

EES Newsletter

January 2024 Issue #6

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! It was great to see everyone back this week. We hope that everyone enjoyed some time away from school, and had the opportunity to relax and do some activities with family and friends.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Lunny to Errington Elementary. Mrs. Lunny is our new Vice-Principal, and over the next few weeks, she will be settling into her roles and responsibilities at EES. Mrs. Lunny is coming to us from Kwalikum Secondary School, where she was a Vice-Principal for 5 years. She brings a wealth of knowledge, especially with technology for learning, and she is very excited to be joining the Wildcats team!

January 2025 marks 25 years since Errington Elementary opened. EES was the first school of the new millennium opened in BC. As a school, we will celebrate this special milestone next week.

Noticing and Dressing for the Weather

We are in the season of tum'xuytl', known as the "cold time", and our seasonal moon is Thulxwumucun, Moon of Shining Ice. 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.



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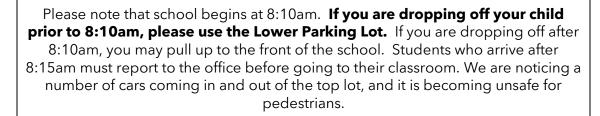
Kindergarten Immunization

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OBLT Family Literacy Day

OBLT Ready, Set Learn at EES

Drop-off and Pick-up - Reminder



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.

District School Calendar Survey

Qualicum School District - **DRAFT 3**-Year District School Calendar Survey

Prior to approval, the Board of Education is requesting input on the Draft District School Calendar for 2025-2028 and is circulating a draft to collect comments from parents and employees.

As you may be aware, school calendars are regulated by the School Act as well as local and provincial collective agreement language. The number of noninstructional days are determined by the School Act or the local collective agreement, and the placement of those days are a local decision. Please provide comments on the proposed 2025-2028 School District calendar*** via this link: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/eSgJU6KDpd</u>

*****False Bay School** Employees and Parents/Caregivers - please complete this survey: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/FjnU4ajAiS</u>

Thank you all for your feedback!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for September 2025 will open on Monday, January 20, 2025 through to Friday, January 31, 2025.

To qualify for Kindergarten enrollment in September 2025, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2025. Proof of Age for a student includes a birth certificate or passport. Check out the School District website registration page to see what else you might need:



https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Kreg.aspx#/=

Our district will be using the MyEdBC on-line registration process for in-coming Kindergarten students only in January.

(The online registration process will remain available for use after the registration deadline; however, parents are strongly encouraged to register their child within the registration window to assist with classroom/staffing planning)

If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the EES office or contact us at (250) 248-8446.

All new students must register online with their catchment area school.

Information for those students wishing to attend a school outside their catchment can be found at link above

If you know of any families who will need to be aware of this information, we ask you to please pass this along to them.



EES Library News

Happy New Year of Reading!

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and found some time to sit down with a good book!

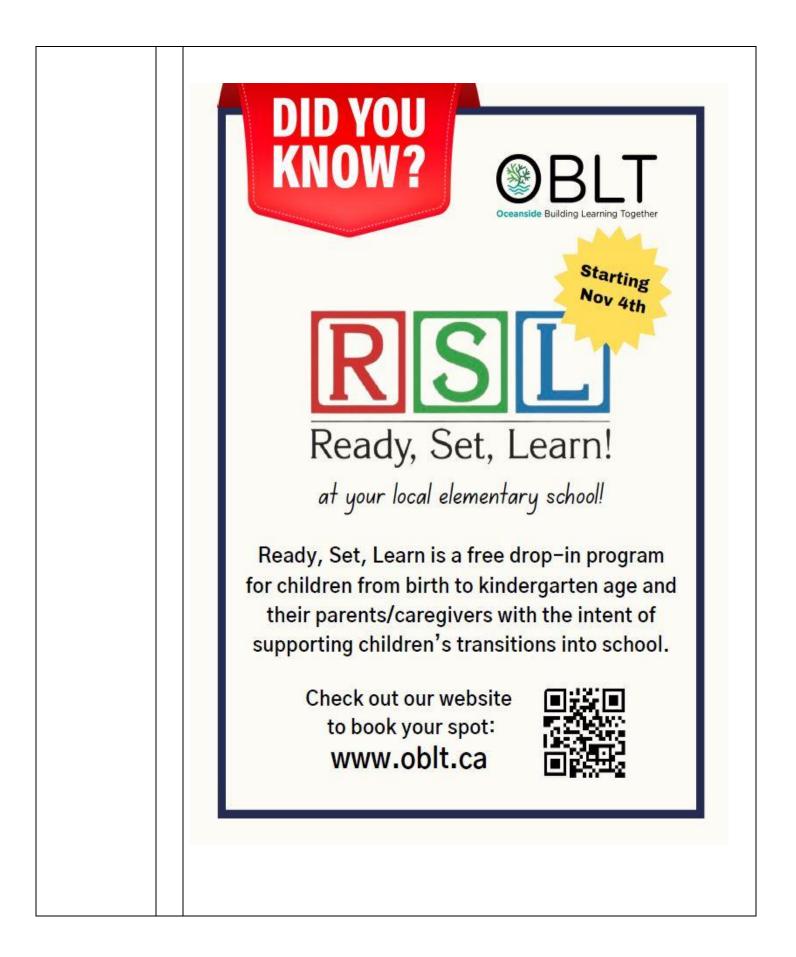
Overdue Books: We still have a lot of books overdue. Please check at home and bring them back for other students to enjoy. Thanks!

November 2024 Fireside Book Fair Shopping Spree Winners:



Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook







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	PAC Hot Lunches
use: ADD Errington School	

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

JANUARY 20 – KF Registration opens

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)