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Celebration of Learning

Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. EES Teachers are planning an opportunity to connect with families on **May 7th, 2025 between 2:30 and 7:30 pm** 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 at 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 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 available starting April 21 ,2025 at midnight)

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

Introductory School Newsletter Kindergarten



Kindergarten Immunization Information

In B.C., routine immunizations are recommended for children at kindergarten entry (4-6 years of age). If your child has not received their kindergarten immunizations, please contact Oceanside Public Health Services at (250) 947-8242 to book an appointment at the health unit.

For more information about immunization, please go to <https://immunizebc.ca/> or contact the school nurse at Oceanside Public Health Services.

EES Library News

Titanic Exhibition: This week, we have been having a lot of fun exploring the story of the Titanic. Our student team has been working hard for weeks to get ready. We are so thankful for the support of the Qualicum Beach Museum who have lent us some beautiful artifacts from the era. We also thank the Canada Coast Guard Victoria Station and Mr. Cook for lending us lots of cool navigation instruments from their archive. Our Float Your Boat water station has seen many a ship test the mettle of the designers and the weight of the cargo to see if they will sink or sail. Thank you to students and staff for making this exhibit so fun!

Student Vote: Our intermediate students will be going to the polls on Friday April 25th to cast their student vote for the upcoming Federal Election. Thank you to our Student Council Vote crew for organizing this event and helping us learn about democracy in Canada.

VIRL Summer Events at your local library: There are many summer events planned at local Vancouver Island Regional Library Branches. And the cool thing is, if you're in another town or city, you can still visit the branch for special events! <https://virl.bc.ca/calendar/2025-07/> Get Your Card! You can register and receive your own library card by filling out this online application <https://virl.bc.ca/get-help/get-a-card/>

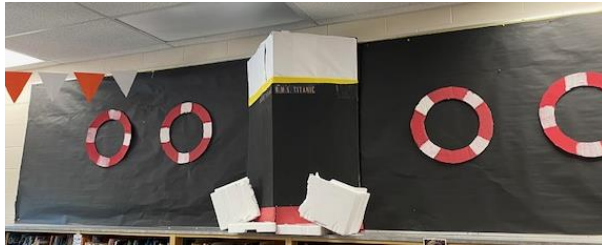
Return Your Books: Please return your library books as soon as you are finished reading. Many students are waiting for their next book :)

We hope you have a wonderful Easter Break!
Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

Picture of the Food Drive Pick Up Day with the Salvation Army last month



EES Titanic Exhibition Photo Gallery





CAPTAIN
ZIMMERMAN

FIRST MATE
ZELIZNEY



CAPTAIN
JAMES-JOHNSON

FIRST MATE
WARBURTON



CAPTAIN
BREUER

FIRST MATE
MARTENS



THE EES TITANIC CREW

SHIP'S CREW



**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Ecole Oceanside Elementary – April 1st & 22nd @ 10:30am–11:30am
Springwood Elementary – April 4th @ 9:45am–10:45am
Bowser Elementary – April 7th & 14th @ 11am–12pm
Errington Elementary – April 7th @ 1pm–2pm
Qualicum Beach Elementary – April 9th & 23rd @ 10am–11am
Arrowview Elementary – April 10th & 24th @ 1:15pm–2:15pm
NanOOSE Bay Elementary – April 25th @ 9:45am–10:45am

Ready, Set, Learn is a free drop-in program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their parents/caregivers with the intent of supporting children's transitions into school.

Check out our website
to book your spot:
www.oblt.ca



Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Meadowood Community Park – April 2nd @ 10:30am – 12pm
Errington Community Park – April 9th @ 10:30am – 12pm
Parksville Community Park – April 15th @ 11am – 12:30pm
NanOOSE Place Community Centre – April 23rd @ 10:30am – 12pm
Bowser Legion – April 30th @ 10am – 11:30am

WOW Bus is a free drop-in outreach program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their adult. Families are invited to climb aboard the WOW Bus and join us for healthy snacks, playtime, songs, and stories.

Check out our website for more details about the WOW Bus and other free early years programs: www.oblt.ca



Upcoming *erase* Training

- Families:

- April 8 – [Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities \(virtual\)](#)
- **NEW OFFERING** – April 23 – [Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)
- May 7 – [Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities \(virtual\)](#)
- May 21 – [Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)
- June 3 – [Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding against Cyberbullying and Sextortion \(virtual\)](#)

(The information will also been posted on the community page of the district website).

Creating a Substance Use Prevention Plan Webinar for Parents

The Ministry of Education and Child Care with Dr. Hayley Watson, adolescent clinical psychologist from [Open Parachute](#), is hosting three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers on creating a personalized step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention skills in their home.

Participants are required to [register](#) in advance for one of the sessions on April 29, May 7 or May 8 from 6:00-7:30 pm PDT.

Happy Spring EES families!

PAC is always looking for ways to build community among our school families, support parents and caregivers, and get more input into PAC decisions and activities. We have questions for you!

What topics would interest you if PAC were to host a parent information and education event?

What would get *you* to come out to a PAC meeting?
Hop onto our **EES PAC Facebook** page to post your answers!
You can also message a PAC member from there

or email erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com.

Next PAC meeting: May 1 at 6:00pm in the school library

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PETE THE CAT FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL



THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

FAIR

5:00PM - 7:00PM



**Qualicum Commons
744 Primrose Street
Qualicum Beach**

Meet Pete the Cat,
climb aboard a school bus, fun activities,
parent resources, and lots more ...



Registration is appreciated
but drop-ins are welcome!

WWW.OBLT.CA

Presented by
OBLT, Qualicum School District,
and Ready, Set, Learn



**ROGERS
First Set**

Kids Try Tennis!

Qualicum Beach Tennis Courts

March 28, April 21, April 28, May 19

3:00-4:00 p.m.

All kids, all ages, no experience needed

Racquets and balls provided

Prizes

Register for free with name and age: arrowsmithtennis@hotmail.com



ARROWSMITH TENNIS CLUB



B.C. Training and Education Savings Program Grant Flyer For students in Kindergarten through Grade 3

ATTENTION Parents and Guardians: Don't let your child miss out on a **\$1,200 grant!**

The B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG) is available to eligible children for a **three-year window only**. It can be used for their future post-secondary education and training.



Is my child eligible?

- ☐ Parent or guardian, plus the child are B.C. residents and have Social Insurance Numbers (SINs)
- ☐ The child is between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9

Make a plan today!

Step 1: Contact or visit your financial institution and ask if they offer the grant (most will).

Step 2: All you need is:

- ☐ Proof of residency: e.g. *BC driver's licence, BC Identification Card, BC Services Card, or recent B.C. utilities bill*
- ☐ Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- ☐ Your child's Social Insurance Number (SIN)*

*Apply for a SIN: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

Step 3: During your appointment with your financial institution:

- ☐ Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child (skip if already done)
- ☐ Complete application for the BCTESG. No need to add any of your own money!

If eligible, **\$1,200** will be deposited into your child's RESP. Apply today!

Learn More: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> or contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca.



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

Services and Technology Division
Student Certification Branch

Mailing Address:
PO Box 9886 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria B.C. V8W 9T6

Daily Lunch available @ EES

Our daily lunch program is underway and 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: 8 days prior for PAC lunches and the Wednesday prior to the date of the lunch for the EES Lunch Program.**

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#/>

Information for Families:

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

<https://specialmarkets.ia.ca/aonbc/home>

Public Meetings of the Board of Education

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/BoardMeetingAgendasMinutes/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx#/=>

KEY DATES

April

18 – Good Friday (no school)

21 – Easter Monday (no school)

28 – Pro-D Day (no school)

May

7 – Celebration of Learning

16 – Conferencing Adjustment Day
(no school)

19 – Victoria Day (no school)

June

26 – Last day of school before
Summer Break

27 – Administrative Day (no school)