planners and home folders, phone calls, emails, informal conversations, learning conferences, portfolios, and student reflection/self-assessment of the Core Competencies. Some teachers are learning about and trying out electronic portfolios this year as another way of communicating student learning.

We encourage you to establish an ongoing mode of communication with your child's teacher so that you can understand where your child is at with various aspects of their learning, what challenges he/she is facing, and next steps with learning. We appreciate your support as we continue to work through this important transition year.

## **Halloween**

As you know, Halloween is on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We have decided to once again allow students to wear costumes if they wish! We do have some guidelines that must be followed to ensure everyone has a safe and fun day:



- Masks are NOT to be worn outside on the playground or in the hallways and washrooms. Teachers will give direction on the expectations in classrooms.
- No heavy make-up.
- Leave all costume “weapons” at home (swords, knives, guns, etc.).
- Bring a change of clothes (some students have PE class and may be asked to change if the costume interferes with mobility).
- Due to concerns about “Creepy Clowning”, we ask that students avoid costumes of this nature.



We would like to welcome the following student teachers who will be spending time at EES to complete practicum experiences:

Mr. Soren Sigmar will be working with Ms. Jessica Virgin and her Grade 1 class. Mr. Sigmar will also be working with Mr. Avis in the gym.

Ms. Erin Smith will be working with Ms. Catherine Baynton and her Grade 2/3 class.

## **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!

## **Parking Lot**



Our school buses will be arriving later than they have in the past. This means that school buses will be using the area in front of the school right up until 8:15am. Please be sure to use the lower parking lot for drop-off. If your child is arriving AFTER 8:15am, you may pull up to the front of the school and your child will need to check in at the office. Please DO NOT pull up in front of the school prior to 8:15am.

We have observed several parents with students cutting through the staff parking lot before and after school on their way to and from the lower parking lot. Please use the pathway provided. We have staff vehicles coming and going so we need to ensure that our students and families are safe.

Please also note that the lower parking lot is considered to be part of our school grounds. As per school district policy, we ask that you do not smoke or use vaping devices on school grounds – including the parking areas.

## **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.



## **Bike Safety**

It has been wonderful to see some students choosing to ride their bikes to and from school! Please remind your children that we expect bike helmets to be worn at all times while riding. We highly recommend sending your child with a lock for their bike while parked at EES during the school day. At the end of the school day, we ask that students wait to leave on their bikes until AFTER the buses have left the parking lot. We ask that bikers remember that when using crosswalks, please stop and look before walking out; dismount bicycle and check for traffic and walk across; DO NOT just ride up and ride across. Drivers need some notice.

### **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**

Welcome back to another year in our Library Learning Commons! We're looking forward to another busy learning year of fun and reading!

### **Library Pages:**

We have many students working as Library Pages this year. Our Pages work in a variety of roles here at EES: delivering and picking up technology, checking in and out books, helping in classes with tech

### **Drop Everything and Read:**

Monday October 28th is BC School Library Day! We will be celebrating with our DEAR



from 11:15-11:45 am. We invite our community to join us as we drop what we're doing, grab a favorite book and curl up and read for 30 minutes together. Check with your child's teacher and see how you can come and have some reading fun!

### **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!

### **LEGO Build:**

Taryn and Will are hosting an epic lego build every Wednesday at lunch recess. Everyone is welcome!

### **Board Games Club:**

Alyssa and Lydia welcome everyone to come and play cool board games on Fridays at lunch recess - everyone welcome!

Continued overleaf....

### **Lost Books and Returning Library Books:**

We lost a lot of books last year, so we're hoping that we can use some strategies at home and school to make sure we bring those books back :) Having a regular spot at home for library books - a shelf, in a backpack - is helpful. Keeping books in good condition by using a book bag or a ziploc bag is also a great idea! For those books which are lost, we ask students and their family to replace the book by bringing another in good condition to give to the library, or by paying the cost of replacing the books. Thank you for keeping track and returning those books!

### **Our FAMILY Library Cards:**

Family members are welcome to use their child's student library card to check out books and other materials for home. Please speak with us about how you can check out more books for home! With more than 11,000 books in our library, you're sure to find one!

### **Errington Library and Links ONLINE:**

You can access our Library catalogue by going to the Errington Elementary School Website, click Programs and Services, click Library, click EES Library website, scroll down and click on "access catalogue here". There are also links to great resources for students here including research tools, Good Reads and more - check it out and make it a favorite at home!

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**





# PARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS

## JUNO AWARD WINNER NORMAN FOOTE!

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH



NORMAN  
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**READY  
SET  
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"THE HOWL"  
MASQUERADE CONCERT  
FOR ALL AGES

[WWW.NORMANFOOTE.COM](http://WWW.NORMANFOOTE.COM)

R.I.P.

**COME IN  
COSTUME!**

**SHOW TIME 1PM**

**KIDS CRAFTS  
NOON - 1PM**

MEMBERS: \$8 EACH / \$30 FAMILY OF 4  
NON-MEMBERS: \$10 EACH / \$35 FAMILY OF 4  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE OR [EVENTBRITE.COM](http://EVENTBRITE.COM)

**PUMPKIN PAINTING CONTEST**  
THREE PRIZES: 6 AND UNDER | 7 - 12 | 13-18  
WIN ONE OF 2 SAMSUNG TABLETS OR A GOOGLE MINI  
PUMPKIN DROP OFF: OCTOBER 14 - 19  
PRIZES AWARDED AFTER THE SHOW

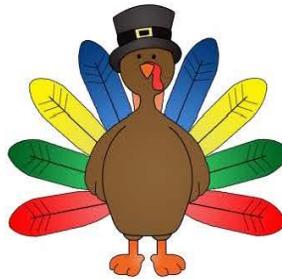


**FOR MORE INFO CALL 250-248-6234 OR EMAIL [INFO@PARKSVILLECENTRE.CA](mailto:INFO@PARKSVILLECENTRE.CA)**

**FOWL SUPPER**

**Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Turkey Dinner (with all the trimmings, plus a dessert, tea/coffee)**



**Arrowsmith Hall**

**1014 Ford Rd., Coombs**

**2 Seatings: 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm**

**Adults #20 Seniors (65+) & Youth (10-15) \$15 Children (1-9) Free**

- Advance Tickets Available at Coombs Candy, Walk Oct. 31
- Arrowsmith Hall at Coombs Fairgrounds Nov. 12-15
- Request online at [gbhonours@gmail.com](mailto:gbhonours@gmail.com)

**Or**

***First Come, First Served at the door***

***All proceeds in support of Qualicum Beach Honours Society Student Scholarships***

51 st Annual

# Coombs Candy Walk

Welcome to The Jungle.

Come join us on Halloween night.

October 31st 6 - 8 pm

Coombs Fairgrounds. 1014 Ford Rd

All Ages Welcome !

Concession

Haunted House

Indoor Trick or  
Treat

Little Spooks House  
Cake Walk

Fireworks start at 8 pm!

All by  
donation!



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# ERRINGTON'S ANNUAL

# HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN TRAIL

WITH  
SPOOKS!

TREATS!

HOT  
CHOCOLATE!

HOT DOGS!

FIREWORKS!  
(8PM)

BONFIRE!

AND EVEN A  
HAUNTED  
HOUSE!

ERRINGTON  
COMMUNITY  
PARK

6:30-8PM  
OCTOBER  
31

ADMISSION  
BY DONATION

DONATIONS OF PACKAGED CANDY, FIREWORKS AND CASH  
CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE POST OFFICE

2018

DESIGN: MIMON.CO

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION & THE ERRINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

# SANDY SHORES CANSKATE LESSONS



Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

Oct 1 to Dec 3, 2019

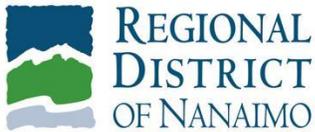
Jan 7 to Mar 10, 2020

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.



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

Ravensong Aquatic Centre  
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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

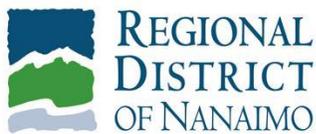
Are you ready for some high energy fun?

## 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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# LEADERS IN TRAINING

Develop your leadership skills

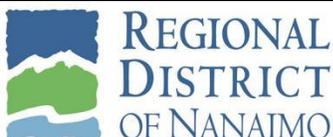
13-17 yrs

\$65

**Oceanside Place Arena**

**Fri Nov 1 8:30am-4:30pm**

Join Keenan and learn to lead through play, make new friends, develop your leadership skills and mentor under some amazing leaders!



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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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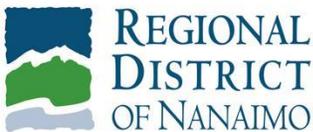
## Ravensong Aquatic Centre

October 28, Wednesday  
6:30-8:00pm

**Everyone Welcome**

**Regular admission**

RAVENSONG AQUATIC CENTRE IS OPEN OCTOBER 31ST FOR TRICK OR TREATERS



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# PRO D HOCKEY CAMP

## Come play at the rink with us

Oceanside Place Arena  
8-12yrs

Thu Oct 24  
8:30am-4:00pm  
\$50 #11281

Full gear is required.  
Gear loan available.



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## EES Calendar of Events

<b>October</b>	23	Parent Teacher Conferences (in evening)
	24	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	25	Professional Development Day – No School
	28	Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening
<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)
	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>	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
	21	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
<b>February</b>	17	BC FAMILY DAY
	11	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	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) \_\_\_\_\_

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