



We are safe. We are respectful. We are responsible.

**Noticing and Dressing for the Weather**

## Growth and Gratitude

Flo Wong

As the autumn breeze sweeps in, I am delighted to witness the subtle transformation of our school's surroundings. The changing leaves and cooler weather bring a sense of calm and reflection. It's a reminder of the beauty in transitions, mirroring the growth and progress our students are experiencing. I am grateful for the returning rains as it is much needed after a summer of drought conditions.

**Terry Fox Run Update**

**Bus Etiquette**

**Jersey Spirit Day**

**Hot Lunch Program**

**Important Dates**

I've noticed our students settling into their school routines, navigating the halls with confidence and purpose. Reconnecting and new friendships budding in classrooms and playgrounds are heartening to witness, a testament to the warm and inclusive community we strive to foster.

As we approach the Thanksgiving weekend, it's a perfect moment to express gratitude for the wonderful individuals who make our school a vibrant and supportive place. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teachers, staff, and, of course, our students, for contributing to the positive atmosphere that defines our school. May this season of gratitude bring warmth to your homes and hearts.

Wishing you all a joyful and reflective Thanksgiving weekend.

## Noticing and Dressing for the Weather

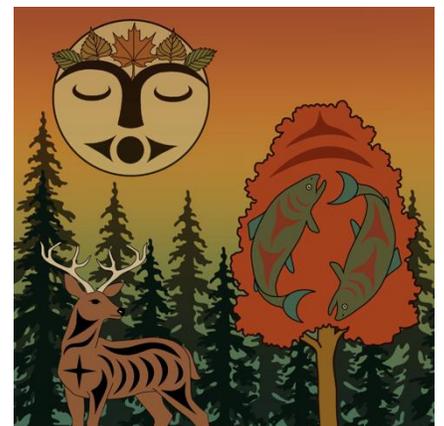
We are in the season of Yuxaytlthut, known as the "time before it gets cold", and our seasonal moon is Xwusulénuxw, moon of falling leaves.

Our local Indigenous teachings inspire us to observe and understand the signs of changing weather. In the spirit of inquiry, we encourage our students to be mindful of their surroundings and appreciate the interconnectedness of the environment. This awareness extends to their daily lives, especially as we transition into cooler weather.

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. Our daily assessment considers various factors, including weather conditions, wind, and temperature, to ensure a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience. This not only aligns with our commitment to adaptability but also provides an opportunity for children to engage actively with their environment.

In the spirit of preparedness, 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.



Artist: Ocean Hyland  
Qualicum First Nations

### Inclement Weather

While we are enjoying the cooler weather of this season, we also that with colder temperatures around the corner, we may experience inclement weather.

In the event of inclement weather that may impact student safety, the school district will take necessary precautions. Notifications about school closures, class postponements, or disruptions to bus services will be promptly posted on the district website and shared with local media outlets through School Messenger.

Before making any decisions, the Superintendent collaborates with the Director of Operations, considering current and forecasted weather conditions while communicating with relevant community members. Decisions regarding bus operations or school closures will aim to be made by 6:15 am and communicated to the media by 6:30 am.

Parents/Guardians are advised to stay informed through local media.

Please review our district's [Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) for full details.



### Grade 6 Immunizations

Immunization consent packages for Grade 6 students will be sent home shortly. Please follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school as soon as possible. Students in Grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent/guardian/representative.

Contact Oceanside Public Health Unit at (250) 947-8242

### News from Your Library

Hello from Your Library!

**On Display:** Come and check out our Halloween and Seasonal Rounds books. Did you know that families can take out books on their student's library card? Read On!

**Overdue and Lost Books:** We'll be sending out notices next week to students. Please look at home and in class for books which are overdue - someone else wants to read them! If your book is lost, please bring a book of the same genre and good quality to replace it, thank you!

**Student Leadership:** Our Leadership program is getting up and running. Interviews will take place next week and soon students will be working around our school. Our leaders work as gym helpers, food service helpers, library pages, playground leaders, assembly team, school helpers, Return It Team and more! We are so thankful for our student leaders at EES!

**SORA and Overdrive:** Students can check out electronic books from the District's Digital Collection. Go to our school website at <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES>, scroll down and click on PORTAL, then login with student id and password. Click on SORA/OVERDRIVE and check out a book! SORA is available as a free app for your phone and iPad, too.  
Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

---

### Halloween Costume Guidelines for EES

*Masks are not to be worn outside, in hallways or washrooms.*

*No heavy makeup*

*Leave costume weapons at home (e.g. swords, guns, knives).*

*No "Creepy Clowning"*

*No excessive gore.*





## Truth and Reconciliation Week & Orange Shirt Day

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in our recent observance of Truth and Reconciliation Week, culminating in a meaningful Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29.

During the week, students engaged in educational activities and discussions that deepened their understanding of Indigenous history, culture, and the ongoing journey towards healing and reconciliation. James T.'s wise words, "Reconciliation means to make things better," resonated throughout the week, guiding our reflections.

On Orange Shirt Day, we were heartened to see many students and staff donning orange shirts as a symbol of solidarity and commitment to reconciliation. Our Indigenous Liaison worker, Roz Shafi, played a crucial role, connecting with students to sew orange felt hearts filled with sage. These hearts will be crafted into a beautiful garland and will hang in our main entryway. It will serve as a visual reminder of our ongoing commitment to this important work.



## Bus Etiquette

As we prioritize the safety and well-being of all students during their bus journeys, we kindly request your assistance in reinforcing our transportation department's behavior expectations with your children. It's crucial to create a shared understanding that any disturbance on the bus can compromise safety.

Unacceptable behaviors include fighting, inappropriate language, spitting, vandalism, littering, throwing objects, improper seating, roughhousing, and unnecessary screaming. In the case of such behaviors, a 'Student Incident Report' may be issued by the driver, covering incidents like being late at the bus stop, leaving the bus stop prematurely, disrespecting the driver, failure to produce a bus pass, refusing to sit in the assigned seat, and distracting the bus driver.

If your child does receive a 'Student Incident Report,' your prompt signature as a parent or guardian is required for their continued bus privileges.

Your collaboration is invaluable in fostering a safe and positive environment for all our students during their bus rides.

# Terry Fox Run

What an incredible day it was on Monday, September 25th, as Errington Elementary proudly participated in the Terry Fox School Run! It's heartwarming to be part of this cherished Canadian tradition, standing together in the fight against cancer.



Our students, filled with enthusiasm and determination, laced up their sneakers right after lunch recess to run for hope and cancer research. It was more than just a run; it was a lesson in perseverance, compassion, and the strength of our united community.

A special shout-out to our intermediate students who navigated a marked route along the trails and roads of Errington. Meanwhile, our primary students circled the field multiple times, showcasing their spirit and energy.

A big thank you to the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for the refreshing cold juice boxes that awaited our young runners at the finish line. Your support and contributions make these events even more special.



Let's continue supporting our students' fundraising efforts! You can contribute by sending a loonie/toonie or donating online at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/ErringtonElementary>. Every contribution takes us one step closer to making a difference in the fight against cancer.

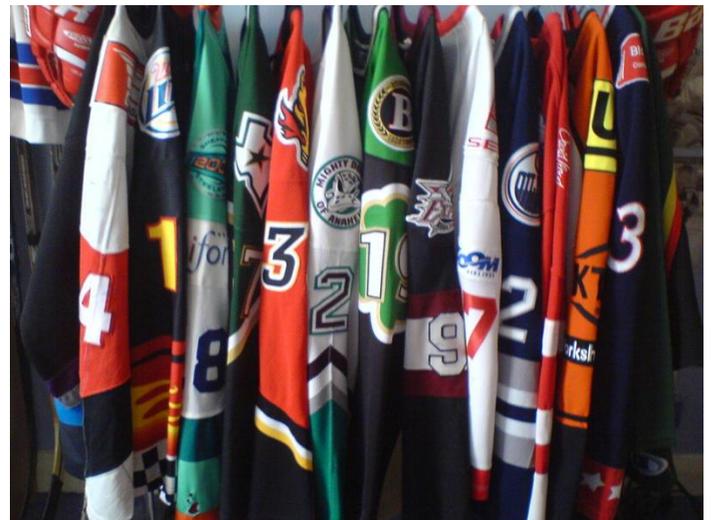
Keep the spirit alive! #terryfoxschoolrun  
@theterryfoxfoundation

# October 13, Jersey Spirit Day

Get ready to show your team spirit! On October 13th, we're hosting a special Spirit Day—Jersey Day! Encourage your child to wear their favorite sports jersey to school and join in the fun. Whether it's soccer, basketball, football, or any other sport, let's celebrate our team pride together.

Jersey Day is a fantastic way to promote camaraderie and unity among our students. It's not just about the score; it's about coming together as one big team. So, grab those jerseys, and let's make October 13th a day filled with team spirit!

Looking forward to seeing a sea of jerseys in the hallways!



If your child doesn't have a jersey to wear, no problem, encourage them to wear school colours: green and yellow!



## Hot Lunch Orders are Open

September 29 - December 15

The PAC's fundraising Munchalunch Hot Lunch Menu is **open** and ready for ordering.

Friday	October 13	Subway
Friday	October 27	Sushi
Thursday	November 9	Thalassa
Friday	November 24	Chinese Food
Friday	December 8	Thalassa
Friday	December 15	Domino's Pizza

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

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

## 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

### OCTOBER

- 9 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)
- 13 - Jersey Spirit Day  
Hot Lunch Day - Subway
- 20 - Pro-D Day (no school)
- 27 - Photo Day  
Hot Lunch Day - Sushi

### NOVEMBER

- 9 - Remembrance Day  
Assembly for students
- 10 - Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
- 13 - Statutory Holiday (no school)
- 14 - Pro-D Day (no school)
- 15 - Photo Retakes

### DECEMBER

- 1 - District Wide Planning Day (no school)
- 22 - Last day of school before Winter Break

### JANUARY

- 8 - School Reopens after Winter Break

### FEBRUARY

- 19 - BC Family Day (no school)

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

- 2 - School reopens after Spring Break
- 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



Yath ćisum  
Always growing  
Grandissons ensemble

## Public Notice

### Qualicum School District Considers Disposition of Property

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) is considering the disposition of property located at 2350 Albemi Highway, Coombs, British Columbia (known as the former French Creek Elementary School). Specific details of the property are Lot A, District Lot 143, Nanoose District, Plan 15661.

Prior to making any final decision with respect to the disposition of this property, the Board is seeking community input as to the best use for this land and invites written comments from the public **on or before November 30, 2023**.

#### **Comments:**

Written comments can be mailed to:

ATT: Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer  
School District 69 (Qualicum)  
PO Box 430  
Parksville, BC V9P 2G5

Or

Emailed to: [ramos@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:ramos@sd69.bc.ca)

Or

Dropped off to the School Board Office,  
2nd floor; 100 Jensen Avenue E.; Parksville, BC