



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 4, 2019

Principal's Message

We value parents being involved in their child's education at Errington Elementary and welcome volunteers in our building. There is a strong link between the success of a child in school and the level of parental involvement. Parents of children at Errington Elementary School are involved in their child's education in many ways, ranging from reading with their children at home, to participation in the parent's advisory council (PAC). The level of involvement varies, but each form of involvement carries both **rights** and **responsibilities**. To make each visit a successful one, we have included some reminders and guidelines to follow.

Volunteering

- Parents have a **right** to volunteer their time and expertise to the school.
- Parents have a **responsibility** to respect the decision of the teacher if the teacher feels their presence will be distracting to the learning environment.
- Parents have a **responsibility** to provide a criminal record check, which is required by School District policy.
- It is the **responsibility** of the volunteer to check in at the office.

A Volunteer's Code of Ethics

- Respect the confidentiality of the teacher and the children.
- Practice tolerance and understanding towards the children and teachers with whom you come into contact.
- Be sensitive to the teaching role and understand that there are a variety of teaching approaches and styles.
- Strive for acceptance of all the children.
- Be dependable. If you must be late or absent, please call the school and try to arrange for an acceptable substitute.

(From "Bridges to Learning—A Guide to Parent Involvement")

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.



No School on Monday, October 14, 2019: Happy Thanksgiving!



Terry Fox Run

We are pleased to report that our generous school community raised \$412.40 this year! Money raised will go towards cancer research. Thank you to all who supported the campaign this year!



Parent Teacher Conferences

EES teachers will be meeting with parents later in October. Teachers will be available to meet during the evening of Wednesday, October 23rd. Teachers have also made themselves available for other times during this week. We will be using the "Parent Conferences" online program again this year to book your appointment. 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. The online booking system should be available by **Tuesday, October 15th**. Please note that October 24th is a "Conferencing Adjustment Day", where students do not attend. Conferences will not be scheduled on this day.



Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. Here is an article outlining questions to ask at your parent-teacher conference:

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. Here are 10 questions you might ask your child's teacher:

1. **What will you cover** in this grade or subject this year?
2. **What are your expectations** for homework? Has my child missed any of her assignments so far?
3. **How are my child's** work habits? Does she use time in class well?
4. **Does my child** read at the level you would expect for this grade?
5. **Is my child able** to do the math you expect for a student in this grade?
6. **Is my child** in different groups for different subjects?
7. **Has my child missed** any classes other than the ones I contacted the school about?
8. **Does my child qualify** for any special programs?
9. **Does my child** get along well with the other students?
10. **What can I do at home** to help my child be more successful?

Source: *Elementary School Parents*; October 2011; Vol. 23, No. 2

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!

Halloween

As you know, Halloween is on Thursday, October 31st. 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.

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.schoolcashionline.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>



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

2019-20 Regular Public Meetings of the Board of Education

The Regular Public Board Meetings of the Qualicum School District's Board of Education are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the 2019/2020 school year. These meetings are business meetings of the Board which are held in public.

Three exceptions are the August Board Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, August 27th (to be followed by the annual elections for the Chairperson & Vice Chairperson of the Board), the December Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, December 17th and the March Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 10th. There is no meeting held in July.

The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum of the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville. Members of staff and the public are welcome to attend.



Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through [iA Financial Group](#), which is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The plan can supplement costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

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.

Ms. Richards and Ms. Macrae





PARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS

JUNO AWARD WINNER NORMAN FOOTE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH



NORMAN FOOTE

READY SET HOWL
"THE HOWL"
MASQUERADE CONCERT
FOR ALL AGES
WWW.NORMANFOOTE.COM

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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

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

SANDY SHORES CANSKATE LESSONS



Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

Oct 1 to Dec 3, 2019

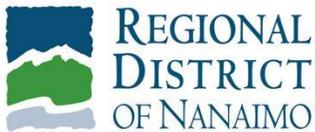
Jan 7 to Mar 10, 2020

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

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737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
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Oceanside Place Arena
830 W Island Hwy, Parksville
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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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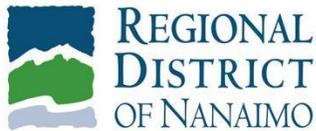
Are you ready for some high energy fun?

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

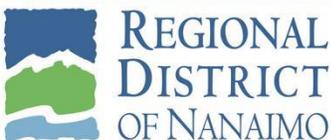
Craig Street Commons

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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EES Calendar of Events

October	9	Photo Re-takes
	14	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	23	Parent Teacher Conferences (in evening)
	24	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	25	Professional Development Day – No School
	28	Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening
November	1	Professional Development Day – No School
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly – Time TBD
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
	15	Grade 6 Immunizations (Island Health)
	21	Book Fair (Nov. 21-26 th)
	22	PAC Movie Night
December	18	Winter Concert 12:45pm and 6:00pm
	20	Last day of school before the Winter Break
January	6	School Reopens after Winter Break
February	17	BC FAMILY DAY
	24	Professional Development Day – No School
March	13	Last day of school before Spring Break
	30	School Re-opens after Spring Break
April	10	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	13	EASTER MONDAY – No School
May	1	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	15	Professional Development Day – No School
	18	VICTORIA DAY – No School
June	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 20th. 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.