



## Errington Elementary School Newsletter

Friday, March 13, 2026



### Principal's Message

As we wrap up Term 2, I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work, curiosity, and growth we've seen in our students over the past several months. It has been inspiring to watch learners challenge themselves, support one another, and celebrate their achievements along the way.

Learning Updates were sent home this week, and we hope they provide you with a clear picture of your child's progress and accomplishments. They are an opportunity to celebrate strengths, reflect on learning, and look ahead to new goals as we move into our final term of the year.

With Spring Break now upon us, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our students, staff, and families for the dedication and positive energy you bring to our school community each day. We wish all of you a restful, joyful, and well-deserved break. May it be filled with time to recharge and moments that bring you happiness.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final months of the school year.

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### **Student Learning Survey 2025/2026**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2026** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 & 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current

strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-248-8446.

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**Digital Consent Introductory School Newsletter – Kindergarten**

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**Kindergarten Immunizations**

To make routine immunization more accessible to children, Island Health is offering school-based immunization clinics for students in kindergarten who are due for routine immunizations (excluding COVID-19 & influenza).

Only children who are due for routine immunization(s) will receive a letter through the school. If your child receives a letter, please complete the online digital consent tool by April 9th. **Students will only be offered immunizations in a school-based clinic with the consent of a parent/guardian.** Immunizations will be provided at the school for kindergarten students on **Thursday, April 23rd.**

An adult from your child's school, such as your child's teacher or teacher's assistant, or a public health nurse will be available to provide support to your child during their immunizations. If you would like to attend an appointment with your child, contact your local health unit to book an appointment.

**Please ensure your child can recite their full name and date of birth, as the public health nurse will need to confirm this information with your child prior to providing immunizations.**

Please contact the health unit at (250) 947-8242 if you have any questions.

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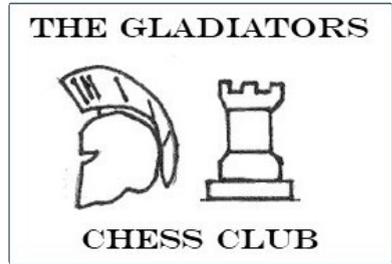
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## District Chess Championships

Our four school champions proudly represented EES at the District Chess Championships held on March 6 at Springwood Elementary. Congratulations to Maxwell Breuer (Grade 4), Monroe Jarvis

(Grade 5), Kaiden Williams (Grade 6), and Declan Cinkant (Grade 7) for their excellent chess skills and outstanding sportsmanship. Well done!



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## EES Volleyball Teams Have a Successful Season

This year, EES had four Grade 6/7 volleyball teams participate in the school district league. It was a wonderful season filled with learning, teamwork, and growth for all of our players.

A big thank you goes to **Mr. Avis**, who coached the boys' team, and to **Cody Brooks, Amanda Wall, and Ms. Jeffrey**, who coached our three girls' teams. We truly appreciate the time and dedication they gave to support our students.

Congratulations to the Girls' Team 3, who won the 1st District Tournament on Wednesday, March 11! The team finished first in their pool and went on to defeat Qualicum Beach Elementary in the final match. What an exciting achievement—well done, girls!

Congratulations also to the Girls' Teams 1 and 2 for their successful seasons. Both teams made the semi-finals of the 2nd District Tournament on Thursday, March 12, and Team 1 beat Team 2 to claim 3rd place. It was a great season girls!



Our Boys' team had a season of learning. Mr. Avis was proud of the team's determination and the improvement shown by all players. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and great sportsmanship made the season a very positive experience.

Congratulations to all of our volleyball players for a great season!







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## Kindness in Full Bloom at EES





## Garden Starter Plant Sale & Family Burger Night at EES!

Order your favourite garden starters now through PAC Hot Lunches on Munch-a-Lunch.

4" pots of tomatoes, peppers, herbs & 6-packs of veggie starters, grown locally in Coombs by our friends at Outrageous Edibles and Bedibles!

Pickup aligns perfectly with our fun Family Burger Night on Thursday, April 30th at EES. Come enjoy juicy burgers (beef, chicken or veg for just \$5!) family time, a 50/50 draw, and other exciting ways to support PAC.

Don't miss out—orders open now! **Order deadline April 2**



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

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

*Next PAC Meeting: Thursday April 9th, 6:00pm in the school library*

## 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](#)

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## 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.

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## News from our Library

Lost and Overdue Books: please bring back your library books as others are waiting to read them. If you have a lost book, please bring a book of similar quality and genre to replace it, thank you!

VIRL Spring Break: Check out your local public library for events over the break including the Escape Room at the Nanaimo North Branch! <https://virl.bc.ca/>





## QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT Kindergarten Registration Is Now Open!

Online Kindergarten registration for the Qualicum School District (through MyEdBC) for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. To qualify for Kindergarten enrolment in September 2026, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2026. Proof of Age for a student includes a birth certificate or passport. Check out the School District website registration page to see what else you need to know and instructions on how to register your child online.

[https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx#/)

The District will offer a "Pre-Kindergarten" program in April and May. Incoming Kindergarten students must be registered at their catchment school in order to apply to participate in this program. If you have registered by Thursday, March 12th you will be sent an application via email, and those who register for Kindergarten after that date will be considered based on available space.

### KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OF CHOICE\*

**Early French Immersion\*** - when first registering your Kindergarten child on-line at their catchment school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to apply to have your child in the French Immersion Program. Then complete the online Kindergarten French Immersion application Form.

**Primary Learning Community\*** - when first registering your Kindergarten child on-line at their catchment school, please be sure to indicate in the notes field that you wish to apply to have your child attend the Primary Learning Community Program. Then complete the online Primary Learning Community application form.

More information and the links to the online application forms for French Immersion and the Primary Learning Community can be found on the District website at:

[https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Programs/Education%20Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Programs/Education%20Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/)

\*Application Forms for these Programs of Choice will be open from January 19 and close on January 30, 2026

### CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

The Board of Education believes that, in general, students should attend their catchment area school based on their home address. Students who wish to attend a school outside of their catchment area may apply through the online cross boundary application process after registering at their catchment area school. (A Cross Boundary Application is NOT required if a student is accepted into a Program of Choice)

Additional information on the Cross Boundary Application process can be found on the following page of the district website:

[https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Reqbound.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Reqbound.aspx#/)

The Cross Boundary Application Process will open once the Board has made any decision on proposed changes to the school catchment areas, particularly those that may affect Springwood, Ecole Oceanside, and Nanoose Bay Elementary Schools.





## Qualicum School District

### 2026-2027 Budget Development Survey



The Qualicum School District Board of Education follows an annual Budget Development process each school year in order to establish the final annual budget for submission to the Ministry of Education.

To support the Qualicum School District Board of Education in their decision making during the annual Budget Development process, they are seeking input from educational partners, including administrators, employees, parents/caregivers, students and community members, to help inform priorities for the 2026/27 school district budget.

This short survey focuses on understanding what matters most to partners and where funding could make the biggest differences for students. Your responses are anonymous and will be shared in summary form with the Board.

Click [HERE](#) to access the 2026-2027 Budget Development Survey

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## Local School Calendar 2025-2028

[Local School Calendar 2025-2028](#)



## 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: oceansidemanna@gmail.com 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: thebradleycentrebookings@gmail.com 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>

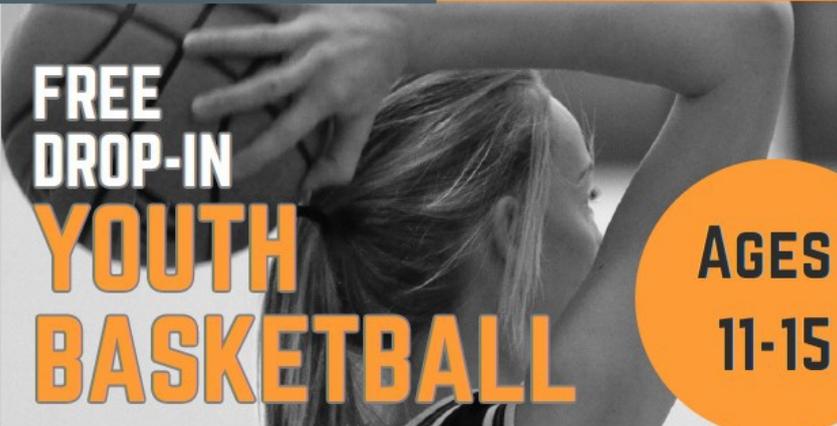
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**ACRA**  
ARROWSMITH COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

**TUESDAYS**  
**JAN 20 - APR 21, 2026**  
**6:30pm - 8:00pm**



**FREE**  
**DROP-IN**  
**YOUTH**  
**BASKETBALL**

**AGES**  
**11-15**

**All levels welcome! Come build skills, shoot hoops, play games and have fun!**

**More information**  
<https://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes>

**COOMBS FAIRGROUNDS GYMNASIUM**  
**1014 FORD ROAD, COOMBS, BC**



**Kristine Stephenson: [stephenson@live.ca](mailto:stephenson@live.ca) or 250-927-3985**  
**Tracy Cargo-White: [tracy.cargo@outlook.com](mailto:tracy.cargo@outlook.com) or 250-947-5272**

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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) 68-8185  
www.mcmillanartscentre.com  
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm

School  
for the  
Creative  
Arts



FEB - MAY, 2026

6:00PM - 8:00PM

## MID ISLAND PROGRAMMING CLUB

with Matt + Jonas

FEB 4- HOW TO MAKE A VIDEO GAME

FEB 25 - PROGRAMMING WITH GO

MAR 25 - VERSION CONTROL IN GIT

APR 29 - BASICS OF VIM TEXT EDITOR

MAY 27 - LEARN VSCODE

Book 3  
Save 15%

**Bring your own laptop. No programming experience required. Intended for confident computer users. Ages 15+**

**\$15 per workshop**

[arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes](http://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes)

**BoMé Cheese - 1876 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, BC**

Kristine Stephenson: [stephenson@live.ca](mailto:stephenson@live.ca) or 250-927-3985



**Parksville  
Curling Club**



## Learn To Curl

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

**5 X SUNDAYS  
FROM MAR 1**

**3-5PM**

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

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



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

 **OBLT**  
Oceanside Building Learning Together

**R S L**

Ready, Set, Learn!

Qualicum Beach Elementary – March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30am – 11:30am

Ecole Oceanside Elementary – March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:10am – 10:10am

Nanoose Bay Elementary – March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am – 11:30am

Bowser Elementary – March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am – 11:30am

Errington Elementary – March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm – 2pm

Arrowview Elementary – March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Springwood Elementary – March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am – 10:30am

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!

**Brant Wildlife Children's Festival @ Qualicum Beach**

**Elementary School** – March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm – 3pm

**Parksville Community Centre (223 Mills St.)**

– March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10am – 11:30am

**Home Hardware Building Centre** – March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10am – 11:30am

**Parksville Community Park** – March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm – 3:30pm

**Errington Community Park** – March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am – 12pm

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)



## Creative Kids at The MAC ages 8-12

# ART DAY

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am-3:30pm

# \$75

A day full of fun art activities in the studio

- Art games
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Mosaic



**McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)**  
133 McMillan Street, Upper Level  
Parksville, BC V9P 2H5  
(250) 249-8195  
[www.mcmillanartscentre.com](http://www.mcmillanartscentre.com)  
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm

# Mindfulness in May

The Art of Empathy and Kindness 2026

Open Call to Youth for Submissions

Grades 5-12 in SD 69 and Surrounding Area

Including Home Learners



EARLY SUBMISSIONS BY **FEBRUARY 14TH** FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED ON THE EXHIBIT POSTERS AND WIN EXTRA PRIZES

**Visual Art:** drawing, fabric art, painting, mixed media, sculpture.  
**Literary Art:** poetry, song, music. **Photography:** digital, and print.

DEADLINE EXTENDED MARCH 20TH

Submissions will be displayed at the Qualicum Library during BC Youth Week and National Mental Health Week

SUBMIT ONLINE HERE:

<https://mindfulmay.artistquarter.com/>



Sponsored By:



EXHIBITION: APRIL 28TH - MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

For questions or more info, contact Diane at [moraninthemoon@gmail.com](mailto:moraninthemoon@gmail.com)

**CREATIVE**

**Writing Contest**

**KIDS WRITE 4 KIDS**

CALL FOR ENTRIES  
FOR GRADES 4-8  
DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

**RIPPLE FOUNDATION** Educational Charity  
[ripplefoundation.ca/contest](http://ripplefoundation.ca/contest)

# Easter EGG-STRAVAGANZA



**10\$ PER CHILD**  
AIMED FOR CHILDREN  
UNDER 8  
KIDS BRING YOUR ADULTS

SPRINGTIME CRAFT

EGG DYEING

EASTER EGG HUNT  
IN THE GARDEN

SAT APRIL 4, 2026  
10:00AM-11:00AM  
& 11AM-12PM



REGISTER AT  
THE MCMILLAN ART CENTRE  
MCMILLANARTCENTRE.COM



## Ukrainian

# EGG DYING

GUIDED BY MELANIE BARNES

## \$15

SAT APRIL 4, 2026  
1PM-4PM

PROCEEDS GO TO MAC  
ROOF FUND-RAISER  
AGES 12+

REGISTER AT  
THE MCMILLAN ART CENTRE  
MCMILLANARTCENTRE.COM





Check out this link and the QR code for more information about the Brant Wildlife Festival

<https://www.mabr.ca/upcoming-events>

## Event Details



**Brant Wildlife  
Family Festival**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
**12:30 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**Oceanside Place**  
830 West Island Highway • Parksville

- ✓ Free Skating & Rentals
- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Light Show with Music by DJ Connor
- ✓ Educational Displays & Activities

Fundraiser supporting the SD69 School Food Program!

Helping provide healthy meals for local students

**Bring your family & friends for a fun day of games, music, and skating while supporting our community!**

BRANT WILDLIFE FESTIVAL | [www.mabr.ca/brantfestival](http://www.mabr.ca/brantfestival) | MOUNT ARROWSMITH RECREATION REGION



# KIDOVATE

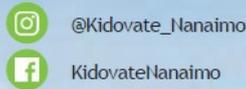
Youth Entrepreneurship Experience

## Earn Your Own Money

In grade 6 or above?  
Join Kidovate Market Day  
Sell products you make,  
repurpose or buy

April 18th, 2026  
Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall

It's free! Learn more at  
[www.kidovate.ca](http://www.kidovate.ca)



# PETE THE CAT

## FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL FAIR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

### 5:00PM - 7:00PM

**OCEANSIDE PLACE ARENA  
830 WEST ISLAND HWY, PARKSVILLE**

**BOOK YOUR SPOT!**



- Meet Pete the Cat
- Climb aboard a school bus
- Free fun activities
- Parent resources
- and lots more...

Registration is appreciated but drop-ins are welcome!

[www.oblt.ca](http://www.oblt.ca)



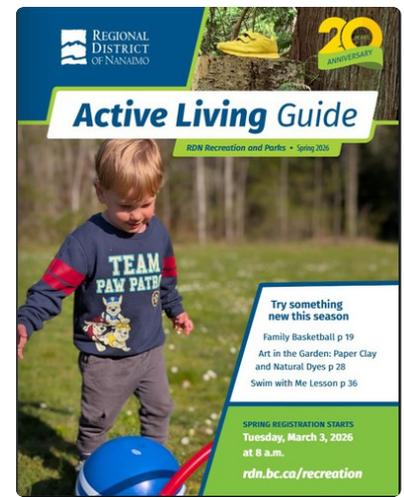
Ministry of Education and Child Care

## RDN Active Living Guide

The RDN is no longer publishing hard copies of the Active Living Guide.

Please click the link below to access the guide online.

[Spring 2026 Active Living Guide](#)



## Community Events

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



### Errington Elementary

Errington is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

