



## 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!





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  
ing 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 😊

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**  
[Local School Calendar 2025-2028](#)





THE ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

ANNUAL

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM | CONCERT STARTS AT 6:30 PM

**Join us for our traditional community  
gathering of festive song and celebration**

Featuring the Errington Children's Choir, Sound Connection,  
Local Musicians singing seasonal favorites and  
a showing of the beloved 'Snowman' film.

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 20**

Admission is by donation of cash  
or non-perishable food items  
For more info [www.erringtonhall.ca](http://www.erringtonhall.ca)



# 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](http://www.sosd69.com) | 250.248.2093 ext. 229

245 Hirst Avenue West, Parksville

[coordinator@sosd69.com](mailto:coordinator@sosd69.com) | [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#) [LinkedIn](#) [YouTube](#)



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Services

## Free and Lower-Cost Food in Oceanside

Across The Region	
<b>Elementary and Secondary Schools in Qualicum School District</b>	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.
<b>Manna Homeless Society</b> 250-248-0845 Email: <a href="mailto:oceansidemanna@gmail.com">oceansidemanna@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.mannahomelessociety.com/">https://www.mannahomelessociety.com/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>Tina, Community Outreach &amp; Connection in Oceanside Services</b> 250-228-7877	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	
<b>The Bradley Centre</b> 975 Shearme Road, Coombs 250-248-2336 Email: <a href="mailto:thebradleycentrebookings@gmail.com">thebradleycentrebookings@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.thebradleycentre.com/assistance">https://www.thebradleycentre.com/assistance</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections Cafe: Thursdays, 11am-1pm \$2 for soup and coffee. Membership required.</li> <li>Sharing Table: Free food. Take what you need, leave what you can. Thursdays, 11am-1pm. Open to the public (no registration required).</li> <li>Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program. Runs June – October. For eligible members.</li> </ul>

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



**Ready, Set, Learn!**

Qualicum Beach Elementary – December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am – 11:30am  
Errington Elementary – December 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm – 2pm  
Bowser Elementary – December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am – 11:30am  
Ecole Oceanside Elementary – December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:10am – 10:10am  
Springwood Elementary – December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am – 11:30am  
NanOOSE Bay Elementary – December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am – 11:30am  
Arrowview Elementary – December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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](http://www.oblt.ca)







## Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

**Nanoose Place Community Centre** – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30am–11:30am

**Craig Street Commons** – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm–3:30pm

**Veteran's Way, Qualicum Beach** – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10am–11:30am

**Oceanside Community Church** – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 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](http://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:**



**[rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)**

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

**Follow us on**





# DISCOVERY PROGRAM

CAREGIVER CONNECTION GROUP – SUBSTANCE USE  
AND YOUR YOUTH

Oceanside

UNDERSTAND

SUPPORT

EMPOWER



A group for  
caregivers/parents to  
talk, connect, and gain  
resources around youth  
and substance use

- ✓ SUPPORT
- ✓ EDUCATION
- ✓ RESOURCES

DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 4:00PM – 6:00PM

THE FAMILY PLACE, PARKSVILLE



CONTACT: +250-927-2956 TO REGISTER

FOR THE OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY – 2025

Books by Thomas Meehan/Music by Charles Strouse/Lyrics by Martin Charnin  
Original Broadway Production Directed  
by MARTIN CHARNIN

# Annie

**QUALICUM BEACH SCHOOL OF DANCE**

Village Theatre Qualicum Beach

January 9th to 18th



**Info and tickets @ [www.ticketowl.io/qbsd](http://www.ticketowl.io/qbsd)**

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
[www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

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**Parksville  
Curling Club**



## Learn To Curl

**ONLY  
\$99\***  
\*plus GST

**5 X FRIDAYS  
FROM JAN 16**

**7-9PM**

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.



250-248-3764



[parksvillecurling.com](http://parksvillecurling.com)



# Junior Curling



**Parksville**  
Curling Club



Fun for everyone  
8-17 years old!

**\$50**  
Winter  
season



Mondays 3:45-5:15 pm January to March

For more information or to register  
email [juniorleague@parksvillecurling.com](mailto:juniorleague@parksvillecurling.com)  
Reserve your spot!



250-248-3764



[parksvillecurling.com](http://parksvillecurling.com)

No experience necessary.  
All equipment provided.



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**Creative Kids at The MAC**

# After School Art Club



FEBRUARY-APRIL

THURSDAYS 4-6 PM

**Ages 8-15**

**\$25**  
PER CLASS



IN THE MAC STUDIO



McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)  
133 McMillan Street, Upper Level  
Parksville, BC V8P 2H5  
(250) 248-8185  
[www.mcmillanartscentre.com](http://www.mcmillanartscentre.com)  
Gallery & Gift Shop hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm

School  
for the  
Creative  
Arts





## Community Events

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



### Errington Elementary

Errington is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters