



EES Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer break and had quality time with friends and family. I would like to extend a warm welcome to new students and families to our EES community. Thank you to all staff for their efforts promoting a successful start-up. It was wonderful to reconnect with the students this week and we look forward to the exciting months ahead, learning and growing together.

As students begin to settle into their new classrooms, please remember that together we are a team that supports your child. We value the student-teacher-parent relationships as they are integral to our learning community. We know that various situations or concerns come up from time to time. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns. It is recommended that you send an email or leave a phone message to set up a suitable time to meet, as it is challenging for everyone to have meaningful and/or sensitive conversations at the busy drop-off and pick-up times.

We hope everyone will join us on September 19th between 5-6pm for our Open House and Meet the Teacher Night. Additionally, the school PAC will be hosting the first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm in our library - every parent is welcome to attend.

EES Bell Schedule 2024-2025

8:10 am	Instruction begins	
9:45am	Morning recess begins	
10:05am	Morning recess ends	
11:35am-11:50am	Eating period	
11:50am	Lunch recess begins	
12:20pm	End of playtime, instruction resumes	
1:56pm	Dismissal	
2:11pm	Students not picked up report to office	



We would like to welcome the following staff who have joined EES:

- Joni Jeffery (Teacher)
- Angie Woodthorpe (Educational Assistant)
- Tamie Macey (Educational Assistant)



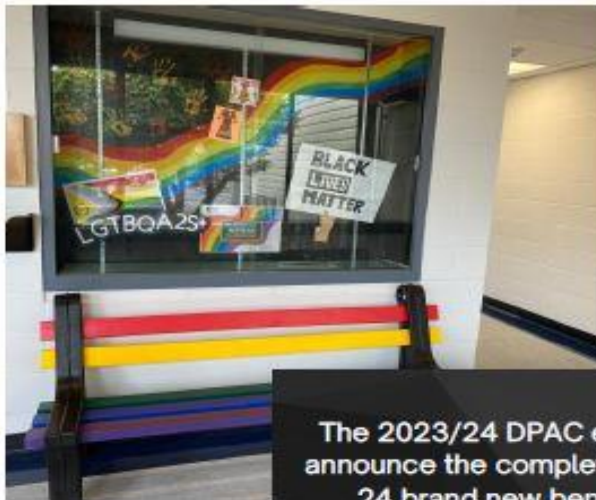
School Photo Day

Lifetouch Photography will be here to take individual and class photos on September 20th. Please mark your calendars.

Drop-off and Pick-up

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.

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.



Everyone
WELCOME



SEND OFF 2023-24
is proud to **WELCOME BACK** every school in the Qualicum School District.
THESE BENCHES EMBODIE OUR COMMITMENT TO CREATING
A SAFE AND WELCOMING SPACE FOR
ALL STUDENTS, STAFF, FAMILIES & VISITORS!

LET'S CELEBRATE INCLUSIVITY TOGETHER!

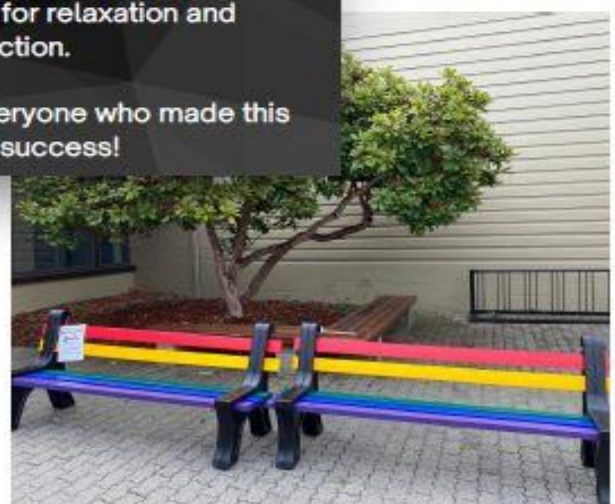


The 2023/24 DPAC executives are thrilled to announce the completion of a fantastic project: 24 brand new benches have been built, painted and delivered to schools within the Qualicum School District!

This project wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of our community. We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and resources to make this happen. A special shout-out goes to Home Hardware for their invaluable assistance. Their generosity allowed us to stay within budget, using approximately \$5,000 of the \$17,000 allocated by the vote.

We hope these benches bring joy and comfort to students and staff alike, providing a welcoming space for relaxation and connection.

Thank you again to everyone who made this project a success!



Terry Fox Run
Monday, September 16, 2024

We are participating in the Terry Fox School Run! We are so proud to be a part of this Canadian tradition in the fight against cancer. This annual event not only pays tribute to the indomitable spirit of Terry Fox but also serves as a powerful lesson in perseverance, compassion, and community. On Monday, September 16 @ 12:30 pm our students will lace up their sneakers and join in a run for hope and cancer research. Please support our student's fundraising efforts by sending a loonie /toonie, or by donating online at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ErringtonElementary>



EES Library News

Happy September and welcome back to Errington! Our library learning commons is a busy place and we're gearing up for a great year ahead :)

Students are receiving their library cards this week and an invitation to take books home from the Library. We have been speaking about taking good care of our books by keeping them safely in a separate book bag in their backpack. By choosing a safe place at home to keep library books, it makes it easier to find them to return to the Library. Did you know that family members can take out library books on the student library card, too? Check us out!

On display this month, resources to celebrate the hul'q'umin'um' season of tum kwelus, or hot time. We have books about harvesting ripe berries like thimble berries and blackberries.

We are celebrating the International Week of the Forest by welcoming back Arrowsmith Search and Rescue who are presenting AdventureSmart lessons on forest safety. Classes will also be invited to check out the Pond Critters display in the lobby and have fun in the RDN Stewardship Forest.

We wish for you a very happy year of reading and learning at EES!

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

Fall Marimba Classes at the Errington Hall September 19 to November 28, 2024

For 10 weeks this fall, Thursdays will be Marimba Day at the Errington Hall. We're offering an after school program for kids ages 8 to 12. The classes start at 3:30 and end at 4:30.

Registration is capped at eight. Please note these are not drop in sessions as the learning is cumulative and the songs build on what was learned previously.

A grant allows us to offer the programs for a registration fee of only \$80 for the ten weeks. Classes begin on Thursday, September 19 and end on Thursday, November 28. There is no class on October 31.

The instructor is Ted Wright, co-founder of the marimba band Marimba Muzuva. Ted is an experienced teacher and very knowledgeable about marimba music and its traditions. He gives this description of his classes:

"Rhythm and music are an inherent part of human nature. In this class we'll use Zimbabwean marimbas to help each of us discover and nourish this part of ourselves. We will explore some Zimbabwean songs and different aspects of Zimbabwean culture. This is an opportunity to experience music and its many uplifting, joyous, and healing qualities, no matter your age or previous experience."

You can download the registration form [here](#) or contact Valerie, the program coordinator, at vgdare@shaw.ca if you have any questions.



(NEWS file photo)

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

SEPTEMBER

16 – Terry Fox Run
19 – Open House Meet the Teacher Night
20-Photo Day
27 – Orange Shirt Day
30 – National Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

OCTOBER

14 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
25 - Pro-D Day (No school)

NOVEMBER

1 -Pro-D Day (No School)
6 - Photo Retake Day
11-Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday (No School)
12 - Conferencing Adjustment Day (No School)
29 - District-Wide Planning Day (No School)

DECEMBER

20 - Last day of school before Winter Break

JANUARY

6 - School Reopens after Winter Break