



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

During the last few weeks, we have had many families take part in the celebrations of learning that have taken place in classrooms. As we are emerging from the restrictions that we've had during the pandemic, it has been refreshing to see people back into the building in a gradual way. We recognize varying comfort levels of individuals. If you are entering the building, please remember to sign-in at the table by the front door and report directly to the office. This is a practice we will be continuing into the future.

With the last few months of the school year upon us, it is sometimes hard to keep students motivated. The article below suggests five strategies that can help increase your child's motivation to learn:

Kids who are motivated to learn are likely to be more successful in school than those who are not. To motivate your child:

1. **Be a learner yourself.** Let your child see you read books. Watch educational programs. Attend school functions. Try new things. Show curiosity.
2. **Share what you learn.** Talk about new ideas or scientific discoveries with your child. Discuss things you read or hear.
3. **Show an interest** in what he is learning. Ask questions simply to learn and share - not to check up on your child.
4. **Let him know** you believe he can learn. If you show faith in your child's ability to learn, he will have more confidence in his ability.
5. **Stay positive.** If your child has problems in school, help him see that problems can be solved. Meet with the teacher to figure out ways your child can improve. Then discuss ways you can work together to help him succeed.

Source: *Elementary School Parents* (April 2017, Vol.28, No.8)

A reminder to parents that there is no school on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> due to a Conferencing Adjustment Day and on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> as it is Victoria Day.

## 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>



## **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.

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](http://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

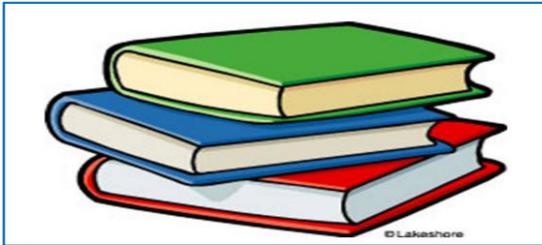


- We are required to follow the BC Healthy Food and Beverage Guidelines when serving food in schools. If you are wanting to send treats to school to help celebrate a special occasion, please contact your child's teacher in advance to make arrangements. Food must be prepared and packaged in a Food Safe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

**LEGO Challenge:** Teams will be competing in a distance Lego Challenge on Wednesday May 18th, overseen by Thomas and the Lego Club.

June 10th is the last day for home library books. Overdue notices have gone out and we encourage all students to check at home for books to come back. If you have a book you think is lost, please let us know so we can check the Library shelves. Lost books can be paid for, or exchanged for a good quality book from home.



Thank you.

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook



Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

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](mailto:oceansideblueump@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Jean Up in Support of BC Children's Hospital**

*Story by Mr. Avis*

My Son Judah was diagnosed with a complex congenital heart defect in utero. He was delivered at BC Children's Hospital and underwent his first open heart surgery at two days old. His little heart would require three surgeries to turn it into one that would be able to function well. Judah is now a healthy, happy and flourishing grade 2 student in Nanaimo. He's got a real twinkle in his eye and is one of the most amazing people I have ever met.

The staff at BC Children's Hospital have continued to amaze us with their dedication, care, compassion and humor they share with patients and families. A will be forever grateful to BC Children's Hospital. They have given me my son.

Please consider donating to our EES Jean Up page at the link below or sharing the link with someone who might be able to donate. My pledge is to dye my hair blue in honor of Jean Up if EES can raise \$2000. If we do even better and raise \$4000 I pledge to dye my hair any color the kids at EES vote on!

<https://secured.bcchf.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=979799&langPref=en-CA>



SD69 QUALICUM

## PRIMARY LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRAM VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sd69-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/64659529860>

Meeting ID: 646 5952 9860

Find your local number: <https://sd69-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/64659529860>

*We would like to acknowledge that School District 69 exists within the territories of Coast Salish People and within the shared traditional territories of the Qualicum and Shaw-Naw-As (Nanosee) First Nations.*

*"The Primary Learning Community Program will support learners from ages 5 to 8 in spaces where creativity, curiosity and wonder are the fundamentals of learning through play."*

### LEARNING DETAILS

Qualicum Primary Learning Community will be based on the BC Curriculum and Early Learning Framework. A key focus will be on Play-Based Learning and other features will include:

- Multi-aged learning environments. Learners will be grouped in a variety of ways for different purposes.
- Co-Teaching/Planning model for Educators.
- Cross-Generational Learning
- Focus on learning continuums
- Possible year-round learning schedule
- Possible childcare component



### PRE-PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

The Parent Information evening will include:

- An overview of the program
- A question and answer period
- [Click Here for More Information](#)

### Primary Learning Community:

There is still space available in the [Primary Learning Community Program](#) which will be held at Oceanside Elementary School in the 2022-2023 if there are enough registrants.

If you are interested in having your child (ages 5 to 8) attend the Primary Learning Community, you are invited to participate on a Zoom call on Wednesday, May 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for more information (or ask them to see attached)

**A BIRD'S EYEVIEW:**  
**Perspectives of Victims  
and Survivors**  
**MAY 15 - 21, 2022**



**FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS**

hosted by RCMP Victim Services and community partners

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Sources Ocean side  
Resource Centre

198 Morrison Avenue, Parksville

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Society of  
Organized Services

245 First Avenue, Parksville

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Parksville  
Family Place

494 Bay Avenue, Parksville

Please join us at these locations to honour those impacted by crime and receive a free copy of our Agenda Book listing relevant dates, events and community resources 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](http://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

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