



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Your Community School"

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PARENT NEWSLETTER #7

December 8, 2017

EES Important Dates for Your Calendar

Dec 11	Craft Night 5:30 – 8:00
Dec 14	Christmas Concert
Dec 15	PAC Pizza Day – order online
Dec 18	Winter Wonderland School Skating Day *Helmets are Mandatory*
Dec 22	Last Day of classes prior to Winter Vacation
Jan 8	Schools reopen after Winter Vacation
Feb 12	Family Day Holiday
Feb 23	Professional Development Day

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

On December 7th a number of E.E.S. classes had their Celebration of Learning. During this event, students were able to showcase their portfolios to parents, grandparents and other family members. We appreciate people taking the time to come to the school so students could show their work that they are so proud of and have been working hard at.

We are very excited about our Christmas concert on Thursday December 14th! Parents and special guests of the Kindergarten students will be welcome in the afternoon at 12:30 and the evening performance will start at 7 with all guests welcome at that time.

A small shuttle bus will be available for people who need assistance walking up from Grafton Ave. Please consider carpooling and bringing a flashlight for the evening performance. We are sorry for the inconvenience but we would like to keep everyone safe. Also, we are accepting donations of non-perishable food items at the concert.

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.

POPCORN SALES-

Every Wednesday is **POPCORN DAY!** Popcorn sales are every Wednesday morning before school in the foyer. You can pay for the day, for the month, or till the end of December. Popcorn bags are \$.50 (50 cents) and is delivered to each classroom for little recess.

NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

News From Your Library!

Wild West Book Fair: Thank you to everyone who made our Book Fair such a success this fall! We had sales of just over \$3800.00 which translates to over \$500.00 in new books and \$690.00 in cash for library purchases this year. Our Library Pages were amazing, setting up the Fair in less than an hour, and taking it down in 20 minutes! Thank you to PAC, our parent volunteers, those who worked at Movie Night, and, as always, our wonderful EES students and families for supporting our Library.



Prize Draw Winners: Our Book Fair draw winners are Skyler, Dakota, Dustin, Claire and Connor who came down and shopped at the Fair with their \$10.00 prize. Congratulations!

Library Page Pizza Party: All Term 1 Pages are invited to our Page Pizza Party on Tuesday, Dec 19 at 11:45 in the Library.

Books for the Holidays: We're happy for students to take a book or two home over the holidays. Please speak with us about some perfect vacation reads including *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C Moore, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss, *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg, *Memoirs of An Elf* by Devin Scillian or great classics like *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson or J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* and Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson* series. Happy Reading!

Bookish Things To Do During Christmas Break

VIRL Qualicum Beach: The Rooks-on-Books Chess Club meets weekly on Tuesday nights at Qualicum Beach Public Library for fun, friendly, supportive gameplay and instruction with a local expert! This club is open to anyone aged 7 or older and to all skill levels. Players are encouraged to bring their own chess sets if desired. Phone 250-752-6121 or email qualicumbeach@virl.bc.ca

VIRL Parksville Branch: Good Morning Storytime Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21. Bring your littlest ones to the Parksville Public library for rhymes, stories, songs and lots of movement. 0-5 years. Drop-in.

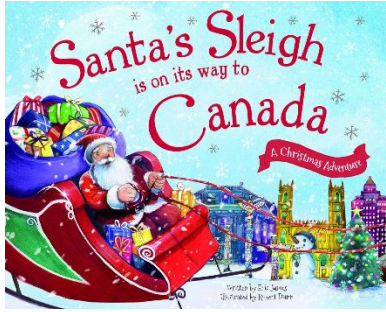
Storytelling at Milner Christmas Magic: Milner Gardens Dec 1-3, 8-10 and 15-20.

If you have any questions about our Library Learning Commons, please speak with us. Ms. Richards and Ms. Macrae

Winter Wonderland Skating Groups

We are requesting Students to bring a [Twoonie \(\\$2\)](#) to help with costs of the skate. A permission form will go home next week to sign and send back. ****Reminder Helmets are Mandatory**

Group #1 9:00-10:00am	Group #2 10:30-11:30am
Friesen	Holder
Ward	Spencer-Dahl
Graff	Diewold
Norman	Baynton
Bellwood	L'Hirondelle
Pike	McLaughlin



Errington Elementary School Christmas Concert:
"Santa's Sleigh is on Its Way to Errington!"

Staff and students are proud to present our 2017 Christmas Concert. We will be presenting two performances on Thursday, December 14th: 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. sharp. There will be a shuttle up and down Fairdowne Road before and after the evening concert. We ask that guests consider carpooling and bringing a flashlight. **Students must be in their classes by 6:30 p.m.** Please bring a non-perishable food item for our local food bank, thank you!

Actors hard at work!

Photos and story by Keanna Bourne

Santa Claus showed up at Errington Elementary School, helping everyone keep the Christmas Concert on point. Room 4 and Room 12 students are in rehearsal for the 2017 Christmas Concert called, SANTA'S SLEIGH IS ON ITS WAY TO CANADA. The concert takes place Thursday December 14th at 12:30 and 7:00 pm sharp. Everyone is trying their hardest to rehearse so that everything goes smoothly. Christmas is the busiest time of the year with people trying to make the Christmas concert special every year. Room 4 and Room 12 are singing the Canadian version of The 12 days of Christmas called "A moose in a maple tree". Students are asked to be in their classrooms by 6:30 pm for the evening show. The cast and crew are looking forward to putting on a great show for you this year - see you next Thursday. Thanks for reading!



Santa I presume? Student actors in rehearsal.

Errington all wrapped up in decorations!

Story and pictures by Charley Grono

Pencils, markers, paper, crayons – they are flying everywhere at Errington this time of the year! Room 4 and Room 12 students are working together to make this year's Christmas concert a winter wonderland! Mittens, snowmen, snowflakes, everywhere! "Santa's Sleigh is on its way to Canada", takes place Thursday December 14 at Errington Elementary School. There will be two performances: 12:30 and 7:00 pm sharp! Parents are encouraged to bring a flash light and carpool. There will be a shuttle running up and down Fairdowne Rd before and after the concert. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our food bank. Come on out and enjoy the wonderful art work and decorations next week!



THANK YOU:

Thank you to Quality Foods for donating oranges for the boys and girls Basketball Tournament that was held at Ballenas Secondary School.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found bin is located in our foyer and is already filling up. 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 www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com or email at erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com

PAC FUN Lunch Days will be booked online again this year. At <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/>, 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 open now for orders.

Friday, December 15, 2017	Pizza Day
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December lunches are due by Tuesday, November 28th, 2017 (this is early to accommodate the order dates for Samarai Sushi) We are only accepting cash/cheque ONCE A MONTH. If you are paying online, payment due dates vary by lunch dates. It is usually about 3-5 days before, but depending on the supplier can change. **ORDER ONLY WHAT YOU WANT TO PAY FOR.** Do not order ahead and pay only a portion. The system isn't smart enough to know what you have paid for if you owe money it assumes no lunch dates in your order can be processed. **PAC**

EES Craft Night- December 11, 2017 5:30-9pm – Entry by Donation.



Bring the whole family night for an evening of crafts and carols. It is a wonderful community experience and you'll go home with a bag of goodies. Some of the stations include cookie decorating, ornament making, fun photo booth. There is a concession and a silent auction. Come and join the fun!!



A Wild-light Spectacular Event

Fridays and Saturdays only from 6pm-8pm

December 8th – December 23rd

- Magical Light Show
- Walk through at your own pace
- Hot Chocolate
- Colouring Contest
- Visit with Santa
- And more....!

\$5 Suggested donation for adult admission
Children 12 and under are free

Magical Nights of Light (6-8pm Fri & Sat Nights Only)

VIU's Milner Gardens Christmas Magic

Dec 1 to 3, 8 to 10 and 15 to 20, 2017
5pm to 8:30pm, recommended last entry by 8pm
2179 West Island Highway, Qualicum Beach, BC
250-752-6153
<https://www2.viu.ca/milnergardens/events.asp>



Outdoor Christmas light show for the whole family to enjoy.
Over half a kilometre of lit and decorated trails.
Santa, live Christmas music, Teddy Bear Cottage, VIU Baking Students Gingerbread Houses, Storytelling, Refreshments, Tea Room, and Gift Shops. Raffle tickets in support of Milner's Shoots with Roots children's program. Onsite shuttle for mobility challenged.

We suggest you bring a flashlight. Sorry, we are unable to take reservations for the tea room and Full Afternoon High Tea is not available during Christmas season.

All entry donations help support the garden.

Suggested donation: \$5/adult, \$2.50/child, \$12.00/family (2 adults and up to 3 children/youths under 19 yrs).

Members and current VIU students with card enter free.

Little Qualicum Cheeseworks Presents

Christmas On the Farm

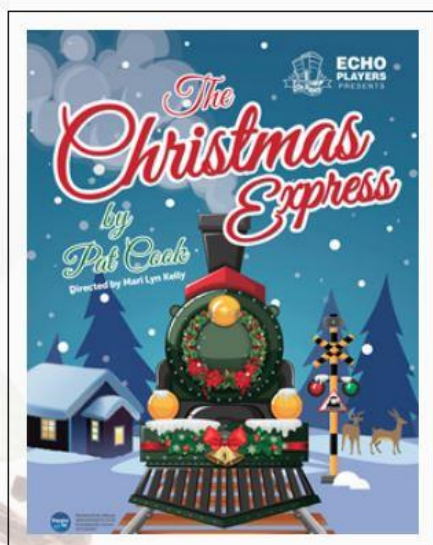
Saturday, Dec 16, 10:30–3:00
Free Admission
 403 Lowry's Rd, Parksville

Carol-Wagon Rides
 Live Music
 Christmas Calfé
 Free Hot Chocolate
 & Popcorn

Live Story Telling
 Crafts
 Bonfire & Marshmallows
 Farm Creatures
 Great & Small




www.cheeseworks.ca (250)954-3931 info@cheeseworks.ca



When Leo Tannenbaum appears from nowhere on December 23rd, things begin to change around the Holly Railway Station. A long defunct radio springs to life, the local carolers (notoriously awful) sound like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and everyone seems to be filled with Christmas spirit. Is it Leo's doing or just a coincidence? This nostalgic theatrical greeting card is full of eccentric small town characters, wise-cracking their way to finding the true wonder of Christmas.

The Christmas Express opens on December 14th and runs till December 31st. Shows run Wednesday to Saturday evenings at 7.30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2.00 pm. For tickets or further information phone 250-752-3522 or contact info@echoplayers.ca. The Box Office opens on the Tuesday 2 weeks before the opening of each production and stays open until the last performance. You can now order tickets online. Simply click on the "Buy Tickets Now" button and it will take you to our secure online ticket agent.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oceanside Public Health Dept.

Influenza season is approaching! Oceanside Public Health is extending an invitation to families with eligible children to attend one of our family flu clinics throughout November and December. Please call Oceanside Public Health Services at 250-947-8242 if you would like to book a family flu appointment. Information regarding eligibility for publically funded vaccine can be found at: <http://www.viha.ca/flu/>

10-15YRS

ARCHERY

Can you hit the bull's eye?



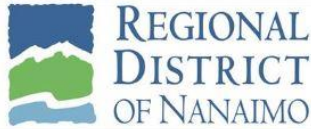
Mondays

\$75

Jan 8-29, 2018

3:30-6:00 pm

Includes admission, 4 lessons, supervision, and transportation to and from Oceanside Place arena



Register at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Find us on

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena
830 W Island Hwy, Parksville
250-248-3252



BASKETBALL

Join us on the court.

8-11 yrs

3:30-4:45 pm \$23.50/1
Qualicum Commons
Wed Jan 10-Feb 28



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PAINT CLASSES

Family Paint,
Jan 11, 5:45-7:15pm, \$30



10-13 yrs,
Jan 25, 5:45-7:15pm, \$30



7-10yrs,
Jan 18, 5:45-7:15pm, \$30



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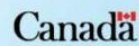
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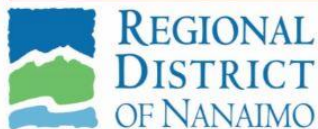
CANADA 150
SKATING DAY

LET'S GLIDE
INTO WINTER
BY SKATING
ON DECEMBER 10!



Scratch #8- Skating off your Canada 150 Playlist. Family Skate 12:15-1:45pm

Everyone Welcome 2:00-3:30pm FREE admission and skate rentals



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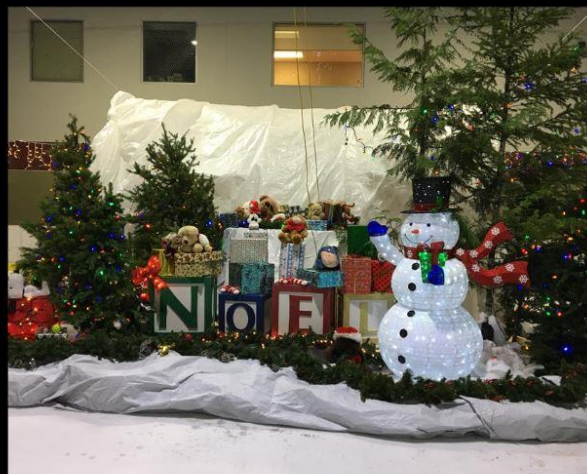
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WINTER WONDERLAND ON ICE TEEN SKATE

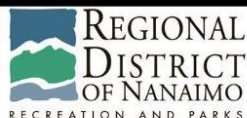
13-18 yrs



Oceanside Place
Arena

Tuesday Dec 19
7:00-8:30pm

Free admission
and skate rentals



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Caring for Community at Christmas

Registration



SOS Caring for Community at Christmas is funded by community donations and is offered to low income residents of District 69.

To take part in this program, please **register in person** at:

SOS Community Services Centre

245 West Hirst Avenue, Parksville

November 14 to December 8, 2017

Monday - Friday from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Evening registrations are available by appointment for low income families and individuals who work during the day. Please call to book an evening registration appointment on one of the following days:

Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Thursday, Nov. 23 from 5 to 7 pm.

When you register remember to bring:

- Photo ID for each adult (19 yrs +)
- Proof of residency
- Care Cards for minor children

250.248.2093 ext. 229 | coordinator@sosd69.com | www.sosd69.com

Caring for Community at Christmas

Outreach Registration



SOS Caring for Community at Christmas is funded by community donations and is offered to low income residents of District 69.

Registrations will be accepted at these outreach locations:

SOS Community Services Centre in Qualicum Beach

744 Primrose St. at Qualicum Commons

Wed. Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Nov. 29 or Dec. 6, 2017

between 2 pm - 4 pm.

Lighthouse Community Centre

240 Lions Way **Wed. Dec. 6** between 10 am - 1 pm.

When you register, remember to bring:

- Photo ID for each adult (19 yrs +)
- Proof of residency
- Care Cards for minor children

SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville is accepting registrations in-person from Nov. 14-Dec. 8, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

★ Toy and grocery store gift card distribution will take place Dec. 14-22 at SOS in Parksville.

250.248.2093 ext. 229 | coordinator@sosd69.com | www.sosd69.com