



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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February 15, 2019

Principal's Message

During the month of February, many teachers are focusing on the theme of friendship. When children are younger, you will often see them playing in a big group, with several peers. As they get older, they start to determine who their solid friends are – those who they feel good spending time with, and those who share similar interests. The number of friends your child has may decrease as they develop more solid friendships. The issue of sharing friends is something we support many students with. We teach students the important skill of sharing a friend with another person who may or may not be one of their own close friends. Sharing friends teaches students about empathy and tolerance.

Often the ups and downs of friendships can interfere with learning as students worry about things that are going on with friends. The article below suggests just a few ways to tackle social problems before they affect school performance:

"I thought she was my friend!" Unfortunately, the classmate who seemed so friendly only wanted to copy your child's homework.

Learning how to deal with "friends" who turn out not to be friends is a tough lesson. And it's one that can affect your child's performance in school. And distract her from learning.

Talk to your child about the qualities that make a true friend and encourage her to stay away from classmates who seem:

- **Selfish.** Does the person seem to think and talk mostly about herself? Is she using your child in order to get something?
- **Phony.** Does the person say one thing...and then do another?
- **Dishonest.** Someone who is friends with your child only because she wants to cheat on a test is not really a friend at all.
- **Unreliable.** Did she say she'd walk home with your child after school, but then headed off to someone else's house instead?

Remind your child that she is worthy of *real* friends and should stay clear of those who are not.

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget." -G. Randolf

Source: *Elementary School Parents* (February 2016, Vol.27, No.6)

Non-Instructional Days

Please remember that we have 2 days coming up later this month where students are not in session. Monday, February 18th is BC Family Day and Tuesday, February 19th is a Professional Development Day.





Kindergarten registration is ongoing!

Please stop by the office or contact us at (250) 248-8446 if you have any questions regarding the upcoming Kindergarten registration requirements.

All new students must register at their catchment area school. Information for those students wishing to attend a school outside their catchment area is outlined below.

If you know of any families who will need to be aware of this information, we ask you to please pass this along to them.



New Parking Lot Reminders



Thank you to those who are using the new parking lot so effectively! A few reminders:

- Please use your turn signals to indicate your plans (pulling over to the right to the drop-off/pick-up lane or left when you are ready to pull out of that lane).
- Please DO NOT pull over into the walking path lane that enters the drop-off/pick-up area! This lane is reserved for pedestrians. We know it gets congested in this area just before school starts and right after school ends. Please instruct your children to wait near the little hill for you to pull up.
- If you have tried to park in the lower lot and no spaces are available, please park on Fairdowne BUT please do not park right next to the main school driveway to allow the school buses space to turn in and out of the driveway.

Thank you!

Communicable Infections

We monitor student attendance closely and during this time of year, illness is common. We would like to remind you that if your child shows signs of a communicable infection, it needs to be diagnosed and treated by a medical provider. Please contact us at the school if your child has a communicable infection so that we can work with you on determining if and how long your child needs to be absent from school. We use a guide provided by Island Health to help us prevent the spread of common childhood illnesses. When calling in your child's absence, we also appreciate knowing what kind of illness is causing them to be away. We track patterns and are required to report to Island Health if there is an unusual number of absences due to illness.

My Site - an amalgamation of amazing resources for students that you can access from home!

School District 69 has arranged for student access to a number of great research, literacy and more resources they can access while at school and at home. These include World Book online (Science Power, Discover, Kids, Timelines, Early World of Learning), Tumblebooks (an online ebook site of picture books, videos and more), Overdrive and Sora (online e and audio books) and National Geographic Kids. Students can access these programs online from home by:

1. Go to <https://start.sd69.bc.ca>
2. You will be asked to log in. Log in the same way you log in to a computer at school, using your **student number and password**.
3. Student Number: Student's should know this. If they don't, you can get this from their teacher
4. Passwords: Default passwords for students is based on their birthday MDYYYY (no leading zeros) ex. February 20 2005 would be 2202005 and November 5, 2006 would be 1152006
5. You are now in My Site and just click on the program icon.

My Site





**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)
2019-20 KINDERGARTEN" AND "PROGRAMS OF CHOICE" INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION:
MONDAY, JANUARY 21 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 25; and
MONDAY, JANUARY 28 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019
9:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Board Policy 7015 Excerpt: "The Board of Education believes that, in general, students should attend their neighborhood school. Transfer of a student to a school outside of his/her catchment area will be considered upon written application of the parent to the Superintendent of Schools"

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Qualifying Age: To qualify for school enrollment in September 2019, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2019.

Required Documentation: Proof of Age for student (Birth Certificate or Passport); Proof of Residency (see SD69 website for list of acceptable documentation or contact catchment area school: <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx>)

Where to Register: Please register at your neighbourhood (catchment) elementary school. Attendance boundary information is available at each school or by contacting the School Board Office at 250-248-4241.

CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

Cross Boundary Process: Parents wishing to enroll their Kindergarten child at an out-of catchment school within the district are to **make their request upon registration** and complete an "Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year" Form. All "Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year" forms must be submitted during the months of February and March (first Monday in February to last Friday in March – prior to Spring Break). **Early applications will not be accepted.**



PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

School District 69 (Qualicum) is proud to offer a range of Programs of Choice that provide unique and innovative learning opportunities for our diverse student population.

Programs of Choice are staffed consistent with the district's overarching methodology and philosophy regarding financial prudence. For these reasons, Programs of Choice classrooms are often (like regular classrooms) organized into combined grade configurations. All program options either align with or support the B.C. curriculum and help provide a pathway towards Grade 12 graduation.

The Board of Education is committed to Programs of Choice placement sustainability to the best extent possible, but must balance this commitment with emergent building capacity pressures, and the importance of students being able to attend their neighbourhood school. All Programs of Choice are reviewed annually as part of the budget process. Programs of Choice typically generate much interest and are continued each year, however they can be subject to cancellation due to enrollment and budgetary considerations. Please note that space in these programs is limited.

Please see the following link for further information regarding District Programs of Choice:
<http://www.sd69.bc.ca/Programs/Education%20Programs/Pages/default.aspx>

INFORMATION SESSIONS OFFERED

CEAP Program The Collaborative Education Alternative Program provides a blended-learning kindergarten program that consists of home-schooling in addition to being supported by scheduled student activities at Qualicum Commons – CEAP classroom. Learning resources as well as support for parent(s) is provided by the program teacher.

An information session for parents considering the CEAP Kindergarten program will be held Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the CEAP classroom at Qualicum Commons, 744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach. For more information, please contact the program at 250-752-5628 or visit the CEAP website at www.ceap.ca

French Immersion French Immersion is intended to develop fluency in French learning to functional bilingualism. Students study in French while following the regular BC Curriculum Learning Standards. The French Immersion Program for Grades K – 7 is located at Oceanside Elementary School. The French Immersion Program for Grades 8 – 12 is located at Ballenas Secondary School. Please apply at appropriate school.

NOTE: An information session for parents considering the Early Immersion Kindergarten program will be held Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Oceanside Elementary School, 980 Wright Road, Parksville. For more information, please contact Oceanside Elementary School at 250-248-4662.

Student selection for the Early French Immersion program will be held by lottery. Parents will be notified regarding the lottery outcome by the end of February.



Snow

With snow still in the forecast, we wanted to send out a reminder about our expectations around sledding. If we have a significant amount of snow accumulate, we will allow students to slide down the hill to the field. We only allow this during recess and lunch breaks (not before or after school) and we only allow students to slide down on a sliding device and they must be wearing snow clothes (waterproof pants and coat, boots, gloves, etc.)! Our expectation is that snow has to cover the ground completely (no grass showing) in order to slide. We will set up a coned area for the students to slide down and expect them to wait until previous sliders have exited the area before sliding. We ask students to walk back up the hill on either side of the coned off area.

We do allow students to bring items to slide on, but please note that they are not stored inside the school. Teachers will be asking students to leave their sliding devices on the walkway outside the classroom during instructional time. Please make sure your child's sled is labelled clearly with their name!

Please also take caution and drive slowly in our new parking area. There is a slight incline and we haven't had it open long enough to know where the slippery spots will be.

Inclement Weather and Clothing

Winter weather on the west coast continues! It is extremely important for students to have appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor use, along with a pair of inside shoes to change into when inside the building. These shoes are also used for gym use. We expect students to wear warm coats (hoods are a good idea) and we recommend boots, hats, gloves, and umbrellas. In general, students go outside to play during recess and lunch breaks, even if it is raining or snowing. Each day, we assess the combination of weather, wind, and temperature to determine whether or not it is suitable for the students to play outside. We recommend that students have a spare change of clothing kept at school in case of various emergencies. We have a very limited supply of clothing available.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Competition

**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**



Students aged 9-12 competed in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Competition on Saturday, February 2nd at Springwood Elementary School. EES participants represented our school well. Congratulations to the following EES students who placed in the top three spots for their age category:

Ethan – 3rd in 10 year old boys

Peyton – 2nd in 11 year old boys

Keenan – 3rd in 13 year old boys

Milea – 3rd in 9 year old girls

Power Outages and Extreme Weather – What do we do when the power goes off at EES?

If the power is off for a portion of the day, school will most often continue as usual. We follow a “power outage protocol” and we keep in touch with BC Hydro to determine the expected length of the power outage. Any decisions to close the schools are made by the Superintendent of Schools, along with the Manager of Operations. Factors taken into consideration include the time of day, predicted length of power outage, and conditions surrounding the school area (i.e. power lines and/or trees down, adverse weather conditions, etc.)

When students are sent home due to a power outage or extreme weather event, it is carried out as follows: parents or the emergency contact identified by the parent is contacted (we have designated staff who contact parents). If parents or the emergency contact cannot be contacted students remain safe at school until the end of the regular day or until alternate arrangements can be made.

Students are not released from school without the parent or emergency alternate being contacted first. We do not permit students to go with friends or neighbors, etc, unless permission is obtained from the parent. This is a good time to remind parents to make sure they have listed a few different names as designated pick-up people. These could include family members, neighbours, or fellow parents. Please note we only have a few phone lines and it is a lengthy process to phone all parents. During a power outage we also have limited cell phone reception in the school. When possible, we will also use our electronic newsletter email group, the EES and SD69 websites, and the EES PAC Facebook group to communicate information to families.

We ask parents to please refrain from calling the school during such circumstances as described above unless it is an emergency; this will help free up our phone lines and staff who are contacting parents. When students are picked up from school early, it is extremely important to use the sign-out system in the office before leaving the building so we can keep track of student attendance. When we expect a number of people picking up students at once, we move the sign-out system to the main foyer. Those arriving to pick-up children sign-out and we have designated staff to go and get the students from their classrooms.

Donate Your Book Credit to EES Library!

Cozy Corner Books in Coombs has a great offer for us. You can bring in your books to Cozy Corner and donate all or part of your book credit to our school. Cozy Corner has about 60,000 books - you're sure to find something you love, too. They sell their books at half off cover, and give credit for 25%. That means for every \$10 book, you could donate your \$2.50 credit to EES. It all adds up, and puts great books in the hands of our students! Thank you very much to Sean Wallington and Lorien Hammond for this great support of our Library.

Find Cozy Corner at Coombs Emporium, 2300 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, phone 250-586-0222.



NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

TAKING CARE OF OUR LIBRARY BOOKS: We ask that students return their library books promptly as many have students waiting to read them. Using a bag for library books helps keep books safe from damage in backpacks. Having a special place at home for library books is helpful for keeping them from getting lost! Any books that are lost may be replaced with a good quality book of similar genre. Please speak with Ms. Macrae or Ms. Richards.

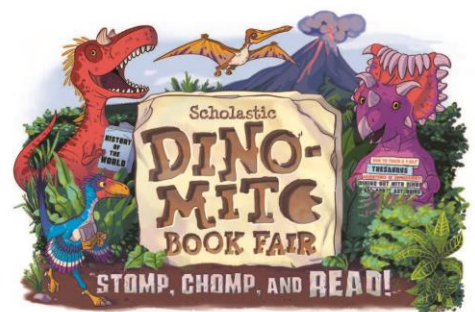
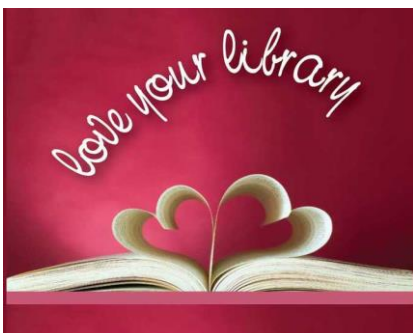
SERIOUSLY AWESOME SERIES BOOK DRAW:



Our popular book draw is now on! It runs until March 8th. Students who check out a book in a series, can read it, and return it with an entry form to the draw. You can enter as many times as you wish, but must read the book! There are a ton of great fiction and non-fiction series in our Library, check them out! We will choose one winner per classroom, so make sure you enter to win!

SPRING BOOK FAIR: The Dino-Mite Book Fair is coming to EES Library from April 3-10th! Library Pages will set up the fair on Wednesday, we'll have classroom previews on Thursday, and then the Fair will be open daily from 8am-3pm Friday and Monday and from 8am-12:30 on Tuesday.

TAKE AND TRADE TABLE: We're always looking for great books to put on our table for students to take home.



Reporting Student Absents

When reporting your child's absence, please call the office at 250-248-8446 (after hours you can leave a message on our answering service – just listen for the option to report a student absence in the directory). It is important to let the office know if your child will be late or not attending school for the day(s) so your child is accounted for. It only takes a minute. If your child is not at school or late you can expect to receive a call to your main number. Thank you in advance for reporting early!

NEW WAY TO PAY

This year our district has made it possible to pay for any school fees online. If your student's classroom teacher has requested to use agendas, a sheet with detailed instructions on how to sign up for School Cash Online has come home. If your student's teacher is not using agendas this year a detail sheet will come home shortly. On our Errington Website there is a direct link to www.schoolcashonline.com, it is quite easy to sign up. Once signed up you will receive email notifications if there is a fee associated with your student. You are still able to pay for any school fees with cash or cheque, but we are offering the option to pay online.

As always if you need any help navigating this system please feel free to call the office and they will be happy to help you.

Headlice



It's that time of year – headlice is back in town! A reminder to parents to start checking your child(ren)'s head and let's be preventative. If in need, the school does have lice combs and pamphlets describing the recommended treatment – just ask at the office.

Information is posted on our website, in the General Information section and included in this newsletter.

EES PAC NEWS

EES Parent Advisory Council

CONNECT WITH PAC: NEXT MEETING WED FEB 13 * 8:30 AM * ROOM 9

www.erringtonpac.wordpress.com ~ www.facebook.com/groups/eespac

PAC FUN LUNCHES

LUNCH DATE	MENU	ORDER DEADLINE
Wednesday, Feb. 6th	Subway	Friday, Feb 1st
Friday, Feb. 22nd	Panago Pizza	Tuesday, Feb. 19th
Friday, Mar. 15th	Panago Pizza	Tuesday, Mar. 12th

All orders are placed online at:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/>

Information about PAC Fun Lunches on our PAC website at:

<https://erringtonpac.wordpress.com/fundraisers/pac-fun-lunches/>.

If you are unable to place an online order, please contact us to make other

Arrangements: erringtonelementarypac@gmail.com

NO LUNCH WILL BE ORDERED IF PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

It is your responsibility to manage payment deadlines and ordering for your child. If you're paying cash/cheque please ensure payment is in the PAC Box in the office by 2 pm on the Order Deadline. If paying online, payment is open until midnight.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS



West Coast Seeds

The PAC has partnered with West Coast Seeds and will be offering an opportunity to stock up on your summer garden seeds while supporting EES PAC! The campaign will run Jan 28th until Feb 15th. Check your child's backpack for a paper order form next week.

Ballenas Secondary
Building Successful Students



BSS Open House, District Programs Fair and Grade 8 Orientation – Wednesday, February 20th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

All parents and student who plan to attend Ballenas in the 2019/2020 School Year are invited to the annual Open House. All Ballenas pro-grams and departments will be on display along with the District Pro-gram Fair.

In addition, next year's grade 8 parents and students are invited to attend a special information session at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.



Phone: 250-248-5721
Web: <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/BSS/Pages/default.aspx>



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AGES 6 - 21

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 4-H Camps, Scholarships | Travel Opportunities
 4-H Country Fairs | Judging Rallies and more...



For more information contact: Denise Whitson • 250-752-9086 | mvalley@uniserve.com

FREE SKATE LESSONS FOR YOUTH 13-18 YRS

Join your friends, learn to skate!

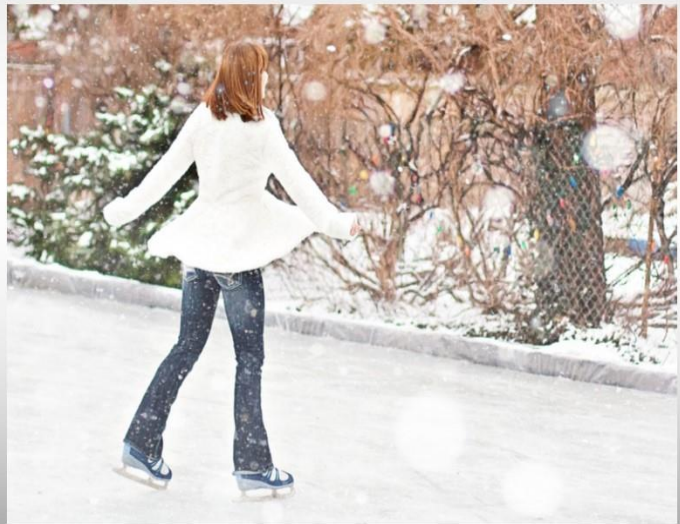
Mon, Oct 1-Oct 29 4:00-5:00pm

Mon, Nov 5-Dec 3 4:00-5:00pm

Mon, Jan 14-Feb 4 4:00-5:00pm

Mon, Feb 25-Mar 11 4:00-5:00pm

FREE but you must register as space is limited. 13-18yrs



REGIONAL
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Register at 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

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Hey Oceanside Youth!

Want a cool summer job?

Like baseball?

Are you 12 years of age or older?

Why not become a baseball umpire! We provide the uniform and all the training!

Our Clinic for ALL new umpires will be:
March 9, 2019 - 8:30 AM to 4 PM!
Errington Elementary School

Please go to www.bcbua.ca to register.

Go to Clinic registration on left side of page!

SPRING BREAK DROP-IN SWIMS and SKATES and UPCOMING EVENTS

View schedule online for all drop-in swims and skates and event details.

Monday March 18

Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p, 6:30-8:00p

Tuesday March 19

Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p

Wednesday March 20

Everyone Welcome Skate, 4:00-5:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p, 6:30-8:00p

Thursday March 21

Leisure Skate, 11:45a-1:15p
Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p

Friday March 22

Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p, 6:30-8:00p

Saturday, March 23

Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 9:00am-12:00pm,
1:30-5:00p & 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday, March 24

Free Family Skate, 12:15-1:45p
Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 9:00am-12:00pm,
1:30-5:00p & 6:00-8:00pm

Monday March 25

Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Parent/Child Drop-in Hockey, 6:15-7:45p
World Water Day Swim, 1:30-4:00p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 6:30-8:00p

Tuesday March 26

Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p

Wednesday March 27

Everyone Welcome Skate, 3:30-5:00p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p, 6:30-8:00p

Thursday March 28

Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p

Friday March 29

Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-4:00p, 6:30-8:00p

Saturday, March 30

Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 9:00am-12:00pm,
1:30-5:00p & 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday, March 31

Free Family Skate, 12:15-1:45p
Everyone Welcome Skate, 2:00-3:30p
Everyone Welcome Swim, 1:30-5:00p & 6:00-8:00pm

Celebrate BC Family Day Monday, February 18, 2019



Free Swim

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
10:00 am-2:00 pm
Maximum Capacity 100

Free Skate

Oceanside Place Arena
1:00-4:00 pm

Free admission courtesy of
Canadian Union of Public Employees



RDN RECREATION AND PARKS

Spring 2019

Spring Break Camps, programs and events



Register at 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



SPRING PROGRAMS

Pro D Camp with skating 6-11yrs

Parents this is your Pro D day solution. Our experienced play leaders will provide a great day that is filled with creative art, active games and skating.

Oceanside Place Arena
T Feb 19 8:30a-4:00p \$38 9225

Babysitters Certification Program 11-15yrs

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. This course introduced basic first aid, how to respond to emergency situations, explains baby and child care, offers advice on becoming a responsible babysitter. Price includes manual and certificate.

Qualicum Commons - RDN Activity Room 12
Su Mar 10 9:00a-4:00p \$48 9233

Kids Swim for Fitness 5-14yrs

This is a perfect motivator for those who are now competent swimmers and are looking to work on their endurance. This is a non-competitive program. Pre-requisite: SK 6. A one day option is available.

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
T,Th Feb 19-Mar 14 4:00-5:00p \$74 9627

Claytime Creations for Children 5-11yrs

Join local pottery artist Anne Marie Veale to learn the skills and creativity of wheel work and hand building. This session focusses on making picture tiles of your favourite things.

Qualicum Commons - RDN Activity Room 12
T Mar 5-26 3:00-5:00p \$92 9128

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Camp Bigfoot at Spring Break 6-10yrs

School's out and it's time to get out and play! Join in the action with games, crafts and swimming. Each day is filled with age appropriate activities that encourage creativity, participation and enthusiasm from all campers. Dress for the weather, as we will be spending time outside, rain or shine. Weekly or daily registration. Note: Five year old children, who are currently in kindergarten, are welcome to register.

Craig Street Commons
M-F Mar 18-22 8:30a-4:00p \$38/day

Spring Break Gymnastics 5-15yrs

Spend your spring break with Leah-Lollipop. Develop your balance, coordination, strength and flexibility as you play games and activities in these half or full day camps.

Instructor: Leah Sieben
Qualicum Commons
M-F Mar 18-22
Full Day Camp 7-12yrs, 9:00a-4:00p \$270 9157
Morning Camp 5-6yrs, 9:00a-12:00p \$165 9158
Afternoon Camp 7-15yrs 1:00-4:00p \$165 9156

Spring Break - Ezra Soccer Camp 6-12yrs

Time for some spring season training with the experienced instructors from Ezra Soccer School. Back for another spring break camp, the team will help players develop their mastery of the ball with games and activities that focus on dribbling, passing and improvisation. Groups will be divided by age and skill level. We play outside, so dress for the weather. Cleats required.

Instructor: Ezra Soccer School
Parksville Community Park
M-F Mar 18-22 1:30-4:00p \$100 10437

Spring Break - Ezra Soccer Tots Camp 3-5yrs

Have some fun on the field with the experienced instructors from Ezra Soccer School. Children will enjoy the game of soccer with lots of ball contact, motor skill development and social interaction.

Instructor: Ezra Soccer School
Craig Street Commons Gym
M-F Mar 18-22 1:30-2:30p \$55 10438

Spring Break Ocean Critter Camp 6-12yrs

Learn all about your favourite ocean critters and explore their home, the ocean, in this fun and educational camp. Camp will be packed with science-based games, experiments, interpretive nature walks, beach explorations, and taking care of the Deep Bay critters.

Instructor: VIU Deep Bay Staff
VIU Deep Bay Marine Field Station
M-F Mar 18-22 9:30a-3:30p \$180 10024

Spring Break Go Wild Outdoor Camp 6-12yrs

Get Outside (GO) for nature exploration, hands on discovery and lots of outdoor play at Moorecroft Regional Park. GO Wild and spend an incredible spring break in the outdoors with our energetic Park Naturalists. Discovery is in our Nature during this week full of nature inspired fun and adventure.

Instructor: RLC Park Services Staff
Moorecroft Regional Park
M-F Mar 25-29 9:00a-3:00p \$190 10060

Camp Kowabunga 6-10yrs

School's out and it's time to get out and play! Join in the action with games, crafts swimming and local adventures in Qualicum Beach. Each day is filled with age appropriate activities that encourage creativity, participation and enthusiasm from all campers. Note: Five year old children, who are currently in kindergarten, are welcome to register.

Qualicum Commons
M-F Mar 25-29 8:30a-4:00p \$38/day

Express Camp at Spring Break 11-14yrs

A truly unique experience that is unmatched on the island. Jump in the RDN van with our youth leaders for an experience you will never forget.

Oceanside Place Arena
8:30a-4:00p \$49/day
W Mar 20 Swim & Movie
F Mar 22 Airhouse
W Mar 27 Swim & Nerf Showdown
F Mar 29 Escape Rm, Bowling & Skating

Spring Summer Active Living Guide

will be online Thursday, March 7

Create your wish list and be ready to register on Monday March 11.



For more program details or to register:

rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Oceanside Place Arena 250-248-3252 or Ravensong Aquatic Centre 250-752-5014



Information at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

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January 14, 2018

This winter 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

Spring break camps and swim/skate schedules will be available Friday, February 1. View online at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Drop-in Gym is open until March 14.

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

Craig Street Commons- Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

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

Claytime Creations 5-11yrs

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.

Family Paint 5yrs+

Let's create art and memories together. Family members will take part in painting their own canvas with the guidance of our experienced art instructor. Friday, January 25th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Oceanside Art Studio, cost is \$30.

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. Feb 21 or Mar 7, Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Oceanside Art Studio in Qualicum Beach. View dates and painting projects online. Cost is \$20 per painting workshop.

Babysitters Certification Program 11-15yrs

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Sunday, Mar 10 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons. Cost is \$48.

Events

Splish Splash Everyone Welcome Swim

Splish splash everyone welcome swims at Ravensong Aquatic Centre are a water adventure you don't want to miss. Saturday, January 5th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. 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 January 19th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Regular admission.

Royal Tea Party and Skate

Bring out your inner royal and come skating at Oceanside Place Arena on Saturday January 26th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Make a craft and participate in a tea party. Prince and princess or other royal costumes welcome. Regular admission.

Splish Splash Everyone Welcome Swim

Splish splash everyone welcome swims at Ravensong Aquatic Centre are a water adventure you don't want to miss. The lifeguards are going to bring out the pool toys for you to enjoy. From the rope swing to the snake to the dino ribs there will be water play for everyone. Saturday, February 16th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Regular admission.

BC Provincial Family Day Swim and Skate events

Both Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place Arena are open to celebrate BC Provincial Family Day on Monday February 18th. Free admission to both of these events is courtesy of CUPE 401, Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Free Family Swim from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Free Family Skate from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

School's Out Everyone Welcome Skate or Swim

Stay active on Tuesday, February 19 with a swim at Ravensong Aquatic Centre or skate at Oceanside Place Arena. Everyone Welcome Swim is 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Everyone Welcome Skate is 1:45 to 3:15 pm. Reduced rate admission.

Oceanside Minor SOFTBALL 2019 registration is now open.
Don't miss out on the early bird discount.
*Early bird discount of \$20 will apply until
March 5, 2019.

To register: www.oceansidesoftball.ca

A photograph of a clipboard with a silver clip at the top, resting on a green grassy field. A baseball is positioned to the right of the clipboard. The clipboard has a yellow sheet of lined paper with the following text:

**OCEANSIDE MINOR
BASEBALL
REGISTRATION 2019**

REGISTER ON-LINE AT

www.oceansidebaseball.ca

Any question, contact the registrar,
angela@oceansidebaseball.ca

Want to be an umpire?
Contact Will Chambers
will@oceansidebaseball.ca

The baseball has red stitching and text that reads "OCEANSIDE MINOR ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR" and "BASEBALL REGISTRATION".

2019 Spring Season Registration Open!

It is that time of the year again...dust off those gloves and get ready to hit the fields! Registration is now open online at www.oceansidebaseball.ca...just click on Register to the left.

Registration closes March 31st. Any registration received later than March 31 will be processed with a \$20.00 fee increase.

So, register now to receive the early bird fees!

A few common questions we receive during registration time...

1. How can I pay if I don't have a credit card or a PayPal account?

Arrangements for payment by cash or cheque can be made by contacting the registrar. **Please note a player's registration is not complete until payment is received in full.**

2. What fields do we play at?

Tadpole, Rookie, and Blastball play at the Qualicum Park on the fields that run on First Ave. and Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget play at Springwood Park. Field addresses can be found by clicking on the Fields tab to the left.

3. When does the season start and end? What days do they play?

The season begins at the beginning of April and runs through to the end of June. Blastball (for the month of May only) and Rookie are Mondays and Wednesdays at Qualicum.

Tadpole is Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at Qualicum.

Mosquito is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at Springwood.

Pee Wee is Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at Springwood.

Bantam weekdays TBA, and Saturdays at Springwood. Away games TBA.

Midget weekdays TBA, and Sundays at Springwood. Away games TBA.

Please note schedules are finalized by the division coordinators and based on field availability.

(Summer seasons for players who make rep teams run through the month of July, with Provincials Championships often on the August long weekend.)

4. Can I register my child for a division that is not their age group by year born?

All players must register in the correct age group. A request can be sent to OMBA to make a move for a player, however each request is reviewed individually, and decisions are based on space in the divisions, the players skill level and whether it is safe to make the switch. Requests must be sent to the board for review and players will be invited to evaluations. All requests are sent to and will require the final approval of BC Minor.

5. I haven't heard from anyone, when will we be contacted?

Coordinators will receive information on player registration over the next couple of months. Usually initial contact with parents will occur by email mid-March to the end of March with information on start dates and evaluation times.

If you have any questions for your child's division coordinator you can contact them directly. Click on the Contacts tab to the left and send them an email.



Free Lacrosse Drop-Ins

OCEANSIDE MINOR LACROSSE PRESENTS:

FREE BOX LACROSSE DROP-IN SESSIONS

Running February 4th, 2019 - February 26th, 2019

TRY BOX LACROSSE, MEET THE COACHES AND PLAYERS, GET REGISTRATION INFORMATION, AND GET IN SOME PRE-SEASON CONDITIONING!

**Mondays: PASS/Woodwinds (old Winchelsea Elementary) school gym (Starts Feb 4th)
6-7pm Peewee (born 2007-2008)
7-8pm Midgets (born 2003-2004)**

**Tuesdays: Springwood Elementary school gym (Starts Feb 5th)
6-7pm Mini Tyke, Tyke, & Novice (born 2009-2014)
7-8pm Bantam (born 2005-2006)**





Parent Support Circle - Coombs

Sometimes you just need a little space to talk with other parents

Parent Support Services offers free, confidential self-help support circle groups that are led by two trained volunteer facilitators.

We believe that every parent is the expert of their own family. Sometimes it just takes a bit of space to hear yourself and the voices of other parents to find your way through.

Parent Support Circles provide a safe, supportive place to share ideas and information with others who are parenting.

Find out more and register for a new group starting soon.

**Tuesday evenings
from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Coombs
email parent@telus.net or
call **250-468-9658**
www.parentsupportbc.ca**



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7th Annual

Coombs ARROWSMITH AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



Family Day Celebration

Heritage Demos,
Displays, Crafts
and Games
for "Kids
of All Ages!"

Children's Garden
Railway Train

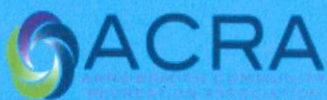
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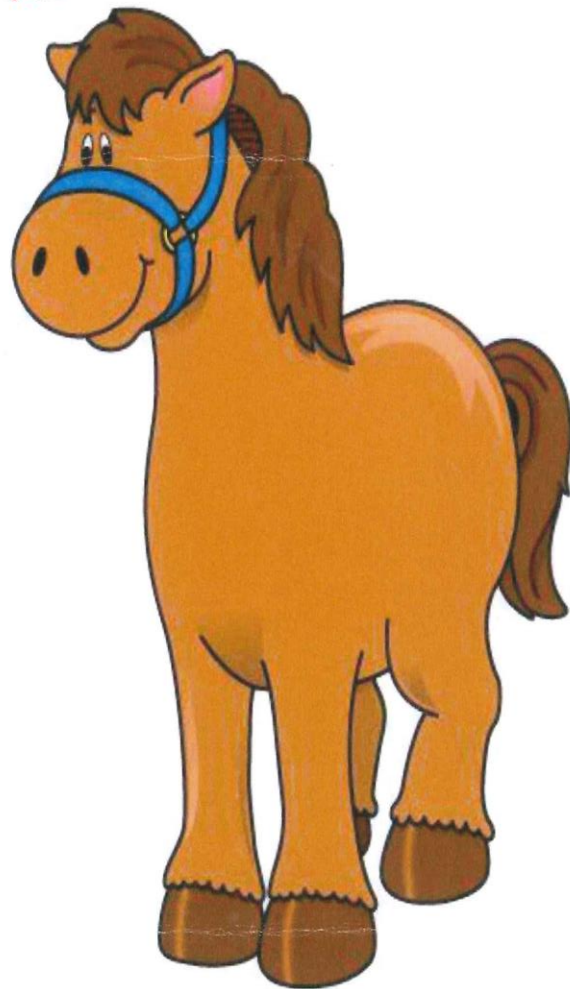
Horse Cookie
Decorating

4-H Demos

Family Photo Booth



Just **horsing** around!



Monday, February 18, 2019

1:00 – 4:00pm

It's all **FREE** at the Coombs Fairgrounds
1014 Ford Road, Coombs
(Turn at the General Store)

FREE hotdogs, popcorn, coffee, and tea
while supplies last.

EES Calendar of Events

February	18	BC FAMILY DAY
	19	Professional Development Day – No School
	22	Ballenas Secondary School staff visit Grade 7's
	26	Grade 3 Swim Program begins (Ms. Rostron's and Ms. Stocker's classes)
	27	Pink Shirt Day and Friendship Assembly
March	7	Grade 6/7 Volleyball Tournament
	15	Idiom Spirit Day
	15	Last day of school before Spring Break
April	1	School Re-opens after Spring Break
	3-9	Scholastic Book Fair
	18	Professional Development Day – No School
	19	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	22	EASTER MONDAY – No School
	26	Animal Spirit Day
	30	Grade 7 Health and Wellness Fair
May	1-2	Celebration of Learning
	8	Grade 3 Swim Program begins (Ms. Baynton's class)
	17	Conferencing Adjustment Day - No School
	21	VICTORIA DAY – No School
	27	Grade 6 Immunizations (Booster Shots)
June	27	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early (11:00)

Please note the above calendar will be updated as new events occur

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Electronic Newsletters

EES newsletters are provided bi-weekly on Fridays. Newsletters are posted to the EES website and parents who have registered will receive a notification email and link when a newsletter has been posted. Most parents use this option and it certainly reduces the amount of paper and time required to prepare newsletters. Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is very simple.

Sign up through the Errington Elementary School website (<http://ees.sd69.bc.ca>) by entering your email address in the area "Sign up for our newsletter & keep in touch" found near the bottom of the home page. After you enter your email and click on "GO" an email will be sent to your email address. **You must respond to the email to become a verified member to receive newsletters.** There is an option to "Unsubscribe" at any time you choose.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please fill out the tear-off below and return to the school as soon as possible. We will only print a paper copy to those who have filled out the tear-off below. Please note that you need to indicate your desire for a paper copy of the newsletter each year. We will keep a few extra copies in the main office for pick-up if necessary.

Parent Name _____ Student Name(s) _____
 Student Grade(s) _____ Classroom Teacher(s) _____

I would prefer to receive a paper copy of the EES Newsletter.