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**Principal's Year-End Message**

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and many memorable moments. We've had the privilege of witnessing our students flourish—not only academically but also in their social development. Their curiosity, resilience, and enthusiasm for learning have been inspiring to watch.

Throughout the year, we've also seen bonds of friendship form and strengthen. Whether it was during classroom collaboration, recess games, or school events, many new connections were made that will no doubt carry on for years to come.

As we head into the summer break, I hope all our students and families take the time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the break from school. Whether it's time spent at the beach, family barbecues, exploring nature, or simply relaxing with a good book, summer offers a well-deserved opportunity to unwind and make lasting memories with loved ones.

To our graduating Grade 7 students, congratulations! We are incredibly proud of all that you've accomplished during your time at Errington Elementary. As you move on to high school, we wish you all the best in this exciting new chapter. Embrace the opportunities ahead and continue to grow with confidence and kindness.

To our returning students, we look forward to welcoming you back in September. We can't wait to hear all about your summer adventures and to continue learning and growing together in the new school year.

Have a safe, joyful, and restful summer!

**EES New Start/End Times**

As of September 2025, the EES school start and end times schedule will be changing by 20 minutes. The bus schedule will change to reflect this later start.

Please see below the new start and end times and recess information:

**Start of day bell - 8:30**

**Recess - 10:05-10:25**

**Lunch Recess - 12:10-12:40**

**Dismissal - 2:16**

### 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.

### Last Day - Thursday, June 26th - Early Dismissal



The final day of the 2024-2025 school year is **Thursday, June 26th**. We will be having our school-wide assembly at 8:45 that morning, and students will be dismissed at 11 am.

We return to school on **Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Students in grades 1-7 will be in session for the morning that day, and our incoming kindergarten students will begin their gradual entry on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Thank You to Shockwave Seats and Our Community

As many of you know, one of our aluminum soccer goals was stolen from Errington Elementary School over the weekend of June 7-8. This unfortunate event gained media attention earlier this week when a story aired on CHEK News.

We are incredibly pleased to share some good news: a marine company based in Sidney, BC – **Shockwave Seats**, which also produces **ScoreMaster Goals**, has generously offered to build and donate a brand-new soccer goal to our school. The new goal is expected to be ready for use this fall.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Shockwave Seats** for their incredible support. We also want to thank our amazing **Errington community**. Your efforts in spreading the word helped bring attention to our situation and ultimately led to this generous donation.

Thanks to all of you, our students will once again enjoy a full set of soccer goals when the new school year begins!



## School Supplies 2025-2026 School Year



### ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Errington Families,

For the 2025-2026 school year, we will again be bulk purchasing our school supplies. We will be charging supply fee of \$50 for all students in grades K-7, with a maximum charge of \$100/family with multiple children attending EES. Families with Kindergarten students coming in the fall will be contacted separately closer to September with some more detailed instructions on how to pay this fee.

With the cost of living rising, the quotes we are receiving for our individual school supply lists are over \$80 per student. In order to help families, and support students with their learning, we are preparing to purchase the supplies for all our students to keep these costs down.

Our hope is that this will streamline things for families as they get ready to go back to school in the fall. Bulk ordering will also ensure teachers will have the supplies they truly need in their classes, as what one teacher needs for supplies, another may not require. Additionally, bulk ordering will provide consistency for the students as everyone in a class will have the same supplies. It is important that the students have quality supplies, and with the school's access to various vendors, we are able to provide this for our families in a cost-effective way.

We will open up School Cash Online for payment after July 3rd, with a due date of November 30th. If you are new to Errington, or are not able to access School Cash Online, then you can pay at the front office with cash or cheque. Families can pay the fee when they are able, either in full or in installments as it works for you.

If you feel this will be out of your reach, please contact the front office.



## School Bus Registration for the 2025/26 School Year

School Bus Registration for the 2025/26 school year is now open! Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in **before the end of this school year** for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child and to **avoid extra fees**.

**Bussing Fee Summary Table**

	<b>ELIGIBLE RIDER FEES</b>	<b>COURTESY RIDER FEES</b>
<b>Early - between April - June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Free	\$175.00*
<b>Late - between July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	\$25.00*	\$225.00*
<b>Late - after August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$50.00*	\$275.00*

*\*Parents and caregivers who believe these fees will cause financial hardship in their household are encouraged to speak to their school principal about fee relief. Options may include partial or even full fee waivers, depending on need, which will then be communicated by the principal to the Transportation Department.*

### REGISTRATION PROCESSING TIMELINES

**April - June 30** only Eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

- If a bus reaches capacity, an Eligible Rider wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after July 1.
- Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

**July 1- onwards** Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

Applications received after Sept 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on busses allow.



## EES Library News

Hello From your Library Learning Commons

**Please Return Your Books:** We are gathering up all the library resources for the end of the year inventory. Please return all your library books this week. If you have lost a book, please talk to us about replacing your lost book with a book of similar quality and genre from home.

**FREE BOOKS:** Our Free Book table is overflowing! Come and take a look and get some great books for the summer!

**Online Reading:** This summer, try using SORA/OVERDRIVE, the District's online library of ebooks and audio books

- Go to the Errington Elementary School Website:  
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/ees>
- Click on **PORTAL** on the bottom right of the website.
- Sign in with your SD69 login - username is your student number, and password is your birthday (month/day/year no leading zeroes) starting with a b.
- Click on **MY SITE**.
- Click on Sora Overdrive

You can install the SORA app on your phone or device from [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#)

Find your school (School District 69 Qualicum), then sign in, you may be asked to sign in with SD69 login again

Browse the Explore tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away and it's available for 3 weeks.

**Summer Reading Programs:** Vancouver Island Regional Library has some fabulous summer reading programs for kids, teens and adults! You can also use your VIRL library card to access ebooks and other resources online. <https://virl.bc.ca/whats-happening/join-a-summer-reading-program/>



Thank you and happy reading this summer!

Mrs. Cook and Ms. Richards

### **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/>



### **PAC News**

Thank you to our 2024-2025 PAC Executive Team and all volunteers who helped support our EES community this year!

Together we:

- ☆ Organized Friday hot lunches ☆
- ☆ Put on Movie Night and Winter Free Store events ☆
- ☆ Supported teachers with classroom funding ☆
- ☆ Provided outdoor seating in our new picnic area ☆

Our 2025-2026 PAC team Erin, Shawn, Jasmine and Aimee are excited to see how

## BOOK GIFTS FOR BABIES & PRE-SCHOOLERS

### THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS

Registered Charity # 762574267RR0001



January 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>, register to receive FREE books for babies and preschoolers. Started by 95-year-old Eva Hilborn, our charity has more than forty volunteers who are mostly retired teachers dedicated to spreading the love of books. If you live in Qualicum School District #69 from Bowser to Nanoose Bay or Lasqueti Island, your youngster will receive free books delivered to your home.



Register for your baby, one-year-old, or two-year-old to receive brand new book gifts, now!

Email [wwbeec@gmail.com](mailto:wwbeec@gmail.com) OR [www.thewonderfulworldofbooks.com](http://www.thewonderfulworldofbooks.com) OR Scan the QR Code

### New Host Families Needed

Qualicum International Student Program is still in need of homes at both Kwalikum and Ballenas for boys in grades 9-12.

The stipend will be \$1100.00/mo, per student this coming school year. We have many fantastic kids coming from Germany, Mexico, Spain, China and Japan who are still in need of homes and we need to place them now for the Fall.

Please contact us directly as soon as possible at [homestay@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@sd69.bc.ca). If you apply online, be sure to list your school PAC as a referral.

**WE'RE HIRING**  
**FAMILY PEER SUPPORT WORKER,**  
**QUALICUM ICY TEAM**

# WORK WITH US

Family Peer Support Workers are parents and caregivers of children/youth who have mental health and/or substance use challenges. Your personal parenting experience is the primary requirement for this role. Your experience will help other families find help, comfort, hope and feel less alone.



[familysmart.ca/careers](https://familysmart.ca/careers)







## CELEBRATE CANADA DAY IN QUALICUM BEACH - JULY 1



## FUN FOR ALL AGES

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Legion Garden  
8:30 am - 11:30 am

### OPENING CEREMONY

Cake Cutting at 1:00 pm

### LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY

Local Bands on Stage

Performances by the  
Q Jumpers,  
Mike Jarvis Group  
& Cheers!

### JOIN THE CELEBRATION ON VETERANS WAY!

Cake Cutting Ceremony  
Ice Cream Dreams  
Kid Zone with Games  
Bouncy Castles  
Face Painting

BBQ Hotdogs & Hamburgers  
Extended Beer Garden  
Local Entertainment  
Dunk Tank  
...And More!



### EVENING STREET DANCE

Featuring



Presented by the Town of Qualicum Beach and the Qualicum Beach Legion, Branch 76.  
Special thanks to our community sponsors:



Visit our website for more details! [www.legion76.ca/Canadaday](http://www.legion76.ca/Canadaday)

## 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](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca).



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# Munchkinland & Storybook Village

at

Qualicum Commons – Summer Program



Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

July 15<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Munchkinland & Storybook Village is a free early learning program for children aged birth to kindergarten and their adult. Come learn through play, meet new friends, and take part in special activities offered throughout the week.

Please come prepared to play outside in all types of weather.

Check out our website for  
more information:  
[www.oblt.ca](http://www.oblt.ca)



# StrongStart Wrap Up

at

Qualicum Beach Rotary Park

Wednesday, June 25th, 2025

11am – 3pm



Come join us for some fun and activities on  
our last day of StrongStart programming  
before the summer break at  
Qualicum Beach Rotary Park!

2945 Island Hwy West, Qualicum Beach

Check out our website for  
more information:  
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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.**

<b>EES Lunch Program</b> (daily lunch)	<b>EES PAC Hot Lunches</b> (select Fridays only)
<u><a href="#">Errington School Meals</a></u> If you already have a PAC account use: <u><a href="#">ADD Errington School</a></u>	<u><a href="#">PAC Hot Lunches</a></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#/=>

## KEY DATES

### June

26 – Last day of school before  
Summer Break

27 – Administrative Day (no school)