



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Your Community School"

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PARENT NEWSLETTER #1

September 15, 2017

DISTRICT PLANNING DAY - SEPT 22, 2017
SCHOOL BASED PRO-D DAY - SEPT 25, 2017

EES Important Dates for Your Calendar	
Sept 19	Band Instrument Rental Night – at Errington – 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Sept 21	Meet the Teacher Night – 5:30-6:30 pm Please consider carpooling ☺
Sept 22	District-wide Planning Day – No school for students
Sept 25	School-based Professional Development Day – No school for students
Sept 28	Terry Fox Run - in afternoon, bring your twoonie for Terry
Sept 29	Wear Orange Day – to remember those who went to Residential Schools
Sept 29	PAC Pizza Day
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day- students not in attendance
Oct 16	PAC Hot Dog Day
Oct 16-19	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Online sign up starting next week
Oct 30	School Photo Day

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

Errington Elementary is excited to welcome back our students, parents and community partners. We hope you had a relaxing and safe summer. A special welcome goes out to our new Kindergarten pupils and our new students who arrived from other schools. As well, we are excited to introduce some new staff members for our 2017–2018 school year. Welcome Mrs. Ward Rm 9 Grade 1/2, Mrs. Whitney Rm 2 Grade 3/4, Mrs. Doerksen Rm 12 Grade 6/7 as well as Ms. Caldwell – Support Staff.

We would like to thank everyone for helping get our school ready for the 2017–2018 school year. Mrs. Martini and Ms. Toda for organizing the office and supplies for the school and to all teachers for creating the vibrant learning spaces for our children. Another thanks goes out to our district staff for creating a new classroom and storage room.

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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 COERENCE 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 the link to book can also be found on our school website. If you have any trouble please call the office and the office staff will be happy to help you. Booking will begin Monday, September 25, 2017 at 9:00am.

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.

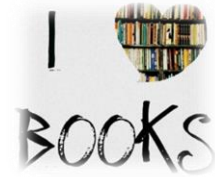
SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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

Welcome back to another year of wonderful reading and special events in our Library!

Library Card: All students have been issued a library card and have been using them to check books out of the Library. All classes have booked time for a book exchange once or twice a week.



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!



Book Fair: Saddle Up And Read! Our Fall Book Fair is coming in November and we've got lots of great books and gifts for students of all ages.

Library Page Program: Students in Grades 5-7 who are interested in working in the Library are invited to take home their application form today. Please complete and sign the form with your child and return to the Library by MONDAY, SEPT. 18th. We will be holding interviews and scheduling students next week.

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

Ms. Richards and Ms. Macrae

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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.

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 erringtonschoolpac@outlook.com

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

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.

TERRY FOX RUN

EES is very proud to participate in the Terry Fox Run. You will notice our Terry Fox banners and goal chart in our foyer. We are hoping to raise \$400 for the Terry Fox Foundation and are hoping that students can donate some change to help for this cause. Bring your toonie by Sept 30th and support this great cause.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

2017/18 Regular Public Meetings of the Board of Education

The Regular Public Board Meetings of the Qualicum School District's Board of Education are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the 2017/18 school year. These meetings are business meetings of the Board which are held in public.

Three exceptions are the August Board Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, August 29th (to be followed by the annual elections for the Chairperson & Vice Chairperson of the Board), the December Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, December 19thth and the March Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 13th. There is no meeting held in July.

The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum of the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville. Members of staff and the public are welcome to attend.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

To Parents/Guardians:

The Qualicum School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Those expenses are the responsibility of the parent/guardian unless the School Board is proven liable for an injury.

Therefore, the Board of Education encourages all parents to obtain student accident insurance, either through their own insurance agent or through a private insurance plan.

For your convenience, the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) has made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc (iA Financial Group). During the first week of school, all students will receive a brochure to bring home containing information about this voluntary insurance plan. For complete plan details, or to apply online, please visit kidsplus.ca.

September Asthma Surge Facts and Tips

According to the Asthma Canada, **September is Asthma Peak Month**. The back-to-school period brings a dramatic increase in hospitalizations for children with asthma, **peaking about the third week in September**. Kids are back in close contact with each other and share germs, like the common cold, that can trigger asthma in young children. Here are some tips to help reduce the asthma flare-up.

Did you know?

- Asthma affects roughly 20 percent of children under 9 years old.
- Colds cause up to 85 percent of asthma triggers in young children.
- School-aged kids have eight colds a year per average.
- On average, the asthma-related hospitalization rate for school-aged children peaks 17.7 days after Labour Day.
- More than 20,000 children are hospitalized for asthma across Canada each year.

Prepare for the September surge:

- If your child has asthma, **develop a written asthma action plan** with your family doctor and be sure the school has a copy.
- Make sure medications are up-to-date and **prescriptions are filled before the peak** arrives.
- Get your child back into the **routine of using his/her inhaled asthma controller medication**.
- Reduce cold transmissions by teaching your child **good hand washing habits**, be sure he/she gets **enough rest and eats a balanced diet**.
- Schedule **regular asthma check-ups with your healthcare practitioner** to ensure your child's asthma is properly controlled.

Source: Asthma Canada

For more information about asthma talk to your health care provider or visit:

- Asthma Canada www.asthma.ca



**Host
Families Needed**

The Qualicum International Student Program (District 69) is currently looking for host families in the District 69 Area to host international students from around the globe. We are looking for short-term homes (1 week to 8 week programs) as well as long-term homes (5–10 months) and summer homes. You must be able to provide a warm and welcoming home environment, a private bedroom (which includes a bed, dresser, desk, chair, and proper lighting) and three meals per day with snacks also provided. Some transportation will be required and students must have total inclusion in the family as would be granted a family member.

Hosting an international student will provide you with the opportunity to make new friends from around the world and can be an exciting cultural experience to share with your family! There is financial compensation to cover the costs of hosting an international student. Participating in the program can be a life changing experience for both students and their host families.

Get involved today!

If you are interested in hosting an international student please call Sandie or Jenny at 250-951-0857 or email us at homestay@sd69.bc.ca Families will be financially compensated.

More information and registration is also available on our website at www.schoolincanada.ca/live-here/homestay/become-homestay-family/



