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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](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca)  
Your child may also be eligible for other federal incentives, see: [canada.ca/education-savings](https://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](#).

## 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.

### **Showcase of Learning**

Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. EES Teachers are planning an opportunity to connect with families on **May 15, 2024 from 2:15pm to 7:00pm**, to celebrate the learning that has taken place so far this year.

This will be an opportunity for students to take a central role in sharing where they are with their learning as well as sharing what they see as their next steps. Students will share their portfolio at this time. As educational researcher Anne Davies says, "When students communicate with others what they have learned, they come to better understand what they have learned and what they need to learn."

There will be up to 4 or 5 students per class sharing during a 30-minute block. Teachers will mingle with families during this time. Please see the instructions below on how to use the online appointment booking system. Most families will find this time very informative and won't have a need to have a separate appointment with the teacher; however, if you still feel you need to discuss specific questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly to book an individual appointment.

To control congestion in the hallways, we ask that families please enter their child's classroom through the OUTSIDE door.

### **School Appointments - Parent Instructions** **(Booking is now open)**

- Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ees.parentconferences.net>
- Click to "**REGISTER**" (top box). *If you already registered last fall for a parent-teacher conference, please skip to STEP 10.*
- Complete all the required fields.
- Click "**REGISTER NOW**".
- Click "**Add Student**".
- Complete the required fields.
- Click "**Insert**".
- 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**.
- 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.*
- Click **Book Appointment**.
- **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! We are looking forward to seeing you at the celebration of learning!

## **Health Education Starts Mid-April**

Health Education is a part of the Physical Education curriculum and this year classes will begin in Mid-April. For younger classes this will mean a couple of classroom visits to talk about ways to stay safe and learn the scientific names for our private parts. For middle grades it's a few more classes to discuss similar content in more detail. For our older learners we have more classes which cover areas such as puberty, sexual health and identity and ways to keep our bodies healthy.

Below I've included the main learning outcomes from the P.E. curriculum that will be covered at each grade level. Please note the information your child receives may be slightly different from another child in the same grade depending on if they are in a split grade classroom. For example, a student in grade 3 might learn about some of the grade 4 content if they are in a grade 3 / 4 split class; whereas if that same grade 3 were in a grade 2/3 split class they would hear more of the primary content.

### **Kindergarten & Grade 1**

- Names for parts of the body, including male and female private parts
- Appropriate and inappropriate ways of being touched
- Reliable sources of health information

### **Grade 1, 2, 3**

- Names for parts of the body, including male and female private parts
- Strategies for accessing health information
- Strategies and skills to use in potentially hazardous, unsafe, or abusive situations

### **Grades 3,4,5**

- Describe ways to access information on and support services for a variety of health topics
- Strategies and skills to use in potentially hazardous, unsafe or abusive situations, including common lures or tricks used by potential abusers.
- Factors that influence self-identity, including body image and social media
- Physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during puberty, including those involving sexuality and sexual identity.

### **Grades 5,6,7**

- Practices that promote health and well-being, including those that prevent communicable and non-communicable illnesses.
- Sources of health information and support services
- Strategies to protect themselves and others from potential abuse, exploitation, and harm in a variety of settings
- Physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during puberty, including those involving sexuality and sexual identity, and changes to relationships

## EES Library News

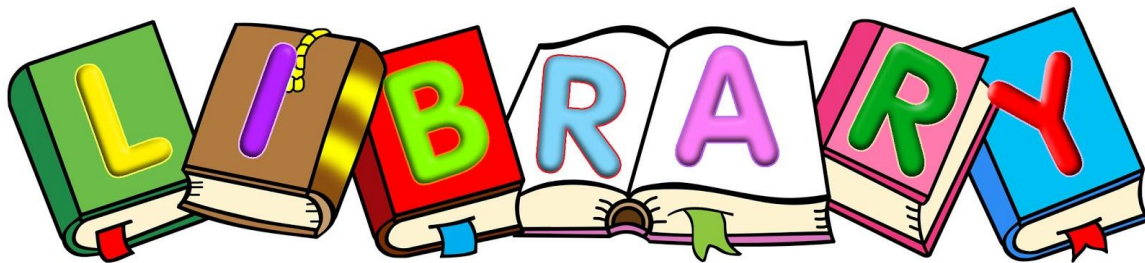
**SEASONAL ROUNDS:** - Stewardship of our Earth - We have many books and resources on display this month about Earth Stewardship and what we can do to help our earth.

**COAST SALISH WEAVE COLLECTION:** We are honoured to be curating 10 pieces from the Coast Salish Weave Collection. The collection is in our Lobby Gallery until May 15. We've been learning about Coast Salish Shapes, the Spindle Whorl and the Salish Woolly Dogs. Click here for more information about this fabulous collection <https://salishweave.com/>. Thank you to Sarah Elson-Haugan and Indigenous Education staff for helping us with this special presentation.

**QB SPINNERS AND WEAVERS:** We are so excited to welcome three textile artists from the QB Spinners Guild on Wednesday May 15! These artists will be set up in our lobby gallery for the day and invite classes to come down to watch artists at work, ask questions and learn about spinning and weaving. Thank you to the Guild for coming to our school! Students will be sharing their learning with families during the **Celebration of Learning** from 2:15-7:00 pm.

**LOST AND OVERDUE BOOKS:** Please check at home and bring back your overdue books. If you have lost a book, let us know and we can figure out how to replace it. Thanks!

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook



## PHOTO GALLERY

### Tribal Vision Dancers

A big thank you to the Art Starts Program for providing Indigenous cultural experiences to our schools.

EES was fortunate to have the Tribal Vision Dancers visit and perform for us this week.





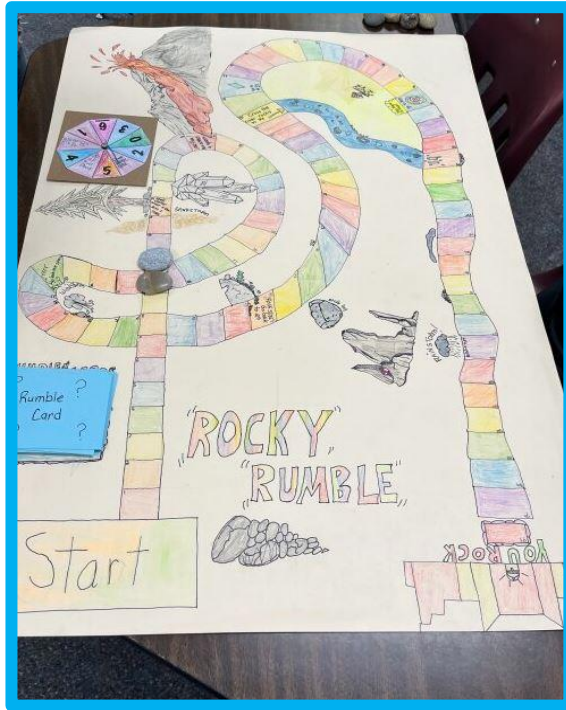
## Skateboarding Club

Skateboarding Club has just opened up at EES! The club rides in our lower parking lot at lunch recess on Wednesdays. Students must be in Grades 5-7 and must have signed parental permission and protective equipment to participate.



## Rock Hounds Board Games

Ms. Barclay's HR02 class enjoyed an afternoon of board games in the library yesterday, using board games that they made themselves, based on a homeroom project surrounding rock hounding.





Keynote Address

# SOGI SCHOOL FOR FAMILIES

Understanding and Supporting SOGI in Schools  
(Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity)

Diversity amplifies excellence.™



**Mischa Oak**

Presenter

Mischa Oak (he/him) is a former BC teacher who has dedicated his career to helping others foster diversity and Two-Spirit & LGBTQ+ inclusion excellence. Through his company LGBTQ Corporate Training, Mischa advises school districts, multinational companies, First Nations, and international development projects.

Mischa's advocacy career includes working for same-sex marriage legalization, coordinating Vancouver Pride, and advocating for transgender rights in the BC school system. Mischa is a Loran Scholar with an MEd in Social Justice Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning.

## Families SOGI School



1.5 hr

Keynote

- Understanding SOGI
- Creating a community of allies
- 2SLGBTQ+ 101
- What to say. What not to say.
- Understanding where anti-SOGI pushback is coming from
- How to talk about SOGI
- Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ youth

- ✓ What SOGI in schools really means and how you can take part in being a 2SLGBTQ+ ally.
- ✓ Build understanding together and turn away from fear and misinformation.



Wednesday, May 22, 2024



6:00pm - 8:00pm



BSS Theatre - 135 Pym St, Parksville



[www.lgbtqcorporatetraining.com](http://www.lgbtqcorporatetraining.com)

Questions? Email: [sd69dpac@gmail.com](mailto:sd69dpac@gmail.com)

DPAC & Qualicum School District (QSD) are excited to bring Mischa back for a second year in row!

Families  
QSD Staff  
CUPE  
MATA

are ALL invited to attend this Keynote Address



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July 13th and 20th @ 11am to 2pm

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.

<b>EES Lunch Program</b> (daily lunch)	<b>EES PAC Hot Lunches</b> (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#/>

## 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

### MAY

15 - Showcase of Learning  
(2:15-7:00 pm)

17 - Conferencing Adjustment  
Day (no school)

20 - Victoria Day (no school)

29 - Kindergarten information  
& orientation session

### JUNE

27 - Final day of school - early  
dismissal