

Errington Elementary School Newsletter Friday, December 12, 2025

Principal's Message

As we head into our final week of school and look forward to the upcoming winter break, the excitement in our building is truly palpable. Over the past few weeks, students have enjoyed a variety of engaging activities, and our last week together promises even more festive fun.



Thanks to the generosity and support of our wonderful PAC, our school participated in the Winter Wonderland skating event at Oceanside Place. Students were divided into two groups and had a fantastic time on the ice. In addition, many students enjoyed shopping for special gifts at the PAC Winter Holiday Market, where they selected and wrapped treasures to share with family and friends. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who donated items for the market, as well as to the many parents whose efforts made these opportunities possible.

We also hope families will join us on December 17th for our Winter Concert. We will be offering two performances that day. Our dress rehearsal will take place at 1:00 p.m. Families are welcome to attend, but please note that this performance will include pauses as classes work together to finalize the program. Our full evening performance will begin at 5:30 p.m. Both events will be held in the school gymnasium.

Our final day of school before the winter break will be Friday, December 19. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, January 5.

Wishing you all a season filled with warmth, joy, and meaningful moments.



Boys Grade 6/7 Basketball

The boys' basketball team had a wonderful basketball season that was capped off with an amazing tournament showing at Springwood Elementary. The boys played three games in the tournament and were dominant throughout, winning each of their games and bringing home the first-place banner. More impressively,



the boys displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the tournament.





Girls Grade 6/7 Basketball

The girls' basketball team was a team built on grit, hard work and determination. They worked so hard over the season, winning many of their games and always working to improve. They played their final tournament at Oceanside Elementary School where they made their way to the finals versus Arrowview. In an incredibly

close game, the girls fell to Arrowview but came home with an amazing second place banner. The girls' determination and team cohesiveness were an inspiration to watch!



Congratulations to both teams!

Spreading Joy

Below is a photo from Ms. Diewold's K/1 class showcasing their wonderful Service Project: seasonal placements to go with SOS Meals on Wheels deliveries. Well done students!



It's Christmas time in our Library!

Christmas Books: We have put out lots of great books for the holidays, check them out!

Overdue Books: We will be handing out overdue notices tomorrow and ask that students please bring back their books by THURSDAY next week, thank you!

Home For The Holidays: If you would like to take some extra books home for the holidays, you're welcome! Please speak with me or Evelyne.

We wish for you a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and, of course... books! May all your holiday stories be bright \odot

Ms. Richards and Ms. Evelyne





PAC NEWS:

Please join the EES PAC Facebook group to stay in the loop with PAC about events and fundraisers that may be coming up. The group is also a great way to connect with administration about hot lunch days, events, and other questions, and other families for play dates or birthday parties, or if you are looking for help with finding lost items or community support. We all know the term "it takes a village," this where our village meets.



Scan this QR Code or click the link to find the EES PAC Facebook Group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/eespac

Drop-off and Pick-up

Please note that school begins at 8:30am. If you are dropping off your child prior to 8:30am, please use the Lower Parking Lot. If you are dropping off after 8:30am, you may pull up to the front of the school. Students who arrive after 8:35am must report to the office before going to their classroom.

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



Daily Lunch Program

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)

Errington School Meals

If you already have a PAC account use:

ADD Errington School

EES PAC Hot Lunches

(select Fridays only)
PAC Hot Lunches

Local School Calendar 2025-2028

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SOS Caring for Community at Christmas

Creating the magic of Christmas for local residents since 1968



Drop-in to register

Starting Nov. 18, 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 - 3:30 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. Proof of residence, income and picture ID are required for all household members. CareCards, birth certificates or passports are acceptable ID for children.

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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Free and Lower-Cost Food in Oceanside

Across The Region	
Elementary and Secondary Schools in Qualicum School District	All schools offer meals at no or very low cost. Subsidies are available if students are not able to purchase the food. Speak with the school principal. Schools also provide snacks (in addition to meals) as needed.
Manna Homeless Society 250-248-0845 Email: oceansidemanna@gmail.com Website: https://www.mannahomelesssociety.com/ Tina, Community Outreach & Connection in Oceanside Services 250-228-7877	 The 'Manna Mobile' delivers needed provisions including groceries. Operating 365 days a year and covering the following areas: Nanoose Bay, Parksville, Errington, Coombs, Whiskey Creek, Hilliers, Qualicum Beach, Qualicum Bay and Bowser. Manna Wednesdays: offers an opportunity to stock up on weekend groceries at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Mt. Arrowsmith Salvation Army Community Church, 187 Alberni Hwy, Parksville. Provides meals, a snack bin, pantry items, and produce from her minivan. Thursdays and Sundays at 4pm at the empty lot behind the McDonalds in Parksville. Afterwards on Thursdays and Sundays at the Smithers RV community in Errington. Also, mobile elsewhere in the region.
	Arrowsmith
The Bradley Centre 975 Shearme Road, Coombs 250-248-2336 Email: thebradleycentrebookings@gmail.com Website: https://www.thebradleycentre.com/assistance	 Connections Cafe: Thursdays, 11am-1pm \$2 for soup and coffee Membership required. Sharing Table: Free food. Take what you need, leave what you can. Thursdays, 11am-1pm. Open to the public (no registration required). Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program. Runs June – October. For eligible members.







Qualicum Beach Elementary - December 1st @ 10:30am - 11:30am
Errington Elementary - December 1st & 8th @ 1pm - 2pm
Bowser Elementary - December 8th @ 10:30am - 11:30am
Ecole Oceanside Elementary - December 9th @ 9:10am - 10:10am
Springwood Elementary - December 10th @ 10:30am - 11:30am
Nanoose Bay Elementary - December 12th @ 10:30am - 11:30am
Arrowview Elementary - December 17th @ 1:30pm - 2:30pm

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







Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Nanoose Place Community Centre - Dec. 2nd @ 10:30am-11:30am Craig Street Commons - Dec.4th @ 2pm-3:30pm Veteran's Way, Qualicum Beach - Dec. 17th @ 10am-11:30am Oceanside Community Church - Dec. 18th @ 2:30pm-4pm

WOW Bus is a free drop-in outreach program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their adult. Families are invited to climb aboard the WOW Bus and join us for healthy snacks, playtime, songs, and stories.

Check out our website for more details about the WOW Bus and other free early years programs: www.oblt.ca





Winter Wonderland Free Leisure Skate for Families with Children 0-8yrs



Monday December 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Oceanside Place Arena

Skate, play and connect.

Enjoy a skate at Winter Wonderland on the ice, then join us in the multipurpose room for activities with our sponsors. Sponsored by:











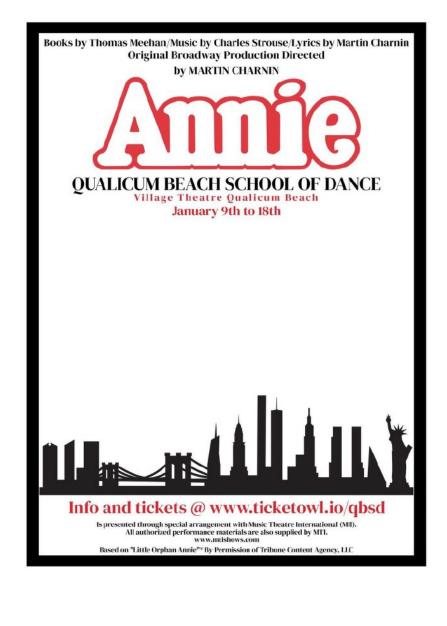
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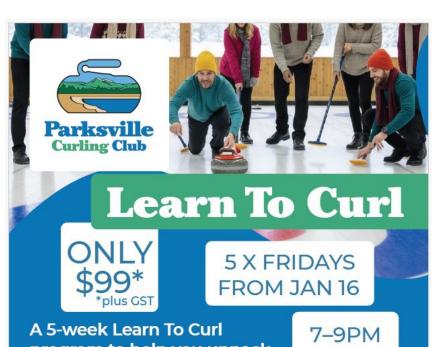
Ravensong Aquatic Centre, 737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach ~ 250-752-5014 Oceanside Place Arena, 830 W Island Hwy, Parksville ~ 250-248-3252

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A 5-week Learn To Curl program to help you unpack the basics of curling in a fun, friendly and welcoming setting. Suitable for all ages and all fitness levels.

All curling equipment provided.

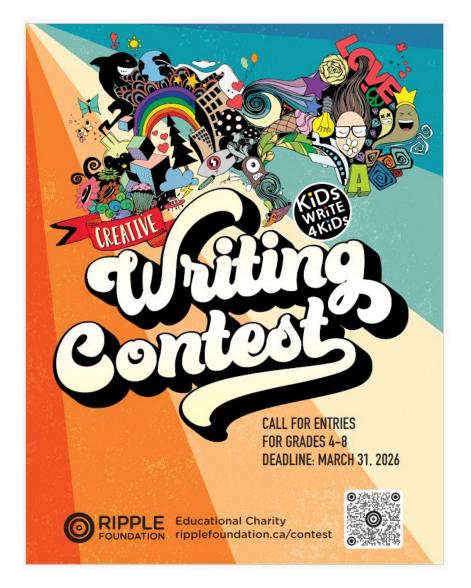
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parksvillecurling.com









Community Events

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/=

