



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 30, 2020

## 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



## Picture Day

Concept Photos will be here to take individual and class photos on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars! COVID protocols will be followed.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

If you haven't done so already, please sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher. EES teachers are booking telephone and/or Zoom conversations between November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We are using the "School Appointments" online program again this year to book your appointment. Directions on how to use this booking system are listed below and will be open for bookings until Sunday evening (November 1<sup>st</sup>). 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.



### 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!



#### HOT LUNCHES

Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

- November 6 – Pizza Day
- November 20 – Subway Day
- December 4 – Pizza Day
- December 18 – Subway Day

Please note that all lunches close on Munchalunch a week prior to lunch date.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/>

### Daylight Savings Time



Remember to set your clocks back by 1 hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00am.

## Halloween

We would like to acknowledge the excellent work that our student leadership club did in putting on a successful "Scary Errington" activity yesterday. Classes came in their learning groups and participated in a variety of "spooky" stations. The

leaders worked very hard to plan, host, and clean-up after this event. Thank you also the students who got into the Halloween spirit and dressed up today. Even though we are in the midst of a pandemic when times are so unusual, we are able to show community spirit and have some fun in a carefully planned, safe way!



## Food and Treats



Please be reminded that we are required to follow the BC Healthy Food and Beverage Guidelines when serving food in schools. If you are wanting to send treats to school to help celebrate a special occasion, please contact your child's teacher in advance to make arrangements. Food must be prepared and packaged in a Food Safe Certified facility.

## Parents on School Grounds

We would like to thank you for being so respectful while on school grounds. We have noticed most parents keeping their time very short, wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing, and using the classroom designated meeting areas. We really appreciate your cooperation!

### 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!

Please note that if you are reporting your child's absence from school and the absence is NOT health related, it is helpful to know this so we can avoid some of the necessary follow-up phone calls. You can simply state that the absence is NOT health related.



Popcorn sales continue, every Wednesday!! \$2.50 each or a punch pass online or in the office for \$20.00 (for 10 bags).

## Inclement Weather and Clothing

Although we have had sunny days, we know that soon the rainy weather will be 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

## EES PAC NEWS

EES PAC Co-Chair Beverley is a Norwex Representative. Norwex sells many products, including cleaning solutions that are chemical free. Since our EES PAC is not able to do much fundraising this year, Beverley has generously offered to donate her commission from any sales to the EES PAC. Anyone (including friends and family) who orders through Norwex can indicate that they are associated with EES and Beverley will pass her commission along to the EES PAC. If you have any questions, please contact Beverley at [beverleymccoy1974@gmail.com](mailto:beverleymccoy1974@gmail.com). You can up Beverley through the Norwex site under Beverley Craig you can messenger her on Facebook Beverley McCoy.

Here's the link to the Norwex site:

<https://beverleycraig.norwex.biz/>

## 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.**



## School Fee Payment Reminder

Just a reminder that school fees are now due. Each student in the school has school fees to pay - if you haven't yet paid or are unsure of your student's school supply fee amount please contact the school office or classroom teacher.



## **Remembrance Day**



Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are not able to gather together for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly this year. Instead, we are planning a “virtual” assembly, likely by Zoom. Students will stay in their classrooms and parents will be sent a link in the next week. If you are interested in “zooming in” from home, mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

A reminder that school will not be in session on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in order to observe Remembrance Day.

### EES Winter Fundraiser

EES Winter Fundraiser is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas! If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1043268-77294>

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you so much!



## Ink Painting for Kids - After School Workshop

Pattiann Withapea, a Juried Member of both, the Federation of Canadian Artists and the Society of Canadian Artists, is offering a limited after school program for children from 5 years old to 15 years old. This workshop will be suitable for children of all abilities, from those who have not yet discovered their creative side, to those who are excelling in the Arts that would like to explore this fascinating medium.

Pattiann has extensive experience in working with children with Down Syndrome and those on the spectrum so all are welcome. Her experience and her unique teaching methods guarantee success for each participant.

For this reason, any child experiencing low self esteem, a lack of confidence, or perhaps just feeling out of sorts due to the uncertainty brought by the pandemic, is highly encouraged to attend.

The inks are very easy to work with and the colours are vibrant. Each participant will create 5 artworks, including one on Yupo paper that they will learn to mount and mat for framing. All materials and supplies will be provided. An apron or old T-shirt is encouraged.

Each child is asked to bring nothing more than a great attitude and a desire to have a fabulous time discovering the joy of inks.

Wednesday, November 4th

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

\$40 per student

Only six students per class to allow for Social Distancing and Individual Attention

First Photo depicts a painting created by a 4 year old on her very first attempt at working with inks. All others are works created



## **Fill the Boots for Food Drive 2020**

Due to the pandemic, this year's Parksville Volunteer Fire Department food and toy drive will look very different; there will be no door-to-door collection in neighbourhoods. Firefighters will be at locations in Parksville on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15 to collect cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank. Physically distanced and masked, our firefighters will be at set locations from 9 am to 5 pm asking residents for cash donations to help fill the boots for food. Please watch our social media feeds and website for details and locations.

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized to provide for less fortunate in our community. Donations may also be made as follows:

- **SOS Caring for Community at Christmas** - starting November 16, toys may be dropped off every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 11.30 am.
- **Salvation Army food bank** – donations are accepted at 886 Wembley Road, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 11.30 am and also Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the reason for its success with about 29,500 pounds of food and \$34,070 cash collected in 2019. This drive and the generosity of our residents make the world of difference to many families during the holiday season. Your support is truly appreciated by the members of the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department.

### **For more information:**

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department

250 248-3242

[fire@parksville.ca](mailto:fire@parksville.ca)

Deb Tardiff, Manager of Communications

250 954-3073

[dtardiff@parksville.ca](mailto:dtardiff@parksville.ca)

# Kids Movement: Play, Express & Grow

For Grades 4, 5 and 6

Separate programs for boys and girls

Qualicum Beach, Mondays 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Pre-register for pop-up dates: Oct. 5, Oct. 26 and Nov. 16

Parksville, Thursdays 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Pre-register for pop-up dates: Oct. 8, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19



**Fun activities inspire confidence, friendships and a healthy self-image. Staff and volunteers provide mentorship and support.**

## SOS Community Services Centres

Child, Youth & Family Programs

**Parksville** 245 West Hirst Ave. | 240-248-2093 ext. 249

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# Youth Programs

For Grades 6-12



## After School Education Assistance Grades 6-12

One-on-one tutoring in Math and English helps students get better grades and gain confidence. Pre-registration is required. **Parkville** After School Mon - Thurs

## School Night Out Grades 7, 8 & 9

Arts, crafts, games, music, food and friendship. Pre-registration is required.

3:30-5:30 pm. **Parkville** Thursdays. Oct. 1, Oct. 22 and Nov. 12 **Qualicum** Mondays. Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 9.

## Youth Open Space Grades 10, 11 & 12

Play pool and music, make friends and art, and enjoy food. Pre-registration is required.

3:30-5:30 pm. **Parkville** Thursdays, Oct. 15, Nov. 5 and Nov. 26 **Qualicum** Mondays. Sept. 21, Nov. 2 and Nov. 23.

## Gradwear For local grads and their dates

New and gently-used outfits for your big day for only \$5.

That includes shoes and accessories. **Call Parkville to make an appointment.**

## Recreation Assistance for Children & Youth

Helps low-income families with costs to register local children & youth in recreation activities. **Call 250-248-2093 ext. 241 for an appointment.**

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# Family Night

A safe and relaxing place where families can spend quality time together



- Engage in fun activities with your family.
- Connect with others and learn about other supports and services in the community.
- Enjoy a nutritious meal served by SOS volunteers.

Pre-registration is required.

**Parksville** Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. Call 250-248-2093 ext. 249 or Text 250-228-4066

**Qualicum** Wednesdays, 5-7 pm. Call 250-752-2040 ext. 201 or Text 250-248-0997

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# Community Services Centres

## ● Meals on Wheels

Helps residents maintain health and independence by delivering hot, nutritious meals, three times a week. Cost: \$7.50/meal. Call Parksville ext. 225 to register

## ● Income Tax Returns

Assistance with the preparation of basic, low-income tax returns. Call Parksville ext. 229

## ● Homeless Prevention Program

Funded by the Government of BC, this program is aimed at assisting with homelessness due to crisis or transition. Individuals must meet one of four criteria to receive rental subsidies.

Call Parksville ext. 234

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

### ● Counselling Referral

Referrals to one-on-one professional counselling. Fee is determined on an individual basis. Call Parksville ext. 225

### Currently on hold:

#### ● Women's Personal Growth

12-week group that explores self-esteem, personal boundaries, healthy relationships and more. Cost \$5 per session. Call Parksville ext. 225

#### ● Men's Personal Growth

This 12-week group involves self-exploration while developing better communication and a deeper sense of purpose. Cost \$5 per session. Call Parksville ext. 225

## SENIORS

### ● Seniors' Advocacy Services

Individual's needs are determined through a private and confidential discussion. The Coordinator assists in finding supports and solutions through SOS programs and other resources.

Call Parksville ext. 239

### ● Oceanside Better at Home

Administered by SOS in partnership with the United Way of the Lower Mainland, and funded by the Government of BC. The Better at Home program is designed to help seniors who are 65+ remain at home by providing a range of non-medical support services such as:

- Friendly visiting
- Light housekeeping
- Grocery shopping
- Yard maintenance
- **On hold:** Transportation to non-medical appointments

Call Qualicum ext. 4 to register

### Currently on hold:

#### ● Seniors Connecting

A friendly, comfortable place to meet other people and enjoy social interaction and a sense of well-being. Learn more about issues relevant to seniors through guest speakers and information sharing. Healthy refreshments are provided and transportation can be arranged. Parksville Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

Qualicum Tuesdays, 11-1 pm

Call Qualicum ext. 3

SOS Community Services Centres | Parksville 250-248-2093 Qualicum 250-752-2040

# SOS Program Guide

## Fall/Winter 2020



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All programs have been modified to comply with COVID-19 safety procedures

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## EARLY YEARS

(0-5 years, pre-Kindergarten)

### ● TIC TAC (Time in Comfort for Tots & Caregivers)

A welcoming and nurturing environment for parents/caregivers to take a break and recharge, while children play and build social and emotional skills.

**Pre-registration is required.**

Parksville Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-11 am

Qualicum Mondays and Wednesdays 9-11 am

## CHILDREN & FAMILY

### ● Family Night

Spend quality time with family, as we serve a meal and clean up afterwards! We provide the entertainment such as arts, crafts, games, music and outings. **Pre-registration is required.**

Parksville Tuesdays 5-7 pm

Qualicum Wednesdays 5-7 pm



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## YOUTH

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### ● Youth Open Space Grades 10, 11 & 12

Connect with others, eat great food, play games, shoot some pool, make creative artwork, play music, get support from staff and have fun.

Parksville Thursdays 3:30-5:30 pm

Pop-up dates: Oct. 15, Nov. 5 and Nov. 26

Qualicum Mondays 3:30-5:30 pm

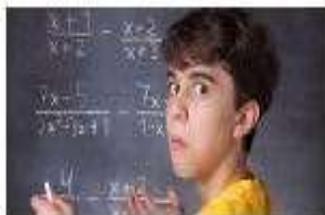
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### ● After School Education Assistance Grades 6-12

After school professional tutoring services available in Math and English at no cost. Available to School District 69 students attending regular classes.

**Pre-registration is required.**

Parksville Monday-Thursday 3-4 pm or 4-5 pm



### ● Gradwear

**For local grads and their dates**

Find a new or gently used grad dress, date dress, tuxedo or suit for only \$5, including accessories.

# Community Services Centres

### ● Recreation Assistance for Children & Youth

Assists with costs for low-income families to register local children and youth in recreational activities.

Call Parksville ext. 241

### ● Emergency Assistance & Advocacy

Provides help in cases of hardship and unexpected financial emergencies, and may advocate for clients to reconcile financial obstacles. Also provides guidance to promote self-sufficiency.

Call Parksville ext. 241, or if age 60 or older, call ext. 239

### ● Caring for Community at Christmas

Provides special gifts to local children and youth. Adults receive grocery store gift cards. Christmas stockings are also provided for seniors who are house-bound. Pre-registration in person is required and begins in November. Donations are gratefully accepted at both locations.

Call Parksville ext. 229

### Currently on hold:

### ● Medical Appointment Transportation Service

Safe and friendly transportation to and from medical appointments within District 69 and surrounding area.

## EES Calendar of Events

<b>November</b>	2-10	Range of dates for Parent-Teacher Conferences
	3	Photo Day
	6	Pizza Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch
	10	Remembrance Day – Virtual Assembly at 8:30am
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
	13	Photo Re-Takes
	20	Subway Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch
<b>December</b>	4	Pizza Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch
	18	Subway Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch
	18	Last day of school before the Winter Break
<b>January</b>	4	School Reopens after Winter Break
<b>February</b>	12	Professional Development Day – No School
	15	BC FAMILY DAY
<b>March</b>	12	Last day of school before Spring Break
	29	School Re-opens after Spring Break
<b>April</b>	2	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	5	EASTER MONDAY – No School
<b>May</b>	21	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	24	VICTORIA DAY – No School
<b>June</b>	4	Professional Development Day – No School
	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early

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



### 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. All newsletters 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.