



## ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**"Your Community School"**

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## PARENT NEWSLETTER #3

October 13, 2017

### EES Important Dates for Your Calendar

Oct 16	PAC Hot Dog Day
Oct 16-18	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Online sign up starting next week
Oct. 19	Conference Adjustment Day – students not in attendance
Oct. 20	BC Provincial Pro D – students not in attendance
Oct. 23	Photo Day
Oct. 24	Drop Everything and Read- celebrating National School Library Month
Oct. 30	Pumpkin Carving
Nov. 3	District Cross Country Meet SES
Nov. 8	School Photo Retake Day
Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 20	Immunizations – Grade 6 students

### MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

The boys and girls basketball teams played their first games this week. Both teams showed great spirit and sportsmanship. All the best on the rest of the season! Run club is still practicing for the Cross Country Meet on November 3 with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Armstrong.

We had our first formal assembly this week. It went very well!

As the weather is getting colder and rainier, we are encouraging students to dress for the weather. Please wear appropriate clothing, including coat, boots, gloves/toque and have inside shoes at school for keeping our school floors clean.

Just a quick reminder about drop offs in the morning before school. There is no supervision before 7:45 a.m. so please drop off after 7:45 a.m. Also, please remember that the parking lot is for staff parking and for busses to drop off and pick up students. Parents are able to park alongside the road to drop off or can use the drop off zone, without entering the school parking lot. Thank you for your understanding. We know that you want to support us to continue to keeping your child safe.

### 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. Toda 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.

### TEACHER CONFERENCE ON-LINE SIGN UP

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Oct 16-19. Conference times will be booked online again this year, at [ees.parentconferences.net](http://ees.parentconferences.net) the link to book can also be found on our school website. Booking has begun for parent/teacher conferences @ [ees.parentconferences.net](http://ees.parentconferences.net) or you can find the link on our school website. If you have any trouble please call the office and the office staff will be happy to help you.

### 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.

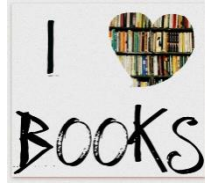
## SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Our EES Newsletter is posted on our school website. If you would like to receive a digital copy, go to the EES Website at <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES/Pages>, scroll down below the calendar to SIGN UP TO OUR NEWSLETTER AND STAY IN TOUCH, put in your email address, and press GO. You'll receive an email with a verification link to finish the sign up process.

## NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Hello From Your Library!

We're gearing up for a busy autumn in the Library!



**Book Care:** We ask that students treat books like their best friends :) Please return books when they have been read so that other students can enjoy them. Please keep books safe and clean, and use a Ziploc bag or book bag. Having a special place at home for library books may help students remember where they are!

**Library Page Program:** We had over 65 applications for our Library Page program this year! We've changed our program to two Terms, September-January and February-June. Thank you to everyone who applied and will be working hard in our school this year :)



**Book Fair: Saddle Up And Read!** Our Fall Book Fair is coming November 23 to 28th and we've got lots of great books and gifts for students of all ages. This is our Library's main fundraiser for the school, and we appreciate your support! Come and check us out!

**Donations:** We'll always accept books from home if you would like to donate them to the Library. If we don't put them on the shelf, we'll add to our Take and Trade table, thank you!

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

Ms. Richards and Ms. Macrae  
EES Library

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

We are trying out Concept Photography for our school photos this year. Their system of doing things is different than previous years. Approximately 48 hours after photo day, photos will be available for viewing online. You will be given a code specific to your child and will be able to view the different poses and choose the background you want. Please do **NOT** send your child in a green shirt. Ordering will be done online. There will be some paper order forms available in the office. To view their website and familiarize yourself with their company follow the link (School Photos), under school links on our Errington Elementary School Website. ([myschoolpix.ca](http://myschoolpix.ca))



## PARKING AND DROP OFF

Thanks to all the parents and caregivers that help make our drop off and pick up of students manageable. While we are in the process of obtaining a new drop off and parking area, this endeavor will take some time as it involves many governing factors. We appreciate your patience and ask you to continue with your careful driving on Fairdowne Rd. during early morning and after school times.

## 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.

## Haunted House

Ballenas Secondary School is hosting a Haunted House for the whole family!

The graduating class of 2018 would like to invite you to a night of spooky Halloween fun! There will be an all-ages spooky walk, as well as a frightening haunted house! There will be games, fear factor, face painting and much more! Admission by donation, plus extra ticket costs for activity booths. Also gratefully accepting additional non-perishable food donations for our local food banks. Come check it out Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 8:00pm at Ballenas Secondary School!

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Check out our PAC Facebook Page at **EES PAC**, Website at [www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com](http://www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com) or email at [erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto: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.


Monday, October 16, 2017	Hot Dog Day * Session Closed
Friday, October 27, 2017	Pizza Day
Monday, November 6, 2017	Subway Day
Friday, November 24, 2017	Pizza Day
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	Sushi Day
Friday, December 15, 2017	Pizza Day

If you are paying by cash or cheque, payment for All lunch orders in the ENTIRE month of November is due by Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. For December lunches it is due by Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The Harvest Fall Festival held at the Silver Meadows Farm is on October 15<sup>th</sup> this year. We work the concession stand and welcome all volunteer help. If you are able to help please email above address.

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Let's Talk About Drugs:



## LET'S TALK ABOUT DRUGS

**When:**  
Prior to the DPAC meeting  
at 6:00pm  
Wednesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Where:**  
at the Qualicum Commons

For more information,  
please contact:  
Douglas Hardie  
at 250-739-5790 or  
[Douglas.Hardie@viha.ca](mailto:Douglas.Hardie@viha.ca)

A workshop for parents, teachers and groups of concerned adults provided by Island Health's Discovery Youth and Family Substance Use Services in collaboration with University of Victoria, Center for Addictions Research of BC.

This workshop provides participants with an opportunity to:

- Be informed about different drugs and current trends related to youth substance use
- Learn how to have effective conversations with youth about substance use
- Think about ways to strengthen your relationship with your teen / student
- Learn about practical resources that can help in your community



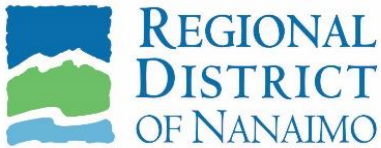
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## **Oceanside Public Health Dept.**

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/>



**REGIONAL  
DISTRICT  
OF NANAIMO**

### **Information at [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

Find us on



## **September 27, 2017**

This fall RDN Recreation and Parks has drop-in gym, swim and skates in addition to registered programs and events to offer. Check it out at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)

### **Drop-in Gym Plus**

Pick up an Active Pass and come to the after school drop in activities:

Craig Street Commons- Drop in Gym and Lego Time Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Qualicum Commons- Drop in Gym Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:45 pm

Craig Street Commons- Drop in Gym and Craft Room Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

### **NEW Monday Reduced Rate Skate**

Oceanside Place Arena is the place to be on Mondays after school for the NEW Reduced Rate Skate from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, starting Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hockey enthusiasts – the far end of the ice will be set up for pond hockey, bring your helmet and a stick. \$2 child or student, \$4 adult

### **Oceanside Pond**

The Oceanside Pond ice will be back on and skating opens on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Junior Adaptive Gymnastics 5-12 years**

This is a smaller class to support children with a variety of confidence, attention and learning concerns. Tuesdays, Oct 31-Dec 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm Craig Street Commons. Cost is \$77.

### **Claytime Creations 5-11 years**

Join local pottery artist Anne Marie Veal to learn clay skills. Each month has a theme. Classes are on Tuesdays at Qualicum Commons from 3:00-5:00 pm. Full details online.

### **Flippin' Fun for Boys 6-9 years**

A session just for the guys... acrobatics that will increase your strength, coordination and balance. Fridays, Nov 3 to Dec 15 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$77.

### **Acro Gym 13 years+**

An acrobatics and gymnastics combo program that will increase your body awareness, control, balance and coordination. Fridays, Nov 3 to Dec 15 from 7:00- 8:00 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$77.

### **Floor Hockey 6-11 years**

Game on. Join your friends after school for a fast-paced scrimmage. Wednesdays, Nov 1-Dec 20 from 3:00- 4:45 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$23.50.

### **Cartooning**

Learn to draw characters from your favourite shows and comics or create your own. Saturdays, Oct 14 to Nov 4 from 1:00- 3:00 pm Craig Street Commons. Cost \$45.

### **Canvas Art for Kids and Teens**

Jenny Hughes will guide you through how to paint a fantastic yet surprisingly simple acrylic painting. No experience necessary. All supplies are provided. Thursdays, 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm at Qualicum Commons. View dates and painting projects online. Cost is \$30 per painting workshop.

### **Babysitters Certification Program**

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Saturday, Oct 14 or Nov 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons. Cost is \$46.35.

### **Leaders in Training**

Learn to lead through play! In addition to the two days of hands on training, participants will complete a minimum of 25 volunteer hours at RDN programs and events. Training days are Thursday Oct 19 and Friday Oct 20 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons. Cost is \$80 and includes a LIT shirt and manual.

### **Dodgeball**

Here's your chance to dodge, dip, duck and dive. Tuesdays, Nov 7 to Dec 5 from 4:00- 5:00 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$25.

### **Pro D Camps**

Parents this is your Pro D day solution. Camps are offered Oct 19, 20 and Nov 10 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$38.

### **Paint a Tote Bag 7-10 and 10-13 years**

Show the world your creative side with a hand-painted tote. All supplies are included. View dates and project details online. Cost is \$35 per project.

### **Events**

#### **Mother Goose Family Swim**

Bring your little ducklings to Ravensong Aquatic Centre to swim and play for a couple of hours on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Enjoy rhymes and songs and a visit with Mother Goose. Regular admission.

#### **Disco Light Skate for all ages**

Catch dance fever under the disco lights at Oceanside Place Arena. The flashing lights and pumping music will take you back in time on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Regular admission.

#### **RDN 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail Opening Celebration**

Join the Regional District of Nanaimo Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Springwood Park in Parksville to celebrate fifty years of providing services in this region and take part in the official opening of the Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail. The official opening starts at 10:30 am; learn about past, current and future projects and services the RDN provides; register your bike with the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers; and enter to win prizes. Take advantage of our special shuttle service to or from Coombs available from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information [www.rdn.bc.ca/parks](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/parks) or call 250-248-4744.

#### **School's Out Everyone Welcome Skate**

School is out but skating is in at Oceanside Place Arena on Thursday October 19 and Friday, October 20, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Regular admission.

#### **Pro D Day Water Fun Swim**

Join us for a fun time at Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Take a break and be active at Ravensong Aquatic Centre on Friday, October 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Regular admission.

#### **Teen Pizza Swim 13-18yrs**

Enjoy the Friday night swim activities at Ravensong Aquatic Centre geared to our teen crowd with an added pizza bonus. Free admission on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

#### **Halloween Howl Swim**

Ghosts and goblins will be seen at Ravensong Aquatic Centre this night with a few tricks and games for the children. The howl will finish off with an annual piñata bash. Parents are free when accompanied by your children. Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Regular admission.