

#### **PARENT NEWSLETTER #16**

May 4, 2018

#### \*\*\*Kindergarten Registration began January 22, 2018\*\*\*\*

EES Important Dates for Your Calendar		
May 11	EES Movie Night - Jumanji Grades 6-7 only - Rated PG-13- Children must be supervised	
May 11	PAC Pizza Day – order online	
May 18	Professional Development Day – Students not in attendance	
May 21	Victoria Day – Students not in attendance	
May 22	Volunteer Tea- In Library 12:30-2:00pm please RSVP	
May 25	PAC Pizza Day – order online	
June 14	District Track Meet	
June 28	Final School Day for School Year 2017/2018- Students dismissed at 11:00am	

#### MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Finally the warmer weather is upon us! EES has been a very busy school in the last few weeks. We have had the Gladiators Chess Tourney, Artists in the Schools, clothing exchange, Grade 3 swimming lessons and a PAC movie night. Next week will be an exciting week with various author visits, hot lunch day and also Grade 6/7 Movie night. There are a number of educational and fun field trips planned for the remainder of the school year.

The next couple of months will fly by and summer will be here before we know it! We hope that you are able to get outside and enjoy this weather.

#### AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Please make all after school arrangements before school starts. The office has had an influx of calls and it is very difficult to get these messages to students at times. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this issue.

#### VISITORS TO EES

Guests and community partners to EES include such people as retired individuals, parents, student teachers, work experience students, district personnel as well as members of our college/universities. For each visit, please follow this routine: 1. Check in at the office – sign the sign-in sheet and be sure to include all information (this is helpful in the event of such emergencies as earthquakes and fires or for important phone messages). 2. Ask Mrs. Martini or Ms. Webb for a visitor tag which will identify you as someone who belongs in our school. 3. When your visit is complete, please return your tag, and sign out on the sign-in sheet (again, during emergencies this is very helpful). Thank you for your support in making your visit safe and successful.

#### **REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

For safety purposes, we need to know where every child is during the school day, therefore please make sure you sign out your child at the school office when leaving the school before the end of the day. Also, the school office must be advised by the parent/guardian if your child is not attending school. Please phone 250-248-8446 and speak with the secretary or leave a message on the answering machine.

#### STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school line 250-248-8446 to report the length of time and reason. We thank you and greatly appreciate your diligence in this matter.

#### **GLADIATORS CHESS TOURNAMENT:**

The nail-biting Gladiators Chess Tournament is over for this year. We were happy to welcome two School Board Trustees, Eve Flynn and Julie Austin as well as Adam Kveton from PQB News for the final matches on April 25th. Our winners this year are Grade 4 <u>Tyson Nikirk</u>, Grade 5 <u>Brynn Reynolds</u>, Grade 6 <u>Gavin Lane</u> and Grade 7 <u>William Murphy</u>. Well done to them and all of our players! A special thank you to Ms. Richards and Mrs. Spencer-Dahl for organizing the tournament this year including sourcing the medals for our winners.



#### LOST AND FOUND



Our lost and found bin is located in our foyer and is full. We invite you take a minute to search it if your son or daughter is missing a garment.

#### NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Check out our PAC Facebook Page at **EES PAC**, Website at <u>www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com</u> or email at <u>erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com</u>

We are always looking for volunteers to help out, if you are able to help out in any capacity please contact PAC either on our PAC Facebook page or <u>erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com</u> – Thank you in advance.

PAC FUN Lunch Days will be booked online again this year. At <u>https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/</u>, there is also a link on the Errington Elementary School Website. If you **absolutely** cannot order online please email us and we will try to work something out. The new "session" is now open.

Date	Fun Lunch	Order Deadline
Friday, May 11, 2018	Panago Pizza	Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Friday, May 25, 2018	Panago Pizza	Tuesday, May 22, 2018

#### PAC Meetings

May 14 <sup>th</sup> 2018	9:30am in the school library AGM
June 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018	12:30pm in the school library (this is the final meeting of the year)



On May 11, 2018 the PAC will be presenting **Jumanji**. This film is being shown for **Grades 6** and 7 Only. It is <u>rated PG-13</u>, for Adventure action, suggestive content and some language. Concession available, pizza by the slice - order online through **MunchaLunch**, order under FUNDRAISING, not under Lunch. Entry is \$4.00 which includes treats and a drink. If you cannot afford this but your student wants to come please contact the PAC. Come in your jammies, bring your pillow and blankets and enjoy a laid-back movie night with your older grade 6/7 student! A code of conduct at movie

night will be sent home with your grade 6/7 student. It is expected that all students are under the supervision of an adult.

#### SPORTSCENTRE:

The Bike Club is back up and running after a few snowy weeks. Bike Club is open to students in grades 4 -7 and it's not too late to register for this year. If you like the outdoors and riding bikes, come see Mr. Avis for the registration forms. We do have loaner bikes if you need one to borrow!



The district **Track and Field day** is **Thursday**, **June 14th** this year. Due to the very high number of participants last year, the district is limiting participation to students in **grades 4-7**. In the coming weeks we will be practicing the various events in P.E. in preparation for our school races. Students hoping to compete in the district event will need to qualify for true track and field events like the running or jumping competitions. The more "fun" events like the Sac Race and Three Legged Race will be used to fill up qualifying students.

Errington Elementary is responsible for the running of the Sac Race again this year. As in years previous, we are looking for **parent** 

**volunteers** to help with the running of the event. The event runs from 9:45 to 2:15 so we will be looking for 3 or 4 parents for the **morning shift (9-12)** and 3 or 4 for the **afternoon shift (12-3**). With 3 or 4 parents in place, our volunteers will be able to sneak out to watch their kids compete and cheer them on. **If you're interested in volunteering, please email Mr. Avis at** <u>mavis@sd69.bc.ca</u>**.** 

#### **REMINDER**

We have a students at our school who is severely allergic peanuts. We therefore are a **PEANUT AWARE SCHOOL** Please consider refraining from sending food items that contain peanuts or peanut butter. We appreciate your support with this request.



#### **NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY**

**BOOKFEST AUTHOR ILLUSTRATOR VISITS:** We are so fortunate to have some international authors and illustrators visit EES next month! Thank you to PAC for sharing the cost of these marvelous inspiring visits!

**Barbara Reid** is an award-winning Canadian illustrator and author of children's books. She has been called "one of Canada's major literary figures". Barbara's illustrations illustrations are made by spreading and modelling plasticine to create relief images. After graduating from The Ontario College of Art and Design, the first book she illustrated using plasticine was <u>The</u> <u>New Baby Calf</u>, written by Edith Newlin Chase. We have many of Barbara's books in our Library!

**Cale Atkinson** is an illustrator and animator living lakeside with his family in Kelowna, British Columbia. Believing in tea more than sleep, Cale is constantly working on numerous projects. His work can be found in children's books, including Where Oliver Fits, which he also wrote and illustrated, animated shorts, television and games.

**Qin Leng** was born in Shanghai, China, and later moved to France and then Montreal, Canada. Qin graduated from the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema and has received many awards for her animated short films and other works. Her books have been nominated for numerous prizes, including the prestigious Governor General's Literary Award.

**Darlene Gait** is a contemporary Coast Salish First Nation's artist born on Vancouver Island. Her art is collected and exhibited internationally, as well as in a permanent display at her One Moon Art Gallery on the Esquimalt Nation Reserve. Darlene's paintings are known as inspiring and spiritual as she focuses and shares the beauty of the North West Coast landscape, its wild life and the indigenous art of the Native Canadian people whose heritage she embraces in her paintings and poetry.

**Margriet Ruurs** writes children's and educational materials. She has a Master's Degree in Education from Simon Fraser University and has studied the use of technology in teaching reading and writing to children. She loves writing poetry because it is such a powerful way to express yourself. She also enjoys writing nonfiction because researching a topic in which you are interested can be so much fun! Margriet's books also include historical fiction, fictional picture books and books on writing for educators

Congratulations to our hard-working recycling crew who collect beverage containers from classes every Friday for collection by the Regional District of Nanaimo! Money raised from this program is going towards sports equipment at our school! From the left: Linden, Kaleb, Gage, Justin, Kevin from RDN, Evan and Noah.







We love our school volunteers! And to say thank you for everything you do to support students, staff and learning at EES, we would like to invite you to our Volunteer Tea on Tuesday, May 22nd from 12:30-2:00. Our collaboration classes are thrilled to present "Fairy Tale Mix-up", a short play and a song in the gym at 12:30, then our volunteers are invited into the Library Learning Commons for tea, coffee and dessert. We have more school videos and performances on tap for you while you enjoy your tea. SEATS ARE RESERVED, so please contact the school to reserve your seats. Thank you!

#### **DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **Oceanside Soccer Registration**

http://www.oceansideyouthsoccer.com/breaking-news/spring-soccer-registration-now-open



Spring Track and Field Registration is OPEN for Junior Development, High School and older athletes : age 9 + yrs (born 2009 and older)

For information and online registration go to

oceansidetrackfield.ca



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**Oceanside Place Arena** 

**Tuesdays** 4:00-5:00 pm Apr 24 - May 15 \$20/4

Pre-registration required





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