



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

Thank you to all who came out to our Voices of Nature Concert and Open House on October 13<sup>th</sup>. It was overwhelming and wonderful to see our school community join together again for such a positive evening. A special thank-you to our EES PAC for supporting and contributing to this memorable event. The next opportunity to get together is the Parent/Teacher Conferences in mid-November. More information is available later in this newsletter.

We have continued to promote the common language used in our Code of Conduct for social responsibility: We are SAFE, We are RESPECTFUL, and We are RESPONSIBLE. The article below suggests some habits at home which can help your child thrive in school and in life:

Every family – and every child – is different, but there are ways all families can set their children up for success. Studies show that kids are more likely to achieve in elementary school and beyond when their parents give them the tools to succeed. To help your child:

- **Assign chores.** Kids who have responsibilities around the house learn how to be responsible. Give your child a list of weekly tasks to complete. He may grumble, but don't give in.
- **Teach social skills.** Your child's success in life hinges on more than grades; it centers on his ability to get along with others. Model good behavior – like cooperation and courtesy.
- **Set the bar high.** Expect your child to do well and he'll rise to the occasion. Don't demand perfect grades but do insist he work to the best of his ability. And praise him when he tries hard – even if he falls short. When you show him you believe in him, he'll believe in himself.
- **Nurture your relationship.** You are your child's parent, not his friend. But you're also his ally. So, make time to have fun together! Share a hobby. Play catch in the yard. Never let your child forget you're on the same team.
- **Take care of yourself.** If you're always stressed, your child will be, too. Carve out time to relax, exercise, or curl up with a good book. A calm, peaceful home starts with you.

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## Picture Day

Concept Photo re-takes are scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Halloween

As you know, Halloween is on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are planning some safe, fun activities for students to do at school on that day. Thank you to our Grade 6/7 leadership club students for planning such



a great day for our school community. We have decided to once again allow students to wear costumes if they wish! Students may wear a costume on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. If your child does not want to wear a costume, we encourage students to wear black and/or orange. We do have some costume 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 ongoing concerns about "Creepy Clowning", we ask that students avoid costumes of this nature.
- We have learned of a concerning Netflix series called "Squid Games" that many students have been watching and trying to copy. Please make sure your child avoids costumes portraying extreme violence.

After Halloween, we ask you to please limit the amount of candy you let your child take to school. Generally, we ask students to eat something healthy first before consuming a treat.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

EES teachers will be meeting with parents throughout the next several weeks. Please see the information below to book an in-person conversation with your child's teacher. You can click on this link for direct access:



<https://ees.parentconferences.net/admin/>

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 will open on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am.

### 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!



## **Footwear**

We've noticed some students wearing "wheely shoes" to school. We discourage this type of footwear at school and we ask that students leave the wheels at home. Most wheely shoes come with a small tool that easily pops the wheels out, or it can be done with a small screwdriver.

## **Family Affordability Fund**

You may have heard that the Provincial Government has provided a grant to school districts to help offset costs for various types of purchases that parents are asked to pay for throughout the school year (i.e. additional school supplies, field trips, and meals). Schools have the flexibility to direct this funding to an area that meets our specific needs. After consulting with our EES PAC and EES teachers, we have decided to put this funding towards offsetting costs charged for field trips.

## **Daylight Savings Time**



Remember to set your clocks back by 1 hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00am.

## **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.

## **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.
- 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 needs any warm clothing.
- 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!

- School begins at 8:10am. If you are dropping off your child prior to 8:10am, please use the Lower Parking Lot. If you are dropping off after 8:10am, you may pull up to the front of the school. Students who arrive after 8:15am must report to the office before going to their classroom.
- Please make sure your child's teacher is aware of your child's after school schedule. We need to know if your child is getting picked up (and by who) or taking the bus.

## Inclement Weather and Clothing

Although we have enjoyed the extended warm weather, we are happy to see some rain in the forecast. 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.



### **School District 69 is hiring school bus drivers.**

Come help us deliver the future!  
Minimum Class 2 License with Air Endorsement Required.  
For more information go to [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca)





Munchalunch Hot lunches is **open** and ready for ordering.

Thursday November 10 – Thalassa

Friday November 25 – Chinese Food

Friday December 2 – Thalassa

Friday December 16 – Pizza

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

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

### **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.

### **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.



## News from Your Library

Welcome to another fabulous year of reading in our library learning commons!

**Halloween Books:** We have our spooky books out and ready to take home! Come and check them out.



**Scarington:** Oct 31 is our Scarington event in the gym and costume day at EES! Our group of Grade 7 leaders will be decorating the gym and we'll welcome classes in to have fun at our spooky stations. Each student will take a treat bag home. **Happy Halloween!**

**November District Food Drive:** Many of our District schools are working together this year on a District Food Drive, feeding families in our District. Your Leadership students ask you to bring in non-perishable food items, or a cash donation, to EES throughout the month of November. Our collection will be going to our local food bank. Thank you for supporting leadership programs in our schools, and helping feed our needy families this fall.

**Autumn Scholastic Book Fair Nov 16-22:** Books and stories bring us together! We will be setting up our Book Fair on Wednesday Nov 16. Book Fair will run from Nov 17 to 22 and teachers will be booking times to come and shop at the Fair. We will be open after school on Monday Nov 21 from 2-3pm for Families to come and shop. Online shopping will be available, the link will be sent out to teachers to share with families. Come have fun, buy a book and support your Library!

**Legion Poster Contest:** If you are a fabulous writer or an amazing artist, our local Legion would like you to enter their contest! Click here <https://www.legion.ca/communities-youth/youth-education/remembrance-contests> or check with your teacher for more details.



Deadline is Nov 15.

**Lost or Damaged Books:** Sometimes life happens, to our books too! If you have lost or damaged a library book, you can bring in a book that's in good shape and our students would like to read. **Thank you for bringing your books back!**

**Student Leadership:** Our student leaders are beginning to work in our school in many helpful ways: technology helpers, library pages, gym leaders, food and nutrition team, Blue bin group, Return It team, reading and math mentors. Thank you to our student leaders who work hard every day to make our school community a better place!



Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

# ALL SOULS LANTERN WALK AND PUMPKIN TRAIL

FROM  
6:30 TO 7:30  
OCTOBER  
31



LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS  
AT THE SMALL HALL.

OCTOBER 19, 6:30 - 8:30PM

OCTOBER 23, 1 - 3PM

ADMISSION BY DONATION

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



ENTRY  
BY DONATION

BRING YOUR LANTERN CREATIONS  
TO JOIN THE WALK PROCESSION.

NO CANDLES PERMITTED.  
BATTERY LIGHTING ONLY.

## ERRINGTON COMMUNITY PARK

2022

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT PAY FOR THE REPAIR AND OPERATION OF THE ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL. THE HALL, THE OLD FIRE HALL AND THE COMMUNITY PARK ARE MAINTAINED BY THE ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION, A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT SOCIETY AND REGISTERED CHARITY.

*Errington*



A large orange pumpkin is in the top left corner. Below it, a white paper cutout of a ghost with two black bat cutouts is visible. The background is a light-colored wooden plank surface.

**SPOOKTACULAR**

**IS BACK AT**

**STORYBOOK**

**VILLAGE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

**DROP-IN ONLY!  
NO NEED TO BOOK!**

**4:30PM TO 6:30PM**

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

**HOT DOGS PROVIDED BY OUR FRIENDS AT**



**ACTIVITIES, TAKE AWAYS & REFRESHMENTS**

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED**

**OBLT**

Oceanside Building Learning Together



SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

# FOOD FOR FAMILIES

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE**



**NOVEMBER  
1-30**

**BENEFITTING  
OCEANSIDE  
FAMILIES**

**GROCERY GIFT CARDS OR CASH ARE WELCOME**

This year, schools are coming together to support our community! Please make a donation of a non-perishable food item, grocery store gift card, or cash to your child's school by November 30th.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT 69 RESIDES  
ON THE TERRITORY OF THE QUALICUM AND SNAW-NAW-AS FIRST NATIONS

6 Sessions

**FIND OUT THE RISKS &  
WHAT PARENTS/CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW:**

Positives & negatives the internet provides  
Challenges for youth today  
Technology as a distraction  
Media over consumption  
Online predators  
Challenges for parents & caregivers  
How online information is collected & used  
Opportunities technology provides  
Data tracking & collection  
Privacy  
Personal online legal consequences  
Concerning signs to look for  
Sleep concerns  
Account management  
Exploitation  
Nudes & sexting



**ALL SD69  
PARENTS / GUARDIANS /  
CAREGIVERS / STAFF INVITED!!!**

(Intended for an adult audience - you do not need to sign up in advance to attend)

- ✓ A new Link & Password to each session will be added to the SD69 District Website (calendar) the week before the event
- ✓ A Recording of the session will be made available for 48 hours after each broadcast
- ✓ Attendees will be able to download The White Hatters FREE web book: *Parenting in an Online World*

Questions? Email: [sd69DPAC@gmail.com](mailto:sd69DPAC@gmail.com)

SD69 DPAC Welcomes

# The White Hatter

[www.thewhitehatter.ca](http://www.thewhitehatter.ca)

**Internet Safety & Digital Literacy!**

**Mark your Calendars!**

- 1 Thursday, September 22nd @ 7pm-9pm  
Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy
- 2 Thursday, October 6th @ 7pm-8:45pm  
Online Predation & Exploitation
- 3 Tuesday, October 18th @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Online Gaming - Concerns, Balance, Addiction & Opportunities
- 4 Thursday, November 3rd @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Online Pornography, Radicalization, Shaming, and Disinformation
- 5 Thursday, November 17th @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Supporting Youth Being Targeted by Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, Hacks, and Violence Online
- 6 Thursday, December 1st @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Teen Sexting, Nudes, Distribution of Intimate Images, and the Law

## **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 2021**

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

### **SOS Fall 2022 Program Guide**

#### **Parksville Curling Club – Junior Curling (Ages: 10-18)**

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

## **Information for Families:**

### **Family Accident Reimbursement Plan**

#### **2022-2023 Board SD69 Public Meetings of the Board of Education**

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

## EES Calendar of Events

<b>October</b>	28	Photo Re-Takes
	31	Halloween – Costumes permitted (see guidelines in this newsletter)
<b>November</b>	10	Remembrance Day Assembly – Time to be determined
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – <b>No School</b>
	7-18	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Exact dates and times to be determined soon
	16	Scholastic Book Fair (in the library) – runs until Nov.22
<b>December</b>	16	Last day of school before the Winter Break
<b>January</b>	3	School Re-opens after Winter Break
	30	District Wide Planning Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>February</b>	17	Professional Development Day – <b>No School</b>
	20	BC FAMILY DAY – <b>No School</b>
<b>March</b>	17	Last day of school before Spring Break
<b>April</b>	3	School Re-opens after Spring Break
	7	GOOD FRIDAY – <b>No School</b>
	10	EASTER MONDAY – <b>No School</b>
	19	Scholastic Book Fair (In the library) – runs until Apr.25
<b>May</b>	18	Professional Development Day – <b>No School</b>
	19	Conferencing Adjustment Day – <b>No School</b>
	22	VICTORIA DAY – <b>No School</b>
<b>June</b>	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early