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Principal's Message

It has been a busy few weeks at Errington Elementary. We finished October with our Hallowe'en day: a school-wide costume parade and Scarington, an event supported by PAC and created and run by Sr. Leadership students. Our gym was decorated and filled with fun activities that each class enjoyed. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who made this possible - it was a Spooktacular day!

Last week it was wonderful to see so many parents/guardians in the school for our parent/teacher conferences. If you were not able to schedule a meeting, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time. Studies show that when families and school form a strong team, students are more likely to succeed. Communication is key to building strong learning teams.

We also held our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 8th. Our student-led assembly provided the opportunity for all our students to learn about the importance of Remembrance Day, and to reflect on the privileges and freedoms we have in Canada. We are very proud of our student MCs and speakers for their wonderful job with this important assembly.

The month ahead will be full with many learning activities and exciting events as we head toward our winter break. As always, reach out to your child's teacher or school administration if you have questions or concerns.

Inclement Weather and Clothing

Although we have had sunny days, we know that soon the rainy weather will be upon us! It is extremely important for students to have appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor use, along with a pair of inside shoes to change into when inside the building. These shoes are also used for gym use.

We expect students to wear warm coats (hoods are a good idea) and we recommend boots, hats, gloves, and umbrellas. In general, students go outside to play during recess and lunch breaks, even if it is raining or snowing. Each day, we assess the combination of weather, wind, and temperature to determine whether or not it is suitable for the students to play outside. We recommend that students have a spare change of clothing kept at school in case of various emergencies. We have a very limited supply of clothing available.



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.

Student Forms

This week families should have received an electronic version (via email) of the FOIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) and GAFE form (Google Workspace for Education). We would ask that if you haven't already done so, to please open, complete and submit online to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the EES office.

Reminder for Gr. 6 Immunizations & Gr. 7 catch-up Immunizations

Immunization consent packages for Grade 6 students were sent home last month. Please return the signed consent form to the school as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. Students in Grade 6 will be offered routine immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent/guardian/representative.



Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 6 students on Monday November 25, 2024 and Monday May 26th, 2025.

Public Health will be providing catch-up immunizations to Grade 7 students who missed their Grade 6 immunizations. This catch-up opportunity will be offered **Monday November 25th, 2024**. Only students who have a paper consent form signed by their parent/guardian/representative from the 2023-2024 school year (Grade 6) will be immunized.

Please contact Oceanside Public Health Services at (250)947-8242 if you have any questions.

EES Library News

Pop-Up Bookstore with Fireside Books



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Pop-Up Bookstore

FIRESIDE BOOKS

Errington Elementary School Library
Friday, Nov 22 to Thursday, Nov 28

Store Open 8:15-1:30 * sign up for shopping visits
PAC Movie Night Fri open 5:00-8:00
Family Shopping Wed open 2:00-3:00

Your place for perfect
Holiday Gifts!

Thank you for supporting
EES Library!

Blurby, The Horse Encyclopedia for Kids, Wild Pigs, Winnie the Pooh, Baby-Sitters Little Sister, Wings Fire, Piggiecorn

We're so excited to be presenting our very first pop-up bookstore this month!

We are partnering with Fireside Books who will set up a Pop-Up Bookstore selling quality new and used books and gifts. Just in time for the Holidays!


The store opens Friday Nov 22 and runs until Thursday Nov 28. It will be open during **PAC MOVIE NIGHT** Friday Nov 22 from 5-8 pm. **FAMILY SHOPPING** is open Wednesday Nov 27 from 2-3 pm. Classes will sign up for shopping visits with their teacher. We accept cash, credit and debit.

This is our main fundraiser for the year, so... **THANK YOU** for supporting our EES Library!

Overdue Books: We'll be sending out overdue notices next week. Please return your library books, there are students waiting to read them! 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 :)

Scarington 4 October 31: Thank you to PAC, staff and students for making our Scarington event so fabulous this year! Much spooky fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone who donated candy, decorations and time to Scarington!

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook



**Photo Gallery
Scarington**



Remembrance Assembly





Coffee With the Trustees



And Tea
Too!

Get ready for a cozy chat! Beginning in November, on the first Wednesday of each month in the school year, one of our schools will be hosting "**Coffee with Trustees**" right after the last bell rings! ☕ Parents, caregivers, students, and staff are all invited to join in for some informal and friendly conversations about what matters most to you. We can't wait to see you there!.

THE NEXT COFFEE DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Wednesday,
December 4th

Errington
Elementary

KEEPING KIDS SAFE online

Keeping Kids Safe Online is a 60-minute presentation **designed for parents** to learn how to help children stay safe online while using apps, social media, and gaming platforms.

Join us for a presentation and follow up information specific for Oceanside from Oceanside RCMP and Sources Mid-Island Sexual Assault Services.

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
6:30-8pm
at Ballenas Theatre

Part 1: Overview – discusses and defines different forms of online sexual exploitation, including sextortion and intimate image sharing, as well as red flags of luring and grooming.

Part 2: App Literacy – a review of today's most popular apps used by children and youth.

Part 3: Practical Conversations - how to talk children and youth about online safety and sexual exploitation.



Children of the Street

childrenofthestreet.ca

The first session at
EES is **on Monday
Nov.25th** in the
Library from,
**1:00pm to
2:00pm**

DID YOU KNOW?

OBLT
Oceanside Building Learning Together

**Starting
Nov 4th**

R S L

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

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

NOVEMBER

22-28 Pop-Up Bookstore with Fireside Books

22 – PAC Movie Night

25 – Ready, Set, Learn at EES

25 – Gr.6 Immunizations & Gr.7 catch-up Immunizations

29 - District-Wide Planning Day (No School)

DECEMBER

4 – Coffee with the Trustees

20 - Last day of school before Winter Break

JANUARY

6 - School Reopens after Winter Break