



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We value parents being involved in their child's education at Errington Elementary and welcome volunteers in our building. There is a strong link between the success of a child in school and the level of parental involvement. Parents of children at Errington Elementary School are involved in their child's education in many ways, ranging from reading with their children at home, to participation in the parent's advisory council (PAC). The level of involvement varies, but each form of involvement carries both **rights** and **responsibilities**. To make each visit a successful one, we have included some reminders and guidelines to follow.

Volunteering

- Parents have a **right** to volunteer their time and expertise to the school.
- Parents have a **responsibility** to respect the decision of the teacher if the teacher feels their presence will be distracting to the learning environment.
- Parents have a **responsibility** to provide a criminal record check, which is required by School District policy.
- It is the **responsibility** of the volunteer to check in at the office.

A Volunteer's Code of Ethics

- Respect the confidentiality of the teacher and the children.
- Practice tolerance and understanding towards the children and teachers with whom you come into contact.
- Be sensitive to the teaching role and understand that there are a variety of teaching approaches and styles.
- Strive for acceptance of all the children.
- Be dependable. If you must be late or absent, please call the school and try to arrange for an acceptable substitute.

(From "Bridges to Learning—A Guide to Parent Involvement")

Volunteering

At EES we love to have volunteers in our school! If you would like to help out in the classroom, library, go on fieldtrips or help on our PAC, please fill out a Police Information Check form available in the EES office. It is simple to do! Just fill out the form and bring to the R.C.M.P. office in Parksville. If you bring in the letter template indicating it is for Errington Elementary School, it is free. This needs to be done once every few years. Due to privacy laws, you must complete the Police Information Check separately for each organization you are involved with. It is best to take care of this now so that you can support throughout the year.



No School on Monday, October 8, 2018: Happy Thanksgiving!



Terry Fox Run

We are pleased to report that our generous school community raised almost \$450 this year! Money raised will go towards cancer research. Thank you to all who supported the campaign this year!



Parent Teacher Conferences

EES teachers will be meeting with parents later in October. Teachers will be available to meet during the evening of Thursday, October 25th between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Teachers have also made themselves available for other times during this week. We will be using the "Parent Conferences" online program again this year to book your appointment. Directions on how to use this booking system are listed below. If you are not able to schedule an appointment during one of the times listed, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time. The online booking system should be available by **Thursday, October 11th**. Please note that October 18th is a "Conferencing Adjustment Day", where students do not attend. Conferences will not be scheduled on this day.



Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. Here is an article outlining questions to ask at your parent-teacher conference:

Parent-teacher conferences can help you learn more about your child's strengths and weaknesses. They can also give you a better idea about the year ahead. Here are 10 questions you might ask your child's teacher:

1. **What will you cover** in this grade or subject this year?
2. **What are your expectations** for homework? Has my child missed any of her assignments so far?
3. **How are my child's** work habits? Does she use time in class well?
4. **Does my child** read at the level you would expect for this grade?
5. **Is my child able** to do the math you expect for a student in this grade?
6. **Is my child** in different groups for different subjects?
7. **Has my child missed** any classes other than the ones I contacted the school about?
8. **Does my child qualify** for any special programs?
9. **Does my child** get along well with the other students?
10. **What can I do at home** to help my child be more successful?

Source: *Elementary School Parents*; October 2011; Vol. 23, No. 2

School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ees.parentconferences.net>
2. Click to "**REGISTER**" (top box).
3. Complete all the required fields.
4. Click "**REGISTER NOW**".
5. Click "**Add Student**".
6. Complete the required fields.
7. Click "**Insert**".
8. Next to your child's name, click on the **blue calendar icon**. Click on the **blue calendar** beside your child's teacher name. When teacher is highlighted, click on **View Calendars**.
9. Click on **an appointment day and time** that you would like to book. *Note your name is automatically put into the field at this time. Others who look on this calendar will not see your name, they will just see that the time slot is not available.*
10. Click **Book Appointment**.
11. **If you have more than one teacher:**
Go back to **Home**.
Click **Manage Students**.
Add **New Student**.
Complete the fields as above and continue with the rest of the process to book your other appointment(s).

Note: You can edit or delete names if you have made a mistake.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact the office at 250-248-8446. Thank you! We are looking forward to seeing you at the parent/teacher conferences!

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!

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.



Spirit Wear

EES Spirit Wear is still available to order. There are paper order forms in the office or you can order online at schoolcashonline.com. Mr. Avis will be taking orders after school on Mondays and Wednesdays until 2:30pm until October 19th.



Unsafe Litter

Although we have not had any recent reports of “unsafe litter” on our school property, we have been hearing reports of unsafe litter around public spaces in our community. We felt it would be a good time to teach/remind our children of what to do if they encounter unsafe litter. Please take some time to discuss items that are “safe” to pick-up and items that are “unsafe” to pick up. We know that children can be very helpful, but we don't want to put them at risk for picking up something that could be dangerous to themselves or others. Items such as broken glass, sharp metal, and needles need to be disposed of with care. Images of needles can be easily found online to show your child what they look like. If your child comes across a dangerous item, we advise them to report to an adult immediately. If something is found on school property, we are required to follow procedures for safe disposal. Sharp items should never be discarded straight into a garbage can. They should be in some kind of container so as not to poke through a plastic bag and injure an employee who is handling garbage bags. There are several “safe” containers available around the community to dispose used needles so as not to put the public at risk. We still encourage everyone to help keep our public spaces free of litter – we just ask that people use extreme caution if they encounter unsafe litter.

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: <http://www.viha.ca/flu/>

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.schoolcashionline.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.

September 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 starting the week of September 17th

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 starts September 24th

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 will re-open for skaters on Tuesday, October 9th. Preschoolers who are 3 years and under skate for free.

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.

Babysitters Certification Program

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Saturday, Sep 23, Oct 14 or Nov 18 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons. Cost is \$48.

Pro D Camps

Parents this is your Pro D day solution. Camps are offered Sep 28, Oct 18, 19 and Nov 1 and 2 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$38. These dates include swimming at Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

Leaders in Training

Learn to lead through play. In addition to the two days of hands on training, participants will gain experience through volunteering at RDN programs and events. Training days are Friday October 12 3:30-6:30pm and Saturday October 13 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Qualicum Commons. Cost is \$65 and includes a LIT shirt and manual.

Junior Curling Lessons 10-18yrs

Here's your chance to try a new game, learn to slide and sweep and have fun with friends. October 1-29, Mon, Thu alternates at both curling rinks. See details online.

Events

Splish Splash Everyone Welcome Swim

The lifeguards are going to bring out all the pool toys for you to enjoy. Regular admission.
Sa Sep 15 1:30-500p, Sa Oct 6 10:00a-12:00p

The Terry Fox Run

Join us at Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park to walk, ride or run 3.3km, 5km or 10km on Sunday, September 16, to support the Terry Fox Run for cancer research. Registration begins at 9:00 am and run starts at 10:00 am. Register and pledge online at www.terryfox.org. No entry fee and no minimum pledge. Volunteers are needed for this event please call 250-248-3252.

Mini Golf Event for Youth and Adults

Youth 11 to 18 years and adults 55 years+ are invited to the annual mini golf event on Tuesday, September 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This event has been connecting youth and adults for over 10 years and is now part of the Active Aging Week celebration. Free registration is courtesy of Paradise Adventure Mini Golf. Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

School's Out Everyone Welcome Skate and Swims

Fr, Sep 28, Th Oct 18 and Fr Oct 19, Th Nov 1 and Fr Nov 2

Oceanside Place Arena, 1:30-3:00pm:
Ravensong Aquatic Centre, 1:00-2:30pm
Reduced rate admission

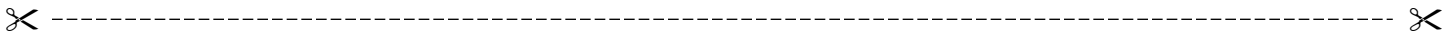
Disco Light Skate for all ages

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 13th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Regular admission.

EES Calendar of Events

October	5	Photo Re-takes
	8	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	18	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	19	Professional Development Day – No School
	25	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-6:00pm (see booking information in this newsletter)
November	1	Professional Development Day – No school for students
	2	Curriculum Implementation Day – No school for students
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly – 12:40pm
	12	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY - No School
December	21	Last day of school before the Winter Break
January	7	School Reopens after Winter Break
February	18	BC FAMILY DAY
	19	Professional Development Day – No School
March	15	Last day of school before Spring Break
April	1	School Re-opens after Spring Break
	18	Professional Development Day – No School
	19	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	22	EASTER MONDAY – No School
May	17	Conferencing Adjustment Day - No School
	21	VICTORIA DAY – No School
June	27	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early (11:00)

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



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.