

ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We continue to promote the common language used in our pillars of social responsibility which are outlined in our Code of Conduct: Demonstrate SAFE behaviour, Display RESPECTFUL behaviour, and be PREPARED to learn. The article below suggests some ways to encourage your child to develop self-respect:

Children who are disrespectful often lack something they desperately need: self-respect. If they don't value themselves, they will find it hard to value and respect other people. They will also have trouble following rules. But how can you encourage self-respect and how does it develop? Self-respect comes from:

- **Competence.** It feels great to be good at things. Give your child opportunities to learn and practice new skills everything from reading to playing sports to doing chores.
- Accomplishments. Notice and compliment your child's progress. "You've read three books this week. I'm impressed!"
- **Confidence.** It helps to have parents who stay positive through challenges. Display a "You can do it" attitude. Help your child see mistakes as opportunities to learn.
- Freedom. Give your child some independence. Let her make age-appropriate choices, too. For example, "Would you like to organize your closet today or tomorrow?"
- **Support.** Show that you accept, appreciate, and love your child for who she is and what she believes. Ask about her day. Listen to her answers. Help her solve problems.
- Imitation. If you have self-respect, your child is more likely to have it as well. Be kind to yourself and believe in your worth.

Source: Elementary School Parents November 2017 Vol.29, No.3

Jersey Day!

Friday, November 23rd, 2018 will be Jersey Day at Errington Elementary School. It is a day to show your love and support for your favourite sports team by wearing a team jersey, shirt, sweater, hat or other sports team paraphernalia to school! We look forward to seeing your fun sports team spirit!

Go Teams Go!





<u>Remembrance Day</u>



Thank you to those who attended our Remembrance Day Assembly yesterday. A reminder that school will not be in session on Monday, November 12, 2018 in order to observe Remembrance Day.

STUDENT REMEMBRANCE DAY BLOG POSTS

A Strong Bond-Jadeina

Canadian soldier Jack Munroe was born in Nova Scotia. He was a heavyweight boxer in the early 1900s.

When he enlisted, he brought his collie dog, Bobbie Burns who he smuggled in a potato sack.



Source: Canada Remembers Times newspaper

Horses at War by Alyssa

Horses have been a part of the war for centuries. They are strong and loyal.



Source: Tales of Animals At War newspaper

World War 1 by Ava

The First World War lasted from 1914 to 1918. More than 61,000 Canadians died. That was only Canada.

Lots of countries fought in the war including Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire (the Central Powers) which fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and the United States (the Allied Powers).



We remember them and honour them by wearing the poppy.



Picture source: google

Source: https://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/legacy/the-cost-of-canadas-war/



The Canadian encyclopedia-the battle for hill 70 by Tristan

The battle for hill 70 was an amazing Canadian victory against the Germans during world war one in the year 1917 for a great area advantage.

9000 Canadian soldiers were lost that week to German hands but later it cost the Germans 25000 soldiers.

When the Canadians attacked The German fort they shot burning oil barrels into their lines. The Canadian corps withstood 21 counter attacks from the Germans.

The reason the Canadians attacked that specific area was to stop supplies being shipped to the German front.

Tales of animals in the war-by Kiera

The horses was a big part of the war for centuries. Strong and loyal, the bravely served alongside men Around the world. Here in Canada, the lord <u>stronthcona's</u> Horses regiment was formed in the prairies in 1900 and its Soldiers and horses were sent to fight in the south African war. During the First World War, however,



The role of the horses changed a lot.

Source: Animals At War newspaper.

Washroom Etiquette

We have noticed that the student washrooms are getting very messy each day. Toilets aren't flushed, urine is often on the floor in front of the boys' urinal, there are things in the toilets that should not be there (food and food wrappers, pens/pencils, etc.), and there have been cases where graffiti has been written on the walls. This has caused plumbing issues and as we have had to close washroom stalls down during the day for cleaning, it reduces the number of toilets available for student use throughout the day. It also causes additional time to clean in the evenings when the custodial staff should be concentrating on cleaning the rest of the school properly. We are very concerned about the state of the washrooms and have been monitoring them throughout the day. We hope that you will help by reminding your children about responsible washroom use.

Communication



We value the student-teacher-parent relationships we have with you as an important part of our learning community. We know that challenging situations come up from time to time throughout the year. Please contact your child's teacher if you have a question or concern. It is recommended that you leave a note, email, or phone message for your child's teacher to set up a suitable

time. It is challenging to have conversations at the busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Redesigned Curriculum

As you are most likely aware, our province has restructured the Kindergarten through Grade 9 curriculum and we are in the third year of full implementation. Detailed information can be found by searching "Building Student Success" on the Ministry of Education website. This week, we would like to share some information about a key element of the redesigned curriculum, called "Core Competencies". While most of the curricular competencies remain the same, the restructured curriculum highlights Communication, Thinking, and Personal/Social at the core, or centre, of what we do on a daily basis.

Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Through provincial consultation, three core competencies were identified:



Communication -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media.

Thinking - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.

Personal and Social - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

Core competencies are evident in every area of learning; however, they manifest themselves uniquely in each subject area. Competencies come into play when students are engaged in "doing" in any area of learning. This includes activities where students use thinking, collaboration, and communication to solve problems, address issues, or make decisions. The ultimate goal is for learners to employ the core competencies every day in school and in life, and for the core competencies to be an integral part of the learning in all curriculum areas.

News From Your Library



ENCHANTED FOREST BOOK FAIR Nov 21-27: What an awesome title for a special event in our library! Our book fair runs from November 21-26th with classroom previews on Thursday, then open for business Friday, Monday and Tuesday until noon. This is our library's biggest fundraising event and we thank you for your support!
** WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT, PLEASE EMAIL MS. RICHARDS, THANK YOU!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: PAC is holding a Family Movie Night on the Friday Nov 23rd. Movies and books together and a very fun evening for families at EES.

LOST AND OVERDUE BOOKS: We ask that students be really great at returning books this year. If a book is lost, please either bring one from home which is similar quality and genre, or pay the replacement cost to the Library. Having a special spot at home for library books can help with remembering. Also having a big ziploc bag to keep library books in will help with keeping them clean and free from juice spills!

OUR FRIDAY VOLUNTEER!: We are very happy to welcome Dena Lane (a school mom) in our Library on some Friday afternoons. Thanks Dena!

LINKS FROM HOME: You can access many awesome reading resources directly from home on your computer. By going to <u>www.sd69.bc.ca/schools/EES</u> you can click on the Library Website. Here, you'll find links to research tools including World Book Online and more. Click on the library CATALOGUE to access our EES books.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>jrichards@sd69.bc.ca</u>. Thank you!



Janet Richards, Teacher Librarian Cathy Macrae, Library Clerk



<u>Headlice</u>

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.



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.

Use of Technology

We value the use of technology as an integral part of teaching and learning. Our handheld devices have become part of our daily routines and give us access to a wide variety of tools, including photographing our students doing all sorts of activities at school. We have noticed that some photos of our students have appeared on social media – we understand that people taking and sharing photos during school sanctioned activities are doing so with good intentions. What people may not realize is that we have a number of students who have media



restrictions in place and parents have indicated they do not want their child's photo to appear publically. In order to respect the privacy of our students, we ask that you do **NOT** download, copy, or distribute any pictures or other personal information through social media that contain images of students and/or student work other than your child's.

New Parking Lot Update

You may have noticed that the new parking lot has been paved recently! While we are still a few weeks away, we know that we are getting close to being able to open it up. We will send more detailed information when we are ready to open, but we wanted to give you some advanced warning of how the traffic patterns will change once it opens.



Students who use the school bus will continue as usual. For students who get dropped off and/or picked up, vehicles will turn left into the new area, which is about 50 meters down the hill from the main entrance to the school. There will be a "pull over" area with several spots to pull over and either drop-off or pick-up your child(ren) and continue driving around the loop and exit. We will be asking these drivers to stay with their vehicle and we will help "train" your children to come and meet you there. There will be a pathway to the school near the field. We will be moving our supervision location from the current location to this new pathway. Students will be able to walk up to the school without having to cross any traffic. For those parents who would like to park and walk your child(ren) up to the school (or be outside for pick-up), there will be several parking stalls in the new area.

We are looking forward to opening this long awaited parking area! Stay tuned for more information.

A Message From Oceanside Public Health Services

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.

In addition, Oceanside Public Health will be hosting a public influenza drop-in clinic for all eligible individuals on Monday November 5th/18 from 10am-2pm at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. No appointment necessary.

Information regarding eligibility for publically funded vaccine can be found at: <u>http://www.viha.ca/flu/</u>

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 <u>www.schoolcashonline.com</u>, 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 <u>online</u>.

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.

Oct 2018

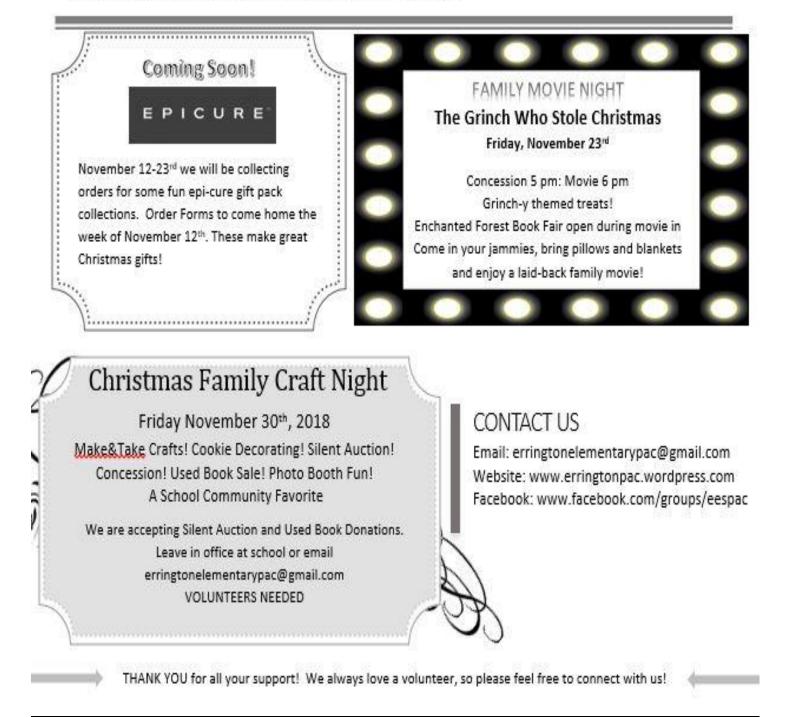
PAC NEWS

EES Parent Advisory Council

| — PAC FUN LUNCHES | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| LUNCH DATE | MENU | ORDER DEADLINE | | |
| Fri. October 26 th | Panago Pizza | Tues. Oct 23rd | | |
| Wed. November 7th | Sam's Sushi | Wed Oct 31st | | |
| Fri. November 30th | Panago Pizza | Tues Nov 27th | | |
| Fri. December 21st | Panago Pizza | Tues Dec 18 th | | |

All orders are placed online at https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/. Information about PAC Fun Lunches and registering to order 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.



CHILDHOOD STRESS & ANXIETY BUILDING RESILIENCE

EMPOWERING STRATEGIES EFFECTIVE SUPPORTS



Presentation and Discussion By:

Julie-Anne Richards, M.A., R.C.C., C.C.C. Registered Clinical Counselor, Psycho-educational Consultant www.JulieAnneRichards.com

Thursday, November 22 6:00-8:00 pm

QUALICUM COMMONS

744 Primrose St Qualicum Beach

for Parents, Caregivers & Staff All Community Welcome Tailored for Parents, Caregivers & Educators supporting children Ages 5 - 13 experiencing stress & anxiety

> PRESENTATION INCLUDING Q & A

Free Event!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED (Click to Register)

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/presentation-on-childhood-anxiety-tickets-50675929068

All Adults Welcome - Registration Required

Hosted by School District No. 69 Qualicum

Funded by the Eric Palmer Memorial Foundation www.ericfoundation.com

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.





Nov 30, Dec 1-2, 7-9, 14-19, 2018, 5 to 8:30pm last entry 8pm

Outdoor Christmas light show for the whole family to enjoy. Santa, live Christmas music, Teddy Bear Cottage, Storytelling, VIU Baking Students Gingerbread Houses, Refreshments, Tea Room, Gift Shops. Onsite shuttle for mobility challenged. Bring a flashlight.

Sorry, we are unable to take Tea Room reservations. 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).

<u>milnergardens.viu.ca</u>





YOUTH DROP-IN BASKETBALL

AGES 11- 15

AGES 16+

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pmThursdays, 7:00 - 9:00pmOctober 2 - December 4, 2018October 4 - December 6, 2018

COOMBS FAIRGROUND GYMNASIUM 1014 Ford Rd, Coombs, BC VOR 1M0





Questions?

Contact Kristine Stephenson - stephenson@live.ca / 250-927-3985



REGIONAL Information 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



October 10, 2018

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 is open

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

Drop-in Afterschool Skating

Oceanside Place Arena is the place to be on Mondays and Wednesdays after school for the reduced rate skate from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. 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

Teen Swim 13-18yrs

Enjoy the Friday night swim activities at Ravensong Aquatic Centre geared to our teen crowd. Admission is the reduced rate at \$2/student. 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Oceanside Pond

The Oceanside Pond ice is now open for skaters. Preschoolers who are 3 years and under skate for free.

Saturday Breakfast Club

Enjoy a free parent and tot session and Mother Goose circle time at Munchkinland, Family Place in Parksville. Join us for songs, stories and breakfast. Saturdays, Nov 3, 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, and 22, 9:30 to 11:30 am. This is a free program suitable for families with children 6 years and younger. FMI www.oblt.ca

RDN Youth Recreation Advisors 11-18yrs

The RDN is looking for 10 to 15 youth advisors to volunteer from Oct 2018 to June 2019. Youth Recreation Advisors generate program and event ideas, provide feedback and work with a dynamic team of people. Apply online at <u>www.rdnyouth.ca</u> or call Kelly Valade at 250-248-3252.

Junior Adaptive Gymnastics 7+ years

This is a smaller class to support children with a variety of confidence, attention and learning concerns. Tuesdays, Nov 6 from 5:45 to 6:30 pm Craig Street Commons. Cost is \$75.

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.

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, 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.

Floor Hockey 6-11 years

Game on. Join your friends after school for a fast-paced scrimmage. Wednesdays, Nov 7-Dec 19 from 3:00- 4:45 pm Qualicum Commons. Cost \$24.15.

Events

Disco Light Skate for all ages

Catch dance fever under the disco lights at Oceanside Place Arena. Saturday November 24th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Regular admission.

Parksville Lion's and Save-On-Foods Free Family Skate

This popular session is back starting October 14. Oceanside Place Arena on Sundays from 12:15-1:45 pm. Free admission and skate rentals.

Dad's Night Out: Free Skate

Dads, bring the kids to Oceanside Place Arena and enjoy a free skate together on the pond Tuesday, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, and March 5 from 6:45 to 7:45 pm. This free skate is sponsored by our partners at Building Learning Together.

| EES Calendar of Events | | | |
|------------------------|-------|---|--|
| November | 12 | Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY - No School | |
| | 19 | Grade 6 Immunizations | |
| | 20 | Dad's Night Out – RDN/ACRA event at the EES gym (6:30pm-7:30pm) | |
| | 21-27 | Scholastic Book Fair | |
| | 23 | Jersey Day | |
| | 23 | PAC Movie Night | |
| | 30 | PAC Craft Night | |
| December | 14 | "Crazy Christmas" Spirit Day | |
| | 20 | Winter Concert (12:45pm and 6:00pm) | |
| | 21 | Pajama Day | |
| | 21 | Last day of school before the Winter Break | |
| January | 7 | School Reopens after Winter Break | |
| | 18 | Crazy Hair/Hat Spirit Day | |
| | 29 | Dad's Night Out – RDN/ACRA event at the EES gym (6:30pm-7:30pm) | |
| February | 12 | Dad's Night Out – RDN/ACRA event at the EES gym (6:30pm-7:30pm) | |
| | 14 | Red/White/Pink Spirit Day | |
| | 18 | BC FAMILY DAY | |
| | 19 | Professional Development Day – No School | |
| March | 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 | 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 (<u>http://ees.sd69.bc.ca</u>) 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.