



Errington Elementary School Newsletter

Friday, September 26, 2025



Principal's Message

It's been a busy and exciting start to the school year at Errington Elementary!

Over the past few weeks, students and staff have settled into the rhythms of school life. Classes have established their routines, friendships are growing, and our learning community is thriving. We've also enjoyed a number of special events. This week, our Terry Fox Run was a great success — not only did our students participate with enthusiasm, but we also exceeded our fundraising goal of \$500! We sincerely thank all families for their generous support of this meaningful cause.



Today, we came together to observe **Orange Shirt Day** and held our **Truth and Reconciliation assembly**. Led by our students, we reflected on five simple yet powerful ways we can practice reconciliation in our daily lives. These included learning more about the beautiful lands we live on, staying curious about different cultures and perspectives, and recognizing the unique strengths and gifts each person brings.

As we wrap up the first month of school, please note that **Monday, September 29** is a **non-instructional day**, and **Tuesday, September 30** school will be **closed in observance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day**. We encourage families to use this extended weekend to reflect, recharge, and spend meaningful time together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and enriching October!



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMEMORATION

Honouring Survivors, Remembering Truth,
Building a Just Future

10:00am – 4:00pm

Sept 30, 2025

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124 West 2nd Ave Qualicum Beach



www.mabr.ca



Shout out to Scoremaster

On Thursday, September 25, we had the pleasure of expressing our heartfelt thanks to Scoremaster, a company based in Sidney, BC, for their generous donation of a new soccer goal for our playing field.

Earlier this year, our school was left with only one goal following an unfortunate theft. After our story was featured on Chek News, Scoremaster kindly reached out and offered to build a replacement for us.

We are deeply grateful for their generosity and community spirit. Acts of kindness like this not only support our school in practical ways but also serve as powerful examples of compassion and giving back—values we strive to instill in our students every day.



Terry Fox Run

Errington Elementary held our annual Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, September 23rd. The run was a smashing success, starting again with the Chicken Dance warm up on the field for all grades. It was quite a sight to see close to 250 Wildcats flapping their arms and clucking their beaks!



After the warm-up, primary students stayed on the field running laps. They kept track of their classroom's progress by running a plastic cube around the track for each lap. After the run, primary classrooms totaled their cubes to see how many laps they had collectively run. There were some huge numbers of laps and lots of smiles all around. Terry would have certainly been proud of their effort.

Students in grade 3 and up took part in our longer run which takes students down the RDN trail to Kopernick road. Our runners then ran all the way down this long gravel road to where it connects with Leffler road. Students were congratulated by our school liaison officer, Cst. Ells, and Mrs. Lunny, before returning to the school on the same route. It was a hot afternoon and all of our runners were happy to cool off back at the school with a Freezie generously donated by the EES PAC.

Our school goal was to raise \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research - we raised a total of \$1,128.50. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make this year's Terry Fox Run a great success!

Thank

You



Grade 3 Students Dive into Swimming Lessons at Ravensong Pool

This past week, our Grade 3 students participated in swimming lessons at Ravensong Pool. We extend our sincere thanks to the EES PAC for their generous support—thanks to their funding, the program was made more accessible for all families.

It was a week full of fun, learning, and confidence-building in the water, with plenty of smiles and splashes along the way!



FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS



Culinary Confidence (16+) \$60
Meadowood Community Hall - 4:00 - 7:00pm
Wed., Nov. 12 - Dec. 3



Karate (8+) \$100
Coombs Fairgrounds - Gymnasium - 5:00 - 6:00pm,
Tues., Oct. 14 - Dec. 2 **TRY IT FREE Oct. 7**



Floor Hockey (16+) \$80
Coombs Fairgrounds - 6:45 - 8:15pm, Sun., Sep. 28 -
Nov. 23 (No class Oct. 12) **\$12 Drop-in rate**



Basketball (11-15) FREE
Coombs Fairgrounds Gymnasium
Ages 11-15: 6:30 - 8:00pm, Tues., Oct. 7 - Dec. 9
Ages 16+: 7:00 - 9:00pm, Thurs., Oct. 9 - Dec. 11

Guitar (16+) \$120
Musically Inclined Guitar Studio in Errington
Beginners - 11:00am - 12:00pm, Sat., Oct. 11 - Nov. 29
Beyond Beginner - 5:00 - 6:00pm, Tues., Oct. 7 - Nov. 25
Intermediate - 5:00 - 6:00pm, Wed., Oct. 8 - Nov. 26

Mid Island Programming Club (15+) \$60
BoMé Cheese in Coombs - 6:00 - 7:30pm,
Wed., Oct. 15 - Nov. 12

Register at:
www.arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes



QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Meetings of the Board of Education

Regular Public Meetings of the Board of Education of the Qualicum School District are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the school year, beginning in August.

Two exceptions are the December Board Meeting; which will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, and the March Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 10th. There is no meeting held in July.

These meetings are business meetings of the Board which are held in public. The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams until further notice. These meetings are recorded and posted on YouTube, usually on the day following the meeting. (The YouTube link can be found on the main page of the district website).

The agendas and minutes/notes of Regular Board Meetings, as well as the Microsoft Teams links, can be found on the district website at:

[https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/BoardMeetingAgendasMinutes/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/BoardMeetingAgendasMinutes/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx#/)

Committee of the Whole Meetings (Education, Policy and Finance & Operations) are also held monthly (no meetings are held in December, March, July and August). Check the district calendar for dates and times (usually the third week of each month with the exceptions of December, March, July and August). These meetings will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams until further notice. If the Board determines that these meetings will be recorded, the recordings will be posted on YouTube, usually within a day or two following the meeting via the YT link on the district website).

The agendas and notes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings, as well as the Microsoft Teams links, can be found on the district website at:

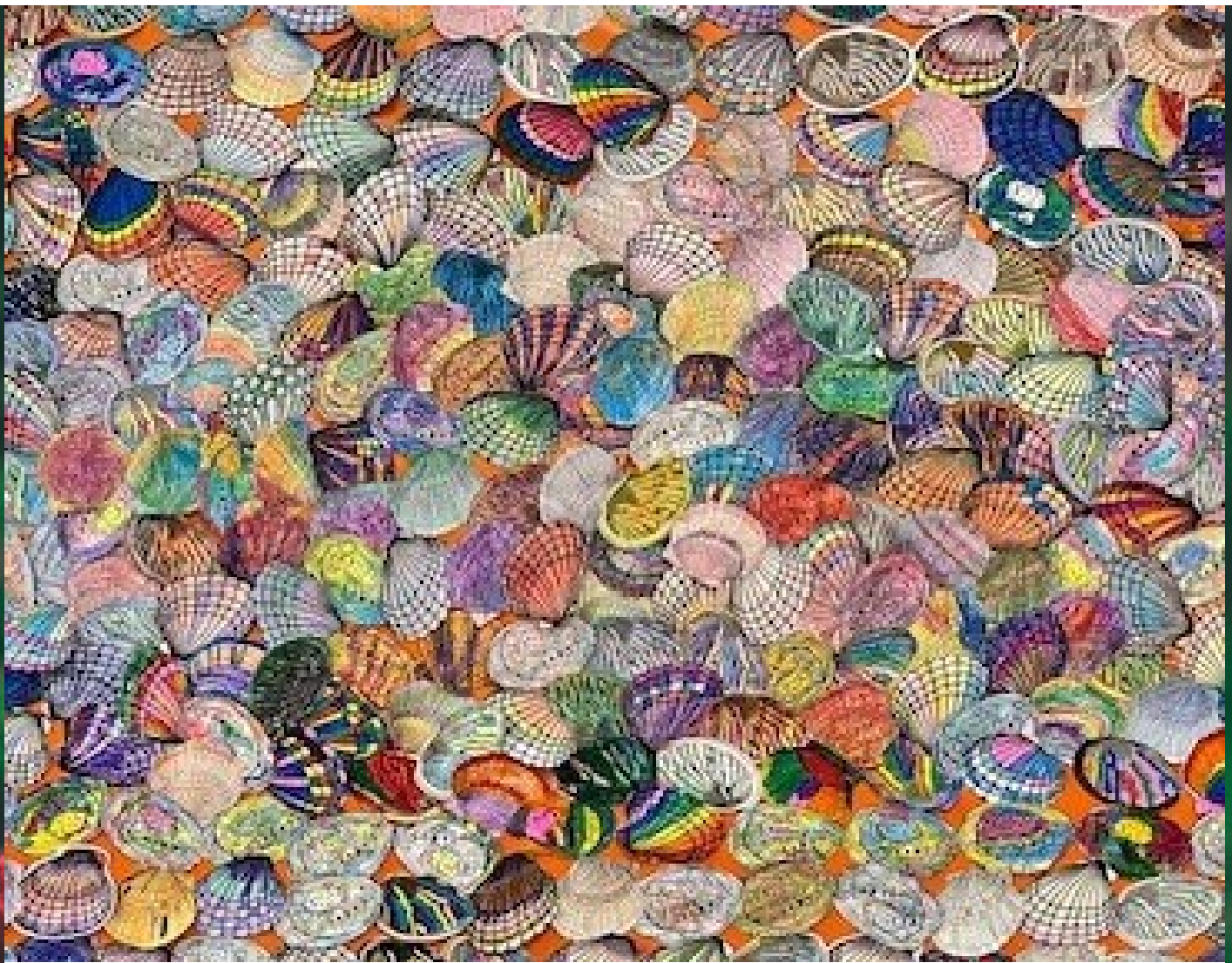
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Drop-off and Pick-up

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.





Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

The Board of Education of the Qualicum School District provides information for families to *voluntarily* purchase student accident insurance through iA Financial Group, which offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The plan can supplement costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <https://specialmarkets.ia.ca/aonbc/home>

PARENT VOICES NEEDED



Join the Qualicum District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Board!

All roles are open for 2025/26:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Directors-at-Large

qsd.dpac@gmail.com

What does DPAC do? We advocate, we educate, we coordinate, we support, and we are the collective voice of parents and caregivers in district conversations.

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)



National Forest Week Original Videos, Artwork or Photography contest for grades K-12 with \$150 cash prizes!

Theme: Roots of Resilience: From Seed to Canopy 🌲

Prize: \$150 🏆 prizes. Group work is eligible for a shared prize.

Deadline: Nov. 21, 2025 📅

Good morning, we hope your week is going well and you had a pleasant summer break.

Our educational charity is once again offering its annual **National Forest Week art, photography and video** contest for **Canadian youths** aged 5-18, with **\$150 cash prizes**.

This year's theme is: **Roots of Resilience: From Seed to Canopy**, showing how Canadian forests have continuously underpinned the economy, culture, sustainability and environment of our communities. Examples include wood products we use daily, Indigenous culture, local parks and forestry-related jobs (from tree planters to wildlife managers).

Submissions could also depict the challenges that Canadian forests face on a yearly basis such as invasive species, fires, floods and bad bugs.



Please help us circulate this contest information to educators & youth in your districts through email, social media, & website. 📢

Visit our [website](#) to see contest details, winners from previous years and use our easy online entry form. Or, click button below to download contest details.

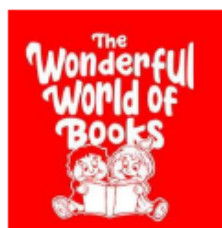
To support awareness of erase resources within school communities, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has developed new erase infographics for parents/caregivers. Click here:

[parents/caregivers](#)

BOOK GIFTS FOR BABIES & PRE-SCHOOLERS

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS

Registered Charity # 762574267RR0001



By November 15th, register to receive FREE books for babies and preschoolers. Started by 95-year-old Eva Hilborn, our registered charity has fifty volunteers who are mostly retired teachers dedicated to spreading the love of books.



If you live in Qualicum School District #69 from Bowser to Nanoose Bay or Lasqueti Island, your youngster will receive brand new age-appropriate books delivered to your home...for FREE!

Register your baby, 1 year-old, 2 year-old, or 3 year-old to get brand new book gifts, now!

Email wwbeec@gmail.com OR www.thewonderfulworldofbooks.com OR Scan the QR Code



Basketball Dribblers 7-11yrs

Sep 16-Oct 21
7-8yrs, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
9-11yrs, 5:15-6:15 pm

Oct 28-Dec 2
7-8yrs, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
9-11yrs, 5:15-6:15 pm

\$50
Arrowview Elementary School



Register today at 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

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Youth Wheel Chair Basketball 12yrs+

Fri Sep 19-Nov 28
5:30-7:30 p.m.

\$25

People with and without
disabilities are welcome.
Sport wheelchairs are provided.

Oceanside Elem School



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Girls Basketball Dribblers 8-11yrs

Sep 16-Oct 21, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Oct 28-Dec 2, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
\$50

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Gym Games 7-12yrs

Tu Sep 16-Dec 9
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Craig Street Commons

\$10/1
Flexible registration, pick the
dates that you can attend.



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Learn to Skate 4-12yrs

Skate Lessons, \$50/5
Oceanside Place Arena

Lesson times available on
Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Saturdays.

Beginners to advanced skill
levels.



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Softball 5.5-10yrs

Th Sep 18-Oct 23

5.5-7yrs, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
8-10yrs, 7-8 pm.

\$60
Craig Street Commons- Gym



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Volleyball 18yrs+

Mo Sep 15-Dec 1
7-8:30 p.m.
Oceanside Elem School

\$80/8 or \$12/1
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dates that you can attend.



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Women's Indoor Soccer

Tue Sep 23-Dec 2
7:30-9 p.m.

\$90/9 or \$12/1

Flexible registration, pick the
dates that you can attend.

Oceanside Elem School - Gym



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