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## Winter and Wonder

As winter approaches, the anticipation for cozy times at our school is palpable. We're thrilled to host exciting events that promise to make this season truly magical for our students.

We are so delighted to share the success of today's Holiday Re-Gift Market, organized by our incredible PAC. Your generous contributions not only found new homes for cherished items but also raised significant funds for the Food Bank. It's heartening to see our school community come together for a good cause.



On December 21, we have a special treat in store with our Holiday Crafternoon. Get ready for an afternoon of creative delights, as students engage in festive crafting activities that celebrate the spirit of the season. From handmade ornaments to cheerful decorations, our Holiday Crafternoon is a chance for our students to showcase their artistic talents and spread holiday cheer throughout the school.

But the winter fun doesn't stop there! Mark your calendars for December 22, when the entire school will gather for a Winter Wonderland Skating extravaganza at Oceanside Place. Picture the joy on your child's face as they glide on the ice, surrounded by the enchantment of the season. It's sure to be a day filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the simple joy of winter festivities.

Wishing you all a winter filled with warmth, joy, and memorable moments.

## Spirit Days @ EES

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
"Holiday Socks Day!" Wear your favourite holiday socks.

Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
"Throw Back Thursday" Dress up from the 50s, 60s, 70's, 80s. etc.



## From the EES Library



Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Book Fair! We sold over \$4,000.00 worth of books and gifts! Well done Errington! That translates into over \$625.00 in cash for our Library and over \$225.00 in new books! A special thank you to Kim, Cathy and Collette for working as adult volunteers during the Fair. And also to our Senior Leaders and Term 1 Library

Pages for their hard work with set up, take down and working during the Fair! Thank you :)

WINTER HOLIDAY BOOKS ... and they're out! We have tons of books to take home and share. Please visit our Library and check them out!

WINTER HOLIDAY AND THE LIBRARY: Please return all library books by Dec 15th, this will help us get organized for the New Year. Our Library Desk will be closed the week of Dec 18-22.

## Noticing and Dressing for the Weather

We are in the season of Yuxaylthut, known as the "time before it gets cold", and our seasonal moon is tum'luxw, Moon of Cold Weather. Our local Indigenous teachings inspire us to observe and understand the signs of changing weather. We encourage our students to be mindful of their surroundings and appreciate our interconnectedness to the environment.



Artist: Ocean Hyland  
Qualicum First Nations

To adapt to the changing conditions, it's crucial for students to be well-prepared. We recommend suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities, along with inside shoes that double as gym shoes. As the temperatures drop, warm coats (with hoods), boots, hats, gloves, and umbrellas become essential components of their daily attire.

Despite the weather, our students continue to explore and play outdoors during recess and lunch breaks. We suggest students keep a spare change of clothing at school for unexpected situations. While we maintain a limited supply of spare clothing, having personal backups ensures that your child remains comfortable and ready for any weather-related surprises.

## Online Police Record Checks Available for Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are an invaluable asset to our school community, enriching the educational experience for both students and staff alike.



In an effort to streamline the volunteer process, we're excited to announce that online police record checks are now available, making it easier for parents to actively engage in the school community. Thank you to all our incredible parent volunteers for making a positive impact on the lives of our students!

### Link:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

**Access Code:** TL929DWR8C

## From Kernels to Popcorners

We will be changing over from Kernels popcorn bags to Popcorners.

For current and future cardholders, we will provide 2 bags per stamp.

Stamp cards available for purchase through School Cash Online.

To purchase single bags, the cost will be \$1.50

Three flavours are available:



- Sea Salt
- White Cheddar
- Sweet & Salty Kettle Corn

# School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey

Dear EES Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.



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By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1500>

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact [ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca). If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com).

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,  
Ministry of Education and Child Care

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## Winter Wonderland – Ice Skating – Friday, December 22, 2023



On Friday, December 22, all 12 EES classes are invited to Oceanside Place Arena for skating. With the generous support of PAC, we have booked two 1-hour slots for our students to enjoy the Winter Wonderland Skate. While some will enjoy a wide-open skate on the big open surface, others may prefer to meander among the magical decorations the RDN puts out each year to create their "Winter Wonderland". Volunteer parents and caregivers are welcome and appreciated to help with getting skates laced up. Consent forms and more information to follow.

**Qualicum International Student Program** is currently looking for both respite homes and longer term homes for international students in both Parksville and Qualicum Beach.

In particular, a home is needed now for a girl from Slovakia in Grade 12 in the Parksville area . She enjoys kickboxing and attends Black Rock martial arts frequently, so a home in this area or close by would be preferred.

Also needed is a home for a boy from Mexico attending Grade 8 from the end of January to the end of June. They would like a family with kids to spend time with and he enjoys soccer, tennis, playing video games and being with friends.



If you are interested in hosting one of these students or would like more information, contact [homestay@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@sd69.bc.ca)

Information is also available on the website at [www.schoolincanada.ca/hostastudent](http://www.schoolincanada.ca/hostastudent)

Many thanks!

## Daily Lunch available @ EES

Our daily lunch program is underway and while we have experienced some hiccups along the way in launching this new program, we are grateful to be able to provide meals at school for students.

Our dedicated PAC continues to offer Hot Lunch on specific Fridays. Ordering for both programs will be done through Munch-a-Lunch, however, it will be through separate accounts.

\*\*Please note that the ability to order lunches is a week prior to the date of the lunch.

EES Lunch Program (daily lunch)	EES PAC Hot Lunches (select Fridays only)
<a href="#">Errington School Meals</a> If you already have a PAC account use: <a href="#">ADD Errington School</a>	<a href="#">PAC Hot Lunches</a>

## Community Programs & Events

We get numerous advertisements for community programs and opportunities to include in newsletters. Please click on the link below to view the events/programs offered within the community - access is via the Qualicum School District Community Page:

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

## Information for Families:

- [Family Accident Reimbursement Plan](#)

## KEY DATES

### DECEMBER

- 1 - District Wide Planning Day  
(no school)
- 18 - Learning Updates go home
- 20 - Holiday Socks Day - Spirit Day
- 21 - Crafternoon and Funtivities
- 22 - Winter Wonderland Skating  
Last day of school before  
Winter Break

### JANUARY

- 8 - School Reopens after Winter Break
- 25 - Throw Back Thursday - Spirit Day

### FEBRUARY

- 19 - BC Family Day (no school)
- 28 - Pink Shirt Day + Assembly

### MARCH

- 1 - Pro-D Day (no school)
- 15 - Last day of school before Spring Break

### APRIL

- 2 - School reopens
- 29 - Pro-D Day (no school)

### MAY

- 17 - Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
- 20 - Victoria Day (no school)

### JUNE

- 27 - Final day of school - early dismissal