



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Thank you to those families who have already taken part in the Celebration of Learning in classrooms. There are more scheduled for next week. If you haven't already signed up, there is information later in this newsletter. This is an opportunity for students to share their learning portfolios and celebrate the growth that has occurred throughout the school year. If you have not had a chance to connect with your child's teacher, please contact them by phone or email to arrange a time to discuss your child's progress.

We continue to work on our school-wide goal of social responsibility. Our Code of Conduct outlines three pillars which help guide our work in this area: We are SAFE, We are RESPECTFUL, and we are RESPONSIBLE. The article below provides some suggestions on how to help your child become more responsible with time management:

Are you teaching your child to use time wisely?

Time management is an important skill for school success – especially as students work to finish end-of-the-year projects and assignments. Are you helping your child make the most of study time? Answer yes or no to each of the questions below:

Have you reviewed your child's assignment and study schedule and made adjustments as necessary?

Do you have your child record dates for tests, projects, and family commitments on the family calendar?

Do you try to keep a balance between your child's schoolwork and the rest of your lives? Elementary schoolers need plenty of time for exercise, family time, and sleeping.

Do you help your child break down big assignments into smaller tasks to complete step-by-step?

Do you make sure that your child has some time each day for pleasure reading?

How well are you doing?

Each yes means you are helping your child learn to use time wisely. For no answers, try those ideas in the quiz.

Source: Elementary School Parents (May 2022, Vol.33, No.9)

K-12 Daily Health Check

Thank you for continuing to do the daily health checks. We appreciate that parents/guardians have kept their children home when they feel sick. This is the first line of defense in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

Please continue to screen your child daily for symptoms of illness and keep your child at home if they are not well. To support daily screening, **a K-12 health-checker app** can be found at: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca>. The app will allow people to answer simple questions every day. It will inform them if they can attend school or if they need to self-isolate and be screened for COVID-19. The following link will lead you to the more detailed BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.

<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>

Celebration of Learning/Spring Conferencing

Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. EES Teachers are planning an opportunity to connect with families during the week of April 25th and the week of May 2nd to celebrate the learning that has taken place so far this year.

This will be an opportunity for students to take a central role in sharing where they are at with their learning as well as sharing what they see as their next steps. Students will share their portfolio at this time. As educational researcher Anne Davies says, "When students communicate with others what they have learned, they come to better understand what they have learned and what they need to learn."

There will be up to 4 or 5 students per class sharing during a 30-minute block. Teachers will mingle with families during this time. Please see the instructions below on how to use the online appointment booking system. Most families will find this time very informative and won't have a need to have a separate appointment with the teacher; however, if you still feel you need to discuss specific questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly to book an individual appointment.

As we are still trying to limit large groups of people mingling inside our school, we ask that families please enter and exit their child's classroom through the OUTSIDE door.

School Appointments - Parent Instructions **(Booking is available starting April 15, 2022)**

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ees.parentconferences.net>
2. Click to "**REGISTER**" (top box). *If you already registered last fall for a parent-teacher conference, please skip to STEP 10.*
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 celebration of learning!



Families on the Move?

Please let the school office know if your family will be moving next year. As planning is underway for next year, it is very helpful if we are aware of any students who will not be attending our school in September.



Kindergarten registration is ongoing! Online registration can still be accessed through the SD69 District Website using the following link:

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Kreg.aspx#/>

Please contact us at (250) 248-8446 if you have any questions regarding Kindergarten registration requirements.

If you know of any families who will need to be aware of this information, we ask you to please pass this along to them.



Grade 6 School COVID-19 Immunization Newsletter

Grade 6 Immunizations:

Public Health Nurses will be back in schools this spring to complete the grade 6 immunization program. COVID-19 vaccines were not available for grade 6 students when consent forms for routine immunizations were sent home in the fall. If you would like your child to receive their COVID-19 vaccine at school, please call your local health unit, Oceanside Public Health (Family Place), at 250-947-8242, to speak with a Public Health Nurse. In grade 6 parental consent will be obtained prior to immunizations being provided in the school setting.

For more information about **COVID-19 Vaccines** visit:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/hfile124a.pdf>

If you have any questions, call Oceanside Public Health (Family Place) at 250 947 8242 or visit www.immunizebc.ca

Excellent health and care for everyone, everywhere, every time.



March 18, 2022

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted many areas of health care, including routine immunization programs for children. As Island Health winds down operation of COVID-19 mass immunization clinics, our public health teams are turning their attention towards recovery, including helping families with young children get up-to-date on important routine immunizations.

B.C.'s routine immunization schedule includes a series of vaccinations at age 4, timed to coincide with entry to kindergarten. These vaccines provide important protection against illnesses like measles and tetanus. Island Health is scheduling extra clinics this spring specifically for young children to make it as easy as possible for parents and guardians to complete kindergarten vaccinations and get children up-to-date on their immunizations.

In the weeks ahead public health staff will be reaching out to families across Island Health to discuss the clinics and schedule appointments.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

www.immunizebc.ca: This site provides extensive information about BC's routine vaccination schedule for infants, children, teens and adults. It also includes a comprehensive 'Question and Answer' section.

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/immunizations/immunizations>: Learn about immunization programs in Island Health.

Lost and Found – Now Online!

Has your child misplaced a jacket that was just purchased? Can't find a favourite sweatshirt? Looking for a single boot or a cloth mask? There's a good chance that it has been left somewhere at school.

We have created an online site that aims to reunite children with their lost and found items. It is set up like an online store – only there's no payment! During the checkout process, make sure you've included: Your name, contact information, child's first name and child's teacher's name. Once you've placed the 'order', we'll collect the item(s) and return it to your child. It is so easy! Check out our Wildcat Lost and Found Store using the link below.

<https://ees.itselementary.ca/>

Important Reminders



- 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.
- 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 make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor use, along with a pair of inside shoes and an extra change of clothes. We also recommend having a warm coat, hat, umbrella, and gloves. We have a good supply of clothing and hand-knit items on hand. Please let us know if your child is in need of any winter clothing.
- Due to current guidelines, school buses are **not** to be used for any other purpose (ie. play dates). The Transportation Department have asked that parents **do not send notes with their child requesting to ride another bus.** Students are only permitted to ride the bus they are registered with. Please refer to the School District website for all school bus information.

News from Your Library



Spring Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We raised almost \$900.00 in cash and purchased over \$400.00 in books for our library! Our library pages were invaluable helpers getting the fair up and running. An extra special thank you to PAC for their support!

World Honeybee Day April 20: We celebrated everything bees this month including special presentations by Ms. Siedlecki helped out by Earth Month leaders Sienna and Anna.



May the Fourth Be With You: Next week we start Space Month in the library. Check out our awesome books on all things universal! Tuesday is Star Wars Day.

Please return your books or replace your lost books with a similar genre good quality book from home.

Thank you.

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook



Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

Friday May 6 – Beach House Chinese

Thursday May 19 – Sushi

Thursday June 2 – Thalassa

Friday June 17 - Pizza

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

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



SPIRIT CLUB – 2021/2022

Mark these dates in your calendars and have your student join in some EES Wildcats Spirit fun:

- **MAY.19 SUNGLASSES DAY**

Please note that our EES Spirit Wear ordering has now closed!

Oceanside Minor Baseball is seeking students ages 12 to 18 who are interested in becoming a baseball umpire. Students can earn money and gain valuable school credits towards graduation. And have FUN!

Contact Will Chambers, Umpire Coordinator, at 250-616-4829 or email oceansideblueump@gmail.com for more information.



To Enhance **Life-Long** Learning



**WE'RE
OPEN!**

**Errington After School
Licensed Child Care**

Kindergarten to Gr. 5
Monday to Thursday
2:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

For more information
please call
250-954-3027
or visit our website
www.oblt.ca/childcare



Community Programs

We get numerous advertisements for community programs and opportunities to include in newsletters. Rather than inserting the whole advertisement in our newsletters, we will now provide the links below for you to click to view:

Other Community Events & Programs 2022

Please click on the PDF link below to view the events/programs offered – access is via the SD69 Community Page:

Foster Caregivers Needed!

Island Health Triple P Seminars – Power of Positive Parenting

RDN Youth Events

Qualicum Beach Triathlon 2022 – Registration is now open (online only).

Shane Koyczan Concert June 5, 2022 – Fundraiser for Ali Refugee Sponsorship Group

The MAC School for Creative Arts Callout for YOUTH Exhibit, May 2022

The MAC School for Creative Arts Youth Art Lab

The MAC School for Creative Social Media for parents of Teens workshop with Dan Larocque

Oceanside Minor Baseball Registration 2022

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/>

Public Works Week

<https://pwabc.ca/training-and-events/public-works-week>

Summer Camps for Kids @ TOSH (for information please click on the link below):

<https://shop.theoldschoolhouse.org/collections/tosh-classes-and-workshops-1>

Support for Parents:

Multicultural Parent Circle

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mbTFRRf2BEaQxK7YpNkEs3VK3aLUlsxArawjZ6tQti9UNEozT1pVQkFYs1BHMUK1NjFVTldTWFFJRyQIQCN0PWcu>

Vancouver Island Parenting Circle

<https://www.parentsupportbc.ca/>

Information for Families:

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan

2021-2022 Board SD69 Public Meetings of the Board of Education

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Parent/Pages/default.aspx#/>

EES Calendar of Events

May	4	Grade 6 Immunizations
	19	Wear your Sunglasses Spirit Day
	20	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	23	VICTORIA DAY – No School
	25	Grade 7 Health Fair
June	3	Professional Development Day – No School
	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early