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# PARENT NEWSLETTER #4 October 27, 2017

EES Important Dates for Your Calendar		
Oct 30	Pumpkin Carving	
Oct 31	Halloween-dress up (no masks, face paint, weapons or scary costumes)	
Nov 3	District Cross Country Meet	
Nov 6	PAC Subway Day – order online	
Nov 8	School Photo Retake Day	
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assembly 12:45 – 1:45 (All Welcome)	
Nov 10	Curriculum Implementation Day – Students not in attendance	
Nov 13	Remembrance Day Observed – Students not in attendance	
Nov 16	PAC Clothing Exchange – 5:30-6:30pm	
Nov 23-28	Saddle up and Read Book Fair in the Library	
Nov 24	PAC Movie Night – Boss Baby	
Nov 24	PAC Pizza Day – order online	

## **MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS**

Thank you for your participation in parent-teacher conferences last week. This is a great way for teachers, students and parents to connect about the learning that happening at school.

Flu season is upon us! If your son/daughter is showing signs of feeling unwell in the morning, please make us aware that you will be keeping your child home from school. We have been having to send many students home during the school day in the last few weeks because of being sick. To help lessen the spreading of germs, we are also encouraging students to not bring stuffed animals or blankets to school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Just a few notes for this upcoming Tuesdays Halloween celebrations.

Students are welcome to wear costumes to school on Halloween. For the safety and enjoyment of all students during the Halloween celebrations, students should NOT:

- wear masks
- bring weapons
- wear scary face paint.
- wear a costume that would scare a younger student

Please make sure students are dressed in costumes before coming to school and are not needing to do any makeup or hair once they have arrived at school.

We are also encouraging students to not bring candy to school.

## 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.

## **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 <a href="http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES/Pages">http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES/Pages</a>, 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!

Drop Everything and Read: We enjoyed 30 uninterrupted minutes of reading our favorite books this week as students made forts, wore their jammies and had a great time celebrating wonderful stories! Thank you for helping us celebrate National School Library Day!



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!

**Parent Volunteers for Book Fair and Movie Night**: We're looking for parent volunteers to help out in the library during Book Fair. Please email Ms. Richards at <u>jrichards@sd69.bc.ca</u> or drop by the library to sign up. Shifts are: Friday Nov 24: 7:45-8:15, 9:55-10:15 and Noon to 12:30.

Friday night: 5:00pm - end of Movie Night.

Monday Nov 27: 7:45-8:15, 9:55-10:15 and Noon-12:30.

Tuesday Nov 28: 7:45-8:15 and 9:55-10:15.

**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

# SCHOOL PHOTOS - Retake Date: Wed., Nov. 8th

We tried out Concept Photography for our school photos this year. Their system of doing things is different than previous years. The photos are now available to view online. You should've been given a code specific to your child and be able to view the different poses and choose the background you want. (If you have not received your code, please check with your child.) 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)

## 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 <u>www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com</u> or email at <u>erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com</u>

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 open now for orders.

Friday, October 27, 2017	Pizza Day * Session Closed
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.

**School Community Clothing Swap** - November 16th from 5:30 - 6:30. This is a FREE everyone welcome school community event. We are collecting gently used clothes, sorting them and everyone is welcome to come and "shop" for an hour. Accepting clothes donations in the neon green bin under the PAC bulletin board at the school or they can send an email to <u>erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com</u> and we can arrange pick up/drop off. Accepting ALL clothes, baby, school age, adult. PLEASE be respectful of our volunteers and only donate wearable, stain and hole-free clothes.

## PAC Movie Night- November 24th



*Featuring Boss Baby* Doors Open at 5pm and Movie starts at 6pm sharp. There will be concession available, this movie night will coincide with the book fair so come and support our school.

## 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/



737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach 250-752-5014

830 W Island Hwy, Parksville 250-248-3252



#### 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

#### **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.

#### 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 Gvm 13 vears+

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.

#### **Babysitters Certification Program**

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

#### 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

#### 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.