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Principal's Message

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, it is time to express our gratitude to the many people who have supported our school community in various ways. We will be hosting a Strawberry Tea on Weds. June 5th from 12:30-1:30 pm in our library as one small way to thank the parents and community volunteers who have shared their time with us this year. We sincerely appreciate all that you do to enrich the students' experience at Errington Elementary School.

We know that with the summer vacation, children may be spending more time with unstructured activities. This may include more screen time. According to a recent article from CTV New, "Research on children's screen time is pretty conclusive: less is more". However, the amount of time parents spend on screens is now showing to have a profound impact on children. "Having a parent who is disengaged and not giving children that attention...has a very negative impact on child development." There are many ways families can decrease screen time. Over the summer, the more time families can spend playing board or card games, reading and storytelling, being outside exploring their environment, and personally interacting with each other, the better.

If you are interested in reading the full article, here is a link:

Read in CTV News: <https://apple.news/AbQCbBqcuS26VBNp-jKqr4A>

Families on the Move?

Please let the school office know if your family will be moving next year. We are beginning to plan for next year, and it is helpful if we are aware of any students who will not be attending EES in September.





April 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 Training and Education Savings Grant.

Children are eligible if:

- ☐ The parent or guardian, and the child, are BC residents; and,
- ☐ The child's birth year is listed below, and the deadline has not passed:

BIRTH YEAR	APPLY BEFORE
2015	Apply before 9th birthday in 2024
2016	Apply before 9th birthday in 2025
2017	Apply before 9th birthday in 2026
2018	Start applying on 6th birthday in 2024

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., tuition, books, tools, rent, or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the \$1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to the [Service Canada SIN Overview webpage](#) or call 1-800-622-6232 to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the SINs for you and your child and let them know that you want to open an RESP and get the B.C. Training Education Savings grant for your child.

Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca
Your child may also be eligible for other federal incentives, see: canada.ca/education-savings.

Ministry of
Education and Child Care

Student Information Data and
Education Network Services

Mailing Address:
PO Box 9886 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9T6

Location:
620 Superior St
Victoria BC V8W 9H8

Child Dental Benefit

Families with an income of under \$90,000 are eligible for a dental benefit for uninsured children under 12.

Applications are due **June 30**.

Find out [more](#).

(new information sessions outlined on the following page).

Drop-off and Pick-up

Please note that school begins at 8:10am and dismissal is at 1:56pm.

We would like to remind parents to us the Lower Parking Lot for drop off / pick up of their students, in the morning and right after school.

Hello,

The Government of Canada has recently launched the [Canadian Dental Care Plan](#) (CDCP) which aims to ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care for eligible Canadian residents who have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000 and do not have access to dental coverage. The CDCP will cover a wide range of services to help keep teeth and gums healthy as well as prevent and treat oral health issues and diseases.

As you may already know, the CDCP is a federally delivered plan that is being rolled out across all provinces and territories. Applications are being accepted in phases, starting with seniors. **Persons with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and children under 18 will be able to apply online beginning in June 2024.** All remaining eligible Canadian residents can apply in 2025.

To help eligible persons with disabilities and children in your community, resources such as fact sheets, a printable poster and shareable social media content are available in the [CDCP Stakeholder Kit](#). You are also encouraged to reach out to us if your organization requires any additional material to promote the plan.

Finally, we are pleased to offer the following virtual CDCP information sessions to organizations. We will provide an overview of the plan, including how to apply, and answer questions from those in attendance.

Date and time	Language	Meeting details
Monday, June 3 From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (EDT)	English	Link: https://hc-sc-gc-ca.zoom.us/j/65663551693 Phone number: 1-613-209-3054 Session ID: 656 6355 1693 Passcode: 311659
Wednesday, June 5 From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. (EDT)	French	Link: https://hc-sc-gc-ca.zoom.us/j/64480597250 Phone number: 1-613-209-3054 Session ID: 644 8059 7250 Passcode: 103447

We hope that you will be able to attend one of our information sessions and look forward to working with you to ensure as many eligible Canadian residents as possible can access the oral health care they need.

Regards,

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EES Library News

SEASONAL ROUNDS - Stewardship of our Earth - We have many books and resources on display this month about Earth Stewardship and what we can do to help our earth.

STRAWBERRY TEA: Parent and adult volunteers are invited to our Strawberry Tea! It's our way to say Thank You for all you do to support our wonderful school. We will serve strawberry shortcake and lemonade and two classes will perform. Our Strawberry Tea will take place Wednesday June 5 from 12:30-1:30 pm in the Library. If you have helped us out and would like to attend our Strawberry Tea, please RSVP to the office.

END OF YEAR IN THE LIBRARY: We will be sending out overdue notice on June 3 and ask that **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BE RETURNED BY JUNE 7**. Students will still be able to read library books in their classroom :) Thank you for looking under couches and in doggy beds for library books :)

If you have **LOST** a book, please talk with us about replacing it with a good quality book from home.

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

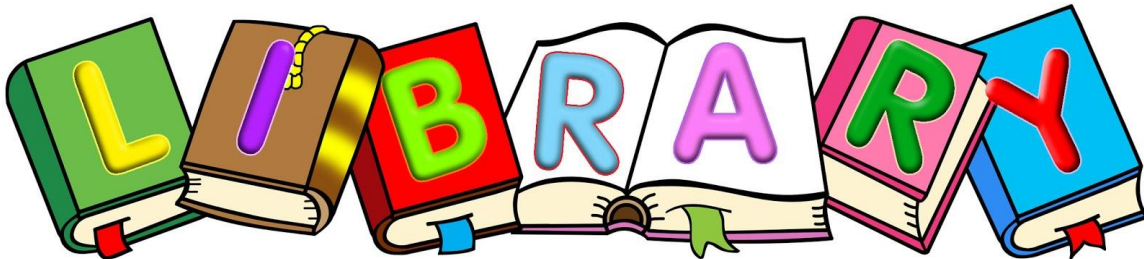


PHOTO GALLERY

Star Wars Day – May the 4th Be With You

A fun time was had in the library in May with all of our Star Wars enthusiasts!



Parent Volunteer Strawberry Tea

Our parent and adult volunteers have been invited to our Strawberry Tea:



Parent Volunteer
Strawberry Tea
12:30 to 1:30 pm
Wednesday, June 5
EES Library



Teen Printing 2 day workshop |
Brooke Emily | July 13 and
20th | 11am - 2pm

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)
Errington School Meals If you already have a PAC account use: ADD Errington School	PAC Hot Lunches

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#/>

RDN - REC Connect

RDN Recreation and Parks offers programs and services year-round.

Link: <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect>

Information for Families:

- [Family Accident Reimbursement Plan](#)

KEY DATES

JUNE

27 – Final day of school – early dismissal