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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 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.

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.



Artist: Ocean Hyland Qualicum First Nations

Drop-off and Pick-up - Reminder

Please note that school begins at 8:10am. **If you are dropping off your child prior to 8:10am, please use the Lower Parking Lot.** If you are dropping off after 8:10am, you may pull up to the front of the school. Students who arrive after 8:15am must report to the office before going to their classroom. We are noticing a number of cars coming in and out of the top lot, and it is becoming unsafe for pedestrians.

Please make sure your child's teacher is aware of your child's after school schedule. We need to know if your child is getting picked up (and by who) or taking the bus.



EES Library News

Fireside Pop Up Bookstore: Thank you Errington! We had a great time with our Fireside Bookstore and everyone enjoyed the great new and used books and all the awesome puzzles and games! We raised over \$1000.00 for our library and also bought some great new books! Thank you to our wonderful PAC for supporting the bookstore with Movie Night. Well done Errington!

Christmas Books: Our books are out! You're invited to come and check out some marvelous holiday books to take home and share with family. They're only here until Christmas break, so check them out!

EES Winter Concert and Turkey Claus play: We're gearing up for our Winter Concert which takes place Thursday Dec 19th. There will be a DRESS REHEARSAL in the afternoon and and EVENING PERFORMANCE which starts at 5:30 pm. More information to come :)

Overdue Books: Please bring back your library books before we break for the holidays. We'll be sending out notices this week. If you have lost your book, you can bring a good quality similar genre book from home to replace it. Come and speak with us about it :)

We wish for you a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a wonderful family holiday :)

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

Errington Elementary PAC

 **Holiday Free Store** 

This Friday, December 13

Hosted by PAC in the gym during school hours

Each child will have a chance during the school day to come "shop" for a free gift for a friend or loved one from a selection of gently used donated items.

No charge or donation required.

***Thank you to all who have donated items and volunteered your time
for this event!***

EES Students Bringing Christmas Spirit to the Community

Last Friday, students in Room 14 volunteered their time in the community. They visited Berwick Retirement Community to build gingerbread houses with residents, then they walked to their Salvation Army Bell Ringing stations throughout Parksville.

During their two-hour shift, groups of students engaged with the public and did a wonderful job raising funds to go back into the community.

"It felt good to do a fieldtrip that helped others" - Room 14 student



**DID YOU
KNOW?**



**Starting
Nov 4th**



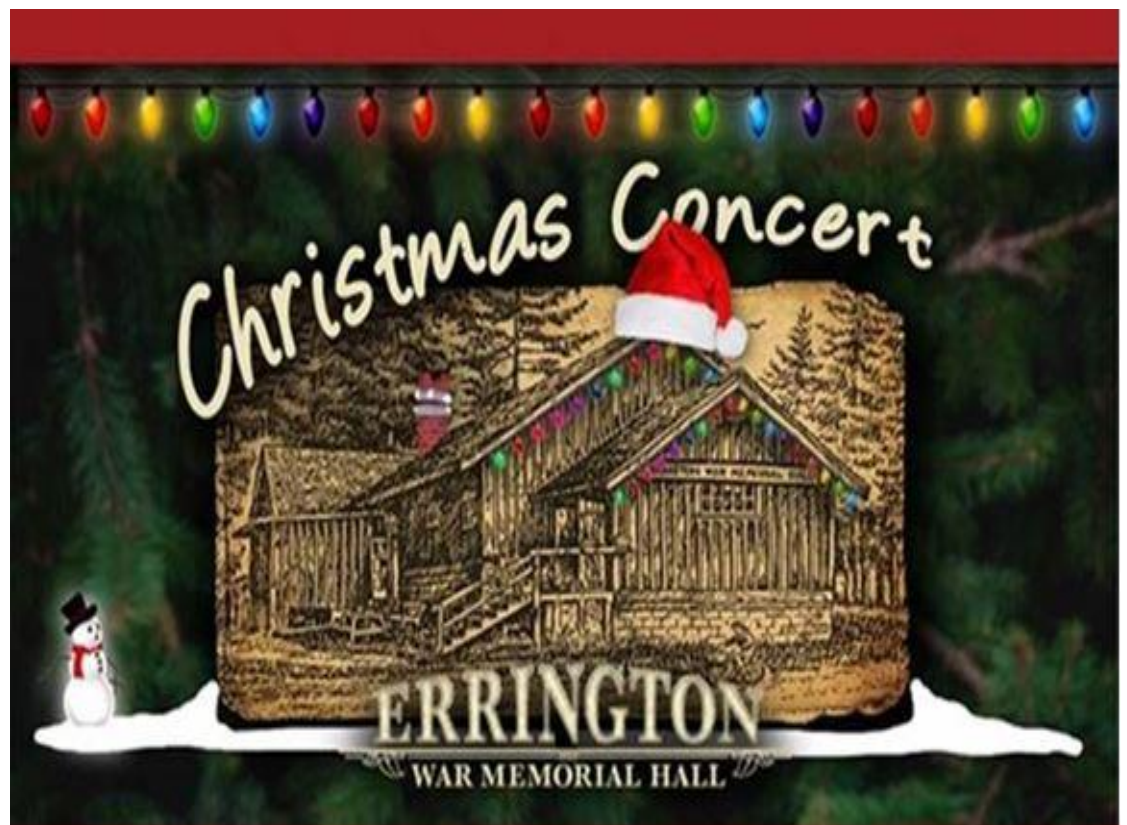
Ready, Set, Learn!

at your local elementary school!

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





Errington Christmas Concert on December 21st

Doors open at 6:00 and Concert starts at 6:30

**Join us for our traditional community
gathering of festive song and celebration**

**Featuring the Errington Children's Choir, Sound Connection
and a showing of the beloved 'Snowman' film.**

*Admission is by donation of cash or non-perishable food items.
Visit our website for more info www.ErringtonHall.ca*

SOS Caring for Community at Christmas

Creating the magic of Christmas
for local residents since 1968



Drop-in to register

Starting Nov. 19, low income families and individuals can register at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville from 9:15 am - 11:30 am and 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm, Monday - Friday. Parents and grandparents receive help providing gifts for children and youth, and grocery gift cards are provided to adults, seniors and families.

Support the program

Financial donations: Donate online, by phone or in person.

Gift donations: New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4:30 pm. Attend a local event benefitting the program, or locate an SOS Angel Tree at a participating business.

Thank you for helping create magic for residents in need!

SOS Community Services Centre

www.sosd69.com | 250.248.2093 ext. 229

245 Hirst Avenue West, Parksville

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

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#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/BoardMeetingAgendasMinutes/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx#/)

KEY DATES

DECEMBER

13 – Student Winter Holiday Market at EES

19 – Winter Concert

20 - Last day of school before Winter Break

JANUARY

6 - School Reopens after Winter Break

February

17 – BC Family Day (no school)

March

7 – Pro-D Day (no school)

14 – Last day of school before Spring Break

31 – School Reopens after Spring Break

April

18 – Good Friday (no school)

21 – Easter Monday (no school)

28 – Pro-D Day (no school)

May

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)