



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a very happy and active summer vacation with your children. As we commence another school year, I would like to introduce myself as the new principal of Errington Elementary! I have come here most recently from Arrowview Elementary School in Qualicum Beach, where I was the Principal for 4 years. Prior to that, I was Principal of Bowser Elementary School and Vice-Principal of Winchelsea Elementary. I have worked as a K-5 classroom teacher at most of the elementary schools in District 69, including working here at EES and at the old French Creek Community School between 1997 and 2004. I am so happy to return to the EES community! I grew up in Qualicum Beach and attended QBES, the old QBMS, graduated from KSS, and live in Coombs. I feel so fortunate to be able to live, work, and play in one of the greatest places in the world! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents, and a special welcome to those who are new to Errington Elementary. Thank you to all staff for their efforts to help promote a successful start-up. It was really nice to reconnect with the students on Tuesday and we look forward to the exciting months ahead – learning and growing together. This week I have included some information that you may find useful on developing strategies to get this school year off to a good start:










The start of a new school year is the perfect time to develop strategies to help your child have a successful year. Here are some strategies to help your child get this new school year off to a great start:

It's the beginning of the school year – the perfect time to set the stage for learning success. Help your child get off to a great start with these simple strategies:

- **Get a head start.** Many families find that organizing at night prevents morning “rush hour.” You can review school papers, pack and refrigerate lunches, set backpacks by the door and agree on outfits.
- **Establish sleep routines.** Choose reasonable bedtimes so everyone is rested when it's time to wake up. Make sure everyone sticks to their bedtimes.
- **Develop morning habits.** If your child does the same things (in the same order) each morning, it's less likely that she will forget a step. For example: make bed, get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth and put on shoes
- **Choose a homework time.** With your child, pick a time when she will have the most energy and motivation to do assignments. Create a quiet study spot (complete with necessary supplies) where she can work at the same time each day.
- **Use tools for organization.** Teach your child how to use calendars, to-do lists and a filing system for schoolwork and important papers.
- **Set priorities.** Schedule things like schoolwork, family meals and even free time on a calendar. Treat them like appointments. If there are open blocks of time, your children can add activities.

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EES Bell Schedule 2018-2019

8:15 am	Instruction begins	
9:55am	Morning Recess begins	
10:15am	Morning Recess ends	
11:45am-12:00pm	Eating Period	
12:00pm	Lunch Recess begins	
12:30pm	End of playtime, Instruction resumes	
2:00pm	Dismissal	
2:15pm	Students not picked up report to office	

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 Staff

We have several new staff members to welcome to the E.E.S. community:

- ★ Jessica Virgin – Classroom Teacher
- ★ Lindsay Mitchell – Classroom Teacher
- ★ Sara Rostron – Classroom Teacher
- ★ Alex Petley-Jones – Classroom Teacher
- ★ Jennifer Ray – Classroom Teacher
- ★ Eric Neumeyer – Classroom Teacher
- ★ Kim Bastarache – Learning Services Teacher
- ★ Lucienne Siedlecki – Music and Band Teacher
- ★ Dee Cook – Office Assistant
- ★ Christine Butler – Education Assistant
- ★ Shirley Crawford - Education Assistant
- ★ Leah Erirckson - Education Assistant
- ★ Cathy Leary - Education Assistant
- ★ Sarah McLaughlan - Education Assistant

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.

Meet the teacher night is September 20th and our secretary Ms. Martini will be in the lobby able to help any parents wishing to sign up for this system.

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.

Picture Day



Concept Photos will be here to take individual and class photos next week, on Friday, September 14th. All students are photographed on this day and then ordering information will be sent home the following week. The individual photos are taken with a green background, so the photographer has asked that students DO NOT wear any shade of green.

Meet the Teacher Night

We have set a tentative date of Thursday, September 20th for our annual "Meet the Teacher" open house. Time will be determined and a message will be sent out with details. This is an informal opportunity to drop by and see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. Teachers will not be discussing your child's progress at this time. If you have questions or comments regarding your child's development, please contact the teacher to make an appointment at a different time.



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.

Inclement Weather and Clothing

Although we have had some sunny days,

we know that soon the rainy weather will be upon us! 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.



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.



Code of Conduct

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our EES Code of Conduct. Please take some time to review this with your child(ren). The following pillars form the basis for all of our expectations:

- Demonstrate SAFE behaviour
- Display RESPECTFUL behaviour
- Be prepared to LEARN

Along with these pillars, we encourage our students to take care of themselves, take care of each other, and take care of our place.

Hot Lunch

Once again, our EES PAC will continue to coordinate some Hot Lunch opportunities. Order forms will be coming home soon. Please note that on days when your child has ordered hot lunch, he/she will still need to bring snacks and drinks for the day.

PAC Meeting

The EES PAC meets once a month. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 20th at 9:00am-10:30am. Meeting dates and times for the remainder of the school year will be determined.

	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)
<u>2018-19 Regular Meetings of the Board of Education</u>	
<p>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 2018-19 school year. These meetings are business meetings of the Board which are held in public.</p>	
<p>Three exceptions are the August Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, August 28th; the December Board meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, December 18th; and the March Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 12th. There is no meeting held in July.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

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Presentation and Discussion By:

Julie-Anne Richards, M.A., R.C.C., C.C.C.

Registered Clinical Counselor, Psycho-educational Consultant

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Wednesday, October 3
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-49294546315>

All Adults Welcome - Registration Required

Hosted by School District No. 69 Qualicum

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Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) is offering you the opportunity 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).

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

For more information or to apply online, please visit kidsplus.ca, or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at **1-800-556-7411**.



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EES Calendar of Events

September	14	Photo Day (Individual and Class Photos)
	20	Meet the Teacher night (tentative date – to be confirmed)
	28	District Planning Day – No school for students
	25	Professional Development Day – No school for students
October	5	Photo Re-takes
	8	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	18	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	19	Professional Development Day – No School
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	23	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

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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 by September 20th. All newsletters after today will be provided online and 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.