



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Friday, September 3, 2021

Important Start-up Information

Dear EES Families,

Welcome Back! Our staff have been busy preparing to welcome students next week. While more detailed information about school start-up can be found on our website and newsletters, here is a summary of what to expect next week:

Tuesday, September 7th – Partial Day (8:10am to 10:56am)

- Supervision begins at 7:50am. If you are driving your child, please plan to arrive between 7:50am and 8:10am and use the LOWER parking lot and path up to the school.
- When students arrive, they will use the same morning outdoor meeting areas they had last year. If they are not sure, there will be staff outside to help direct them.
- Students return to the classroom where they were in June. If your child's teacher is no longer working at EES, there will be a different teacher in their classroom.
- New students will go to the library at 8:10am for a welcome activity. They will then be escorted to a temporary class with age group peers for the remainder of Tuesday and on Wednesday.
- New Kindergarten students do not start on the first few days. They have a separate, gradual entry schedule and have been contacted directly.
- Students do not need to bring school supplies on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Wednesday, September 8th – Full Day (8:10am to 1:56pm)

- Same as Tuesday...students go to their morning meeting area when they arrive, then to their last year's class for the day.
- Students will bring home a note with their class placement notification.

Thursday, September 9th – 8:10am-1:56pm

- Students go directly to their new classroom (line-up at the outside door of classroom). There will be a map on the back of the class placement letter provided and signage on the windows of each classroom.
- Please send school supplies on Thursday.

Friday, September 10th – 8:10am-1:56pm

School Bus

Students MUST apply for a bus pass if they plan to use this service. There is a new "swipe" bus pass for riders. We have received several bus passes to hand out on Tuesday. If a student has not yet received their bus pass, they will still be allowed to ride for the first few days until their bus pass arrives. If you have not yet applied for a bus pass or need a schedule, information can be found on the SD69 website or use the direct links below:

<http://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Documents/2021-22%20School%20Bus%20Information.pdf>

<http://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Documents/Schedule%20-%20September%207,%202021.pdf>

School Supplies

Students in **Kindergarten** pay **\$35** to the EES Office for school supplies.

Students in **Grades 1, 2, and 3** pay **\$45** to the EES Office for supplies. Teachers will purchase the supplies needed specifically for their classroom.

Students in **Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7** purchase their own school supplies using the list sent home by email at the end of June (also posted on our EES website). Reminder that Parks West in Parksville (250-248-6764) is able to gather supplies from the Grade 4-7 supply list for a set price (includes a 20% discount) of \$72.57 (not including headphones).

Click the link below for more detailed information about school supplies for Grades 1-7 students:

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES/parents/layouts/15/download.aspx?SourceUrl=/school%2fEES%2fparents%2fSchoolSupplies%2fGrade+4-7+School+Supply+List+2021-2022.pdf>

Health and Safety

Staff, parents, and students are reminded of the responsibility to complete a Daily Health Check and are provided with resources on how to complete one.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e2s1>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-english.pdf>

- Staff and students stay home if feeling symptomatic or unwell.
- Staff, visitors, and students in Grades 4 and up shall wear a non-medical mask while inside the school.
- Staff and students to wear a mask on the school bus.
- Essential visitors to our school will need to sign-in at the table in the foyer and complete a health check to declare they are symptom free, then report to the office. We will not be having volunteers in the school just yet.
- We continue to advise staff, students, and parents to practice hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and respect the personal space of others.

More information can be found by on the SD69 website or by clicking the link below:

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=401&ListID=6ce05472-15b1-4868-a4fd-498286efb5d0&TemplateID=Announcement_Item

We will be sending much more information in the coming days. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Sheila Morrison, Principal