



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 10, 2020

Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for the last few months and hope you had a restful holiday. I feel very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful place!

As we begin a new year, it is a time to set goals with your children. It is also a time to plan extra-curricular activities. The following article provides some suggestions on reviewing the school year and making some adjustments:

It's the beginning of a new calendar year – and nearly the halfway point in the school year. So it's a good time to take stock of your child's habits and make needed adjustments.

Talk with your child about how she thinks the school year is going. If the two of you had set learning goals at the start of the year, review those goals now. Is she making progress? How can she make the rest of the school year even better?

Then, help your child make some resolutions. Here are three to consider:

1. **Recommit to routines.** Has your child's bedtime begun to slip? Are mornings more rushed? Is her regular study time now not quite so regular? Sleep and study routines make life easier – and help kids do better in school.
2. **Spend more time reading.** There is no skill that will help your child more in school. And reading ability, like other skills, gets better with practice. Encourage your child to read every day. Let her read about anything, from sports to her favourite movie character.
3. **Spend less time on screen media.** Talk about the amount of time your child spends in front of screens. How much time does she spend watching shows, and movies? Playing online games? Browsing the internet? Set and enforce limits.

Source: Elementary School Parents. January 2019; Vol. 30, No.5



Kindergarten registration will take place from **January 20, 2020 to Friday January 31, 2020!**

Please see below for further information.

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 will be available shortly.

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.



School District 69 (Qualicum)

Checklist/Information for Student Registration

All Kindergarten to Grade 12 students must register at their neighbourhood (catchment) school.

Parents of students wishing to attend a school outside of their catchment area are required to register at their catchment school at which time they are to complete the appropriate "Application for Cross-Boundary Enrollment" (Board Policy 7015).

To determine your catchment school, go to [School Locator](#) and search by street address.

Registration Checklist (original or certified documents required)

When registering at your neighbourhood school, please provide the following:

- 1. **Acceptable Documentation for Proof of Legal Identity (Required):**
 - Birth Certificate or Birth Certificate with English translation
 - BC Services Card (PHOTO version only)
 - Permanent Resident Card
 - Passport or VISA
 - BC Identification Card or Driver's License

- 2. **Additional Documentation, if applicable:**
 - Government issued adoption papers;
 - Filed custody/guardianship Court Orders (student identified within Order)

- 3. **Documentation for Proof of Being "Ordinarily Resident" for student and parent/legal guardian (Required):**
 - British Columbia Medical Services Plan [PHOTO version only] coverage for parent/legal guardian **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows; or,
 - Proof of application for BCMSP for parent/legal guardian **and** three items from the list of supporting documentation that follows (the registration will not be complete until BCMSP coverage is confirmed)

While each of the following indicators alone is not enough to establish residency for the purpose of Section 82 of the School Act, the larger the number of positive indicators as set out in the list below, the more likely it is that the person qualifies as a resident of the province for the purpose of receiving government funded public education:

 - Ownership of a dwelling or a long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Legal documents indicating British Columbia residence;
 - Provincial Driver's License (NOTE: BC Driver's License & Services Card is considered one piece of identification, not two); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a BC resident

- 4. **Most recent school report cards from previous school**

- 5. **Child's immunization records since birth** and any other important health documents. Please note that while immunization records are not required for registration, a copy **may** be requested for the student file.

- 6. **Completed Permission Forms (as provided by school) – Examples as follows:**
 - Student FOIPPA / Personal Consent Form
 - Student Use of Web-based (Cloud) Educational Tools: Informed Parental Consent Process for Storage and Access of Information both Inside and Outside of Canada
 - Google Apps for Education (GAFE), if applicable



2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN AND PROGRAMS OF CHOICE REGISTRATION

Student registration window is from Monday, January 20, 2020
to Friday, January 31, 2020

KINDERGARTEN: To qualify for kindergarten registration in
September 2020, a child must become five years of age on or
before December 31, 2020.

For further information please go to www.sd69.bc.ca (scrolling
banner)

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE: School District 69 is proud to offer a
range of Programs of Choice that provide unique and innovative
learning opportunities for our diverse student population.

For further information please go to www.sd69.bc.ca -
Programs & Services - Education Programs - Programs of Choice

INFORMATION SESSIONS OFFERED!

NEW! PRIMARY LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRAM: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex - District Resource Centre (140 Renz Road, Parksville)

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM: Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Oceanside Elementary School (980 Wright Road, Parksville)

COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM : Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the CEAP Elementary classroom at Qualicum Commons (744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach)



SD69 QUALICUM

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)
2020-2021 Early French Immersion Kindergarten School Registration

Oceanside Elementary School
980 Wright Road, Parksville, BC
Telephone: 250-248-4662

**FRENCH IMMERSION - SIBLING REGISTRATION ONLY:
MONDAY, JANUARY 13 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020**

Students wishing to register for Kindergarten in the Early French Immersion Program, **who have a sibling already in the program**, will be given preference for placement. Such preference is conditional upon registering **prior** to the district's announced date for regular "K" registration.

- Qualifying Age:** To qualify for school enrollment in September 2020, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2020.
- Required Documentation:** Proof of Age for student (Birth Certificate or Passport);
Proof of Residency (see SD69 website for list of acceptable documentation or contact school)
- Helpful Documentation:** Health Documents
(eg: Medical Care Card, immunization records, medical condition information)
NOTE: While immunization records are not required for registration, a copy may be requested for the student's file
- Dates and Times for Sibling Registrations Only:** Monday, January 13 – Friday, January 17, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Registration Dates for Non-siblings:** Students who wish to register for the Early Immersion Program but do not have a sibling already in the program, will have the opportunity to register* commencing Monday, January 20, 2020 at Oceanside Elementary School located at 980 Wright Road in Parksville.
***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.**

Parking Lot Safety



When using the drop-off/pick-up lane, please remember to pull forward as far as you can to reduce congestion behind you. When people stop right at the foot of the path to the school, cars tend to back up quickly around the bend. If you are parking in the lower lot, please make sure your child is with you when walking through the traffic towards the path. Please also remember to use your turn signals while using the drop-off/pick-up lane.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Mr. Bruce Blashill to our staff. Mr. Blashill is filling in for Ms. Whetstone, who is on a leave of absence until June. We also have Ms. Jill Hibbert at EES for the next few weeks. Ms. Hibbert is completing her final practicum to be an Educational Assistant.

School Bus Information

Student Play Dates / Bussing Arrangements:

Due to overcrowding please be aware that school buses are **not** to be used for any other purpose (ie play dates, birthday parties, work or sports activities). The Transportation Department have asked that parents **do not send notes with their child requesting to ride another bus.**

Please refer to the School District website for all school bus information.

After School Arrangements for Students

Dear Parents/Guardians:

If you need to advise your students of any changes to their after school care/transportation etc. we kindly ask that you call the office with details earlier in the school day. The office has been receiving a lot of parent/guardian calls towards the end of the day, which is an extremely busy time for our school community and could result in messages being missed.

Thank you for your understanding.

EES School Office

Food Program at EES



Many of you know that we have a breakfast program where we offer fresh fruit, bagels, and milk to any student who joins us in our foyer in the morning before school starts. We rely on donations from our generous community to run this program. We do not collect money from students for this, but we do encourage donations to our collection jar when you can. We are actually in need of donations in order to keep this valuable program going until the end of the school year. If you know of a community group or if your family is able to make a small donation, it would be very much appreciated!

Please be reminded that we are no longer allowing students to use the microwave in the lunch kitchen. We highly recommend using a good quality thermos as an option to keep food warm without having to use a microwave. A stainless steel thermos works well, especially if it is pre-heated with hot water before placing the hot food in it.

Learning Updates

On Wednesday, February 5th, your child will receive a “Learning Update” (otherwise known as Report Cards). As we have outlined in previous newsletters, we are in the midst of a significant transformation in public education in BC – not only with the redesigned curriculum, but also in the ways we communicate student learning.

The Ministry of Education has provided school districts with the flexibility to determine how this communication of student learning will take place. This year, teachers in School District 69 are continuing with a pilot project with the Ministry of Education to develop a new “report card”. You will be receiving a new locally developed “Learning Update” that accompanies a portfolio.

Teachers take great pride in their work with their students and will continue to connect with you in a variety of ways throughout the year – through class newsletters, student planners and home folders, phone calls, emails, electronic portfolios, informal conversations, and the parent/teacher conference opportunities during the year.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to establish an ongoing mode of communication with your child's teacher so that you can understand where your child is at with various aspects of their learning, what challenges he/she is facing, and where to go next with learning. We appreciate your support as we continue to work through this important transition year.



Snow

As you have likely heard, we have snow 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 accepted on the school bus and 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 that tends to get slippery.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Parents:

During this time of season, inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. When snowfall or power outages have the potential to cause school closures, classes to be postponed, or School District bus services to be disrupted, alerts will be posted as quickly as possible on the district website (as power permits). The information will also be forwarded to media outlets.

Before a decision is made about whether buses will be running, or schools will remain open or be closed, the Superintendent consults with the General Manager of Operations. These administrators take the current and forecasted weather into consideration, and are in communication with Highways Maintenance, RCMP, our own crews, and other community members who can verify local conditions. District staff will be considering current road and weather conditions, and also whether schools have power. Freezing weather overnight may mean that conditions are hazardous for travel.

It is our intention to make decisions on whether or not buses or schools are operating by 6:15 am, and to have these decisions communicated to local media outlets by 6:30 am. Communication is by telephone contact, followed up by an e-mail message.

Parents/Guardians should continue to monitor their local media for any weather-related updates and the potential impact on school district operations (i.e. bus operations or school closures).

Parents/Guardians are also reminded to keep battery-operated radios handy and land line telephones plugged in to prepare for power outages. Since weather conditions can be very different in the various communities that make up our school district, we recommend parents/guardians exercise their judgement based on their own local circumstance when making the decision whether to send or drive their children to school. If a decision is made by the District to keep schools open but parents/guardians are concerned about safety issues, they are welcome to keep their children home.

See *Board Administrative Procedure below: Emergency Closure of Schools (Student)*

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS - STUDENTS

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Purpose

The Board of Education has the responsibility, under the *School Act*, to keep District schools in session for all students and staff according to the annual School Calendar established by the Ministry of Education. However, the Board of Education also recognizes that the health and safety of staff and students is of paramount importance and recognizes that schools may have to be closed temporarily at times for any of several reasons, including the following:

- Inclement weather
- Power outage
- Failure of heating or water services
- Emergency health issues
- Other emergency situations.

The Superintendent of Schools, or designate, has the authority to close schools by reason of weather emergencies or for other causes that might endanger the health or safety of students and staff.

School Closure

There are occasions when the General Manager of Operations, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, may decide not to run the morning bus routes due to hazardous conditions. Every effort will be made to make that decision no later than 6:15 a.m.

Changes in bus operations or school closures shall be communicated to the following media outlets, which usually make such announcements between 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.:

- CIBH Radio ("The Beach" – 88.5 FM) Parksville
- CHPQ Radio ("The Lounge" – 99.9 VM) Parksville
- CHWF Radio ("The Wolf" – 106.9 FM) Nanaimo
- CKWW Radio ("The Wave" - 102.3 FM) Nanaimo
- CKNW (980 AM) Vancouver
- CBC Radio One (690 AM) Vancouver
- CHEK TV News Victoria
- Parksville/Qualicum Beach News (PQB News)

Prior to the end of October each year, parents will be reminded through school newsletters of the procedures that will be implemented in the event of emergent conditions.

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Emergency Early Dismissal

Each school shall have an established plan by which parents can be notified in the event of an early closure.

In those situations during the school day where an emergent situation arises or weather conditions deteriorate significantly enough that a Principal or designate has concerns for local road conditions in his/her school zone, the Principal or designate should contact the Superintendent of Schools. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools to notify the Principal or designate as soon as it becomes apparent that school emergency closure will be necessary.

When an emergent situation occurs after school has begun it may be prudent for students to be dismissed and, therefore, staff will activate their plan to contact parents. On such occasions the Superintendent of Schools shall activate communication which notify parents that schools will be closed early and some or all bus schedules have been advanced.

If a school bus driver is unable to complete his/her normal bus run, the driver will so advise the General Manager of Operations. After discussion with the General Manager of Operations the driver will either return the students to their home school or deliver them to an alternate location identified by the General Manager of Operations. Parents will be advised of such route changes either by direct telephone contact or other means.

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.

Inclement Weather and Clothing

The fall/winter weather is 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.

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.

Scented Products



Please note that we follow Board Policy 8007 (Towards a Scent Considerate School/Workplace Environment) in regards to scented products in our facilities. We have a number of staff and students who have respiratory issues that are aggravated by scented products. We ask that you please refrain from wearing perfume/after shave products around our school.

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.

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.

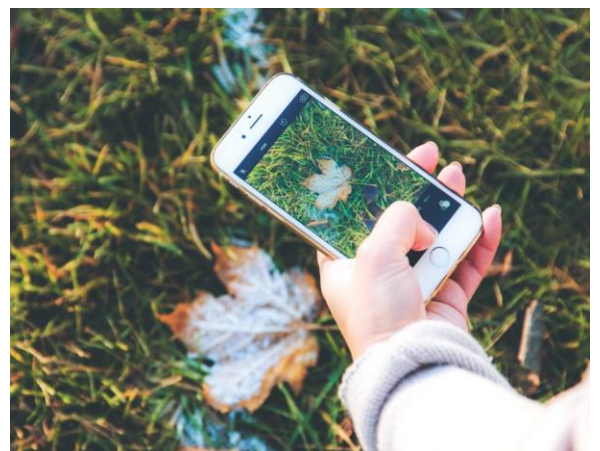


Reporting Student Absents

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.



NEW WAY TO PAY

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.

Errington Elementary is now on Instagram!



Staff have created a profile to share events and highlights from around the school. We are hoping that we will be able to better connect to the Errington community and share the awesome things that are happening around our school. Parents, family members, and students are welcome to follow us. Please follow us by searching: *errington_wildcats*.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Library News

Welcome Back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and read tons of books! We have a lot of great events coming up in the Library:

Page Pizza Lunch: Wed Jan 21 - Term One Library Pages are invited to pizza lunch and fun in the Library. We'll also take nominations for Senior Library Pages for next year.

Seriously Awesome Series Book Draw: Our popular book draw begins Feb 17 and runs to March 11. Students are invited to check out a book in a series, read it, return it and fill out a form to enter our draw. There are many kinds of different series and our Senior Library Pages will be visiting classes to talk about all the series books in our library. **Winners will be chosen on March 12th and invited down to choose their prize.**

Jungle Book Fair: Our spring book fair, JUNGLE, comes in April. We'll set up April 15, have class previews April 16 and be open for business Apr 17-21. All Term 2 library pages will be invited to set up and work during the fair - and they get to see the books first! PAC Movie Night will occur Fri Apr 17th, more information coming.

Return Your Books Please: We have over 400 overdue books at the moment. Please take a look under beds and in cupboards and bring them back so other students can enjoy them!

Take It Or Trade It Books: We're always happy to receive good books in great condition of interest to our students, thank you!

18th Annual Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday (2020)

Theme: "Seeding the Future"

When: Saturday, February 1, 2020 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Seedy Saturday Events, Activities & Speakers

Where: Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St, Qualicum Beach, BC

Seed Swap: Lions Room. Speakers: Windsor Room

Speakers: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Chris (Farmer) Brown

Topic: 'Local Food Solves Global Problems'

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Joyce McMenammon

Topic: 'Backyard Composting'

Other Activities: 70+ participants, Seed Swap, Master Gardeners, Seedy Cafe, Milner Garden's 'Shoots with Roots' children's program, Door Prizes & Raffle

Raffle Prizes: (BC Gaming License # 122496)

*** Only 1000 Tickets at \$2.00 each ***

- 1st: Original Oil by Margery Blom valued at \$250
- 2nd: Glass Art Piece by Ted Jolda valued at \$200
- 3rd: Quality Foods Gift Certificate valued at \$200
- 4th: Dolly's Home Hardware Herb Planter valued at \$139.99
- 5th: Lee Valley Gift Certificate valued at \$100

Cost: Admission by Donation

Other: Town of Qualicum Beach truck in parking lot to collect pesticides and herbicides

Contact: Murray Chantler, Publicity Coordinator 250 248-7712

Email: publicity@qbseedysaturday.ca

Website: www.qbseedysaturday.ca



Seedy Saturday

Every year the Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association contributes a majority part of the profits for the day to the various schools throughout the district to assist with their school gardens; in 2019 this amounted to \$2,500.00! We also supplied and distributed 30 bags of "Sea Soil" to the various schools and donated \$1,000.00 to Milner Garden's 'Shoots with Roots' children's program. It is our sincere hope that by doing so we are thereby encouraging and nurturing an interest in gardening amongst the students. Please help us to carry on this tradition by spreading the word and attending this event. Thank you! Click here for detailed information about the event: <https://www.qbseedysaturday.ca/event-program-detail/>



It is time once again for the Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass!

Canada West Ski Area Association are offering families the opportunity for their Grade 4 and 5 students to ski and snowboard for only

\$29.99 + tax.

Brochures are available from the EES school office.



Hot Lunch Days

January 15th – Subway Day

All lunches close on Munchalunch a week prior to lunch date.

Munchalunch is now open for ordering!

PAC NEWS

Welcome back and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all from the PAC.

Some dates to be aware of:

Feb 10th Hotdog

Feb 28th pizza

Mar 30th subway

Apr 6th Hot Dog Day

Apr 24th pizza

May 11 Hot Dog Day

May 22nd subway

PAC meeting Tuesday January 21st at the French Marina Pub March 29 Comedy night at the Errington Hall featuring Damonde Tschritter.



SMITH PERFORMANCE BASKETBALL

Elevate your game

Smith Performance basketball is a youth skills and player development group located on Vancouver Island

- + Individual Player Development
- + Group Training
- + Team/Coach Training and Support

8 week sessions for all ages from
5yrs to 18yrs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ages 5-6	Ages 9-12	Ages 7-8	Ages 9-12	Ages 15-18	Ages 13-14
5:30pm-6:30pm	6:30pm-8:00pm	5:00pm-6:00pm	6:30pm-8:00pm	6:00pm-8:00pm	6:00pm-8:00pm
Oceanside	Nanoose Bay	Arrowview	Arrowview	Nanoose Bay	Nanoose Bay

Spaces are limited. Check website for more information.

Sign up now.

www.smithperformancebasketball.com

VAPING – Clearing the Cloud



Vaping products are battery-powered devices that heat a liquid solution to deliver an aerosol (vapor/cloud) that the users inhale.

The liquid inside the cartridge is called e-juice (vaping liquid or e-liquid) which often contains a carrier solvent of propylene glycol and/or vegetable glycerol, nicotine and flavors consisting of chemicals and other harmful substances.

With the increasing use in both schools and in our communities, we would like to invite you to...

Get the Facts on Vaping and E-Cigarettes

January 13th, 2020

6:30 -7:30 pm

Ballenas Secondary School – Auditorium

(135 Pym Street, Parksville)

Presented by Island Health and SD69 (Qualicum)

EVERYONE WELCOME!



The Art of Parenting

Wednesdays (6 sessions)

January 15, 22, 29,

February 5, 19, 26

5-7 pm @ Munchkinland Parksville

494B Bay Ave Parksville

Safe and supportive group to learn about “cultivating courage, curiosity, and resilience” in children

Based on Daniel Siegel 's

“The Yes Brain”

(light meal included)

This is an opportunity to engage in art making, writing and group discussion in response to learning about your child's developing brain

Participants must pre-register and and participation in the first session in the series is required.

Registration fee is \$10 and includes a copy of "The Yes Brain"

Facilitators:

Heidi Abbott, Art Therapy Intern

Kutenai Art Therapy Institute

Judi Malcolm, Early Childhood Educator



For more information or to pre-register

WWW.OBLT.CA

250-947-8252



SD69 QUALICUM

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING II

Primary Learning Community Program

Tuesday, January 14, 2020
SD69 District Resource Centre Annex – 140 Renz Road
6:30 p.m.

We would like to acknowledge that School District 69 exists within the territories of Coast Salish People and within the shared traditional territories of the Qualicum and Shaw-Naw-As (Nanose) First Nations.

“Qualicum Primary Learning Community will support learners from ages 5-8 in spaces where creativity, curiosity and wonder are the fundamentals of learning through play.”

LEARNING DETAILS

Qualicum Primary Learning Community will be based on the BC Curriculum and Early Learning Framework. A key focus will be on Play-Based Learning and other features will include:

- Multi-aged learning environments. Learners will be grouped in a variety of ways for different purposes.
- Co-Teaching/Planning model for Educators.
- Cross-Generational Learning
- Focus on learning continuums
- Possible year-round learning schedule
- Possible childcare component



PRE-PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

The Parent Information evening will include:

- An overview of the program
- A question and answer period
- Distribution of program applications as pre-registration is required



CLAYTIME CREATIONS 5-11 YRS

Join local pottery artist Anne Marie Veale to learn the skills and creativity of handbuilding and wheel work.

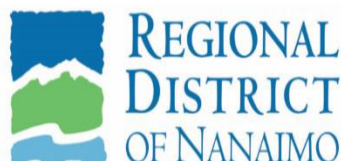
Tuesdays 3:00 - 5:00 PM
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10516 Oct 1-Oct 22 Animal masks & banks
 10517 Oct 29-Nov 19 Super Heroes
 10518 Nov 27-Dec 18 Castles & Fairy Homes
 10576 Jan 14-Feb 4 Bugs & butterflies

\$92/ 4 sessions

*includes all supplies and bisque firing.
Start time is flexible after 3pm

*Additional Glazing session available



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SANDY SHORES CANSKATE LESSONS



Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

Oct 1 to Dec 3, 2019

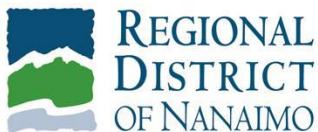
Jan 7 to Mar 10, 2020

Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:15 pm

Oct 2-Dec 4, 2019

Jan 8 to Mar 11, 2020

For all ages, beginners welcome.
Lessons taught by Sandy Shores Skating Club.



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11-14yrs

BABYSITTERS CERTIFICATION

Get trained. Get hired.

Courses offered:

Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 18,

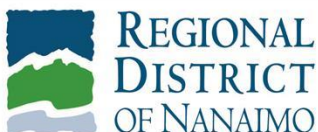
Feb 23, Mar 8

Sundays

9:00 am-4:00 pm

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\$49 Fee includes manual



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Ages
6-11

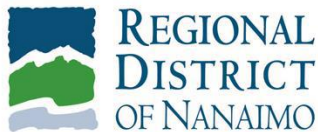
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVE

Get active after school with Jessie & Alison

Bowser Elementary
Gymnasium

Tuesdays
Jan 7—Mar 10, 2020
3:00-4:30pm
\$30.15

Pre-registration required



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MARTIAL ARTS FOR KIDS

Give your child a kick-start! Learn the basics of karate or kung fu while building self-confidence and fitness.

Fridays Jan 17-Feb 21, 6 sessions

Little Dragons Kung Fu 4-6yrs #11594 \$30

Kids Kung Fu 6-11yrs #11595 \$45

Saturdays Jan 18-Feb 22

Little Ninjas Karate 4-6 yrs #11592 \$30

Kids Karate 6-11yrs #11593 \$45

Instructor: Element Martial Arts



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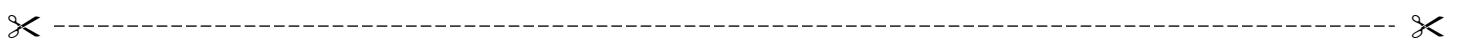
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EES Calendar of Events

January	15	PAC Lunch (Subway)
	21	Term 3 Exploratories start (Grade 6/7)
	21	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	24	Jersey Day
February	5	Learning Updates get sent home
	11	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	14	Red/White/Pink Day
	17	BC FAMILY DAY
	24	Professional Development Day – No School
	26	Grade 3 Swim Program begins
	28	Find Your Fit Career Event (Grade 6/7)
March	5	District Volleyball Tournament (Grade 6/7)
	6	District Chess Tournament
	10	Term 4 Exploratories begin
	10	DARE Program begins (Grade 5)
	13	Last day of school before Spring Break
	29	EES PAC Comedy Night – Fundraising Event at the Errington Hall
	30	School Re-opens after Spring Break
April	10	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	13	EASTER MONDAY – No School
	17	Book Fair and PAC Movie Night
	21	Dad's Night Out – EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	22	Earth Day – wear blue/green!
	28	Grade 7 Health Conference
May	1	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	12	Term 5 Exploratories begin
	15	Professional Development Day – No School
	18	VICTORIA DAY – No School
June	25	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 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) _____

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