



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 6, 2020

Principal's Message

As we begin March, our thoughts turn towards spring break. It will be a good chance to reflect on the year so far, rest and recharge our bodies and minds, and prepare for the spring term. In this newsletter, you will find information about spring conferencing after the break.

We continue our focus on supporting students to become more independent, especially when they face increased challenges. The article below provides some questions to think about:

Do you encourage your child to work independently?

"Mom, I can't do it. I need help!" Every child makes that plea once in a while. But if your child says it every day, you may need to help her become more independent.

Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out if you are fostering self-reliance:

1. **Do you tell** your child that you believe she can do it?
2. **Do you help** her break big projects down into smaller pieces that are easier to finish?
3. **Do you remind** her of the importance of effort? "You couldn't ride a bike the first time you tried. But you kept at it. You'll learn this, too, if you keep at it."
4. **Do you ask** her questions when she gets stuck? "What did you learn when you read the chapter?"
5. **Do you compliment** your child when she finishes work on her own?

How well are you doing? If your answers are yes, you are helping your child learn how to work on her own. For no answers, try those ideas.

Source: Elementary School Parents (March 2017, Vol.28, No.7)



Kindergarten registration is ongoing!! 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 is available at school offices.

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.



Families on the Move?

Please let the school office know if your family will be moving next year. As planning is underway for next year, it is very helpful if we are aware of any students who will not be attending our school in September.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM) 2020-2021 CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATIONS

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

CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

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| Kindergarten Cross Boundary Process: | Parents wishing to enroll their Kindergarten child at an out-of-catchment school within the district are to make their request upon registration and complete an "Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year" Form. |
| Grades 1-12 Cross Boundary Process: | All "Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year" forms must be submitted between February 3rd and March 13th ONLY . Applications submitted before or after that timeframe will not be accepted. District students making a cross-boundary application must FIRST be registered at their catchment school prior to being considered for cross-boundary enrollment. |



Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey is for students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parents, and staff. The survey covers a wide range of topics and provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. Questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers and experts in educational measurement and special education. This survey will be administered to our Grade 4 and 7 students during April. Parents of Grade 4 and 7 students are encouraged to complete this survey by clicking on the link below.

Parents may access the survey following the directions and link for **Direct Access** below. Surveys are to be completed by parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages. Thank you in advance for your participation. The survey is open until midnight on April 3, 2020.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: the name of your child's district (69 – Qualicum)
 - School: the name of your child's school (Errington Elementary)
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Planning for September

Soon we will begin developing a draft class organization for next school year. This includes projecting student enrolment and creating classes that make the most efficient use of our staff, while at the same time, observing provincial class size limits and building classes that can work together as a team. Attached below is a letter from the Associate Superintendent regarding class formation for September 2020. If you would like to provide input to your child's placement, please do this by **Thursday, April 16th**. Please note that parent input is one of a number of factors that guide us in the formation of classes. We must pay attention to the other important considerations outlined in the letter below, which contribute to an optimum learning environment for all children. While a smaller school such as ours has many benefits, we are also faced with a very limited number of classes at each grade level – which limits placement options.



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

RE: BUILDING COHORTS FOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR 2020-2021

During the next month, staff at our schools will begin the complex process of forming learning groups for the upcoming school year. This work includes projecting student enrollment and creating environments that make the most effective use of our staff and most importantly, building balanced student groupings that can work together cohesively as learning communities. This is a challenging task as there are many factors that must be taken into consideration including:

- Social and emotional dynamics
- Academic strengths and needs
- Unique learning needs
- Class size goals

Staff take this work very seriously and collaborate extensively in order to make the best decisions about student placement. We strive to shape learning environments which will support the needs of **all** students.

There are many unknowns as we begin this task. For example:

- We are not sure who all of the teachers will be at our schools next year as the annual staffing process is not completed until late June
- Some staff members may request, or be asked, to change their assignment for next year
- We are never completely clear about our enrollment until early September so learner groupings must remain somewhat fluid

As a result, the learner groupings that we create in spring are tentative and are not finalized until early in the new school year. For this reason, learner groupings will be kept confidential until they are finalized in September.

If you would like to provide staff at your child's school with input for next year, we encourage you to:

1. Talk to your child's current teacher; and then,
2. Send a note to the school principal outlining what you see as your child's learning needs, preferred learning style, or any other information you think might be relevant as staff work through the task of shaping learning environments for the upcoming year.

We ask that you do not request a specific teacher. Your input will be considered along with the other complex variables that go into constructing a learning group.

The deadline for submitting information regarding your child's learning group placement is **Thursday, April 16, 2020**.

Sincerely,

Gillian Wilson
Associate Superintendent of Schools

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. After dropping off your child, please pull all the way around the loop rather than doing a "u-turn" through the lot.

Celebration of Learning/Spring Conferencing

Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. EES Teachers are planning an opportunity to connect with families on the evening of April 29th and during the week of May 4th. Some teachers are planning a "celebration of learning", some will be setting up individual conference times, and some are planning a combination of both. More information will be provided in the April 3rd newsletter, along with instructions on how to use the online appointment booking system. This will be an opportunity for students to take a central role in sharing where they are in their learning as well as sharing what they see as their next steps. As educational researcher Anne Davies says, "When students communicate with others what they have learned, they come to better understand what they have learned and what they need to learn."

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.

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.

Inclement Weather and Clothing



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.

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!

Cell Phone Use at EES

Cell phones are becoming an increasing distraction for students during learning and break times. We would like to remind parents that student cell phone use is not permitted during the school day. We would ask that if you need to contact your student during the day to please use the school phone (250) 248-8446 instead of texting.

We recognize that many students carry a cell phone, for a variety of different reasons. Our school expectation is for students to keep cell phones tucked away in their backpacks. If students are not comfortable with this, they can ask their teacher to place the phone in a locked cupboard during the school day. Electronic devices are NOT to be brought outside or around the school at recess or lunch.

Some classroom teachers allow students to use cell phones and other electronic devices in the classroom for research and learning purposes. Please ask your child's classroom teacher about specific guidelines they have around the use of electronic devices.

Devices are a fantastic tool and we continue to help students learn when and how to use them appropriately. Thank you for your support!



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.schoolcashonline.com, it is quite easy to sign up. Once signed up you will receive email notifications if there is a fee associated with your student. You are still able to pay for any school fees with cash or cheque, but we are offering the option to pay online.

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

Library News

We have a lot of great events coming up in the Library:

Seriously Awesome Series Book Draw: Our popular book draw begins Feb 18 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.



LEGO Challenge:

Our Lego leaders Taryn and Noah offered the first of three LEGO Challenges last week - 3 wheeled vehicle distance race. They will be offering two more challenges before the end of the year, keep checking back for details!

Gladiators Chess Tournament: Our EES tournament begins Monday Feb 10 with Grade 5 and 6 students. Grade 7 and 4 students will begin Feb 18th. Our Final is on March 2nd and winners at each Grade Level will then compete in the District Tournament May 6th at Qualicum Elementary School.

The Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival 2020

Want to meet a literary rock star? The Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival 2020 will take place Saturday April 25 in downtown Nanaimo. BookFest is a unique celebration of children's literature and an exciting day meeting and hearing your new favourite Canadian authors and illustrators! The hub of activity is Diana Krall Plaza, while the presenter sessions are held in the **Vancouver Island Conference Centre** and the **Harbourfront Library**. Tickets are \$10 per child for all three sessions, to a maximum of \$25 per family. Featured books will be available for purchase and author book-signing will be held after the final session until 3 pm. Come and get your books signed! Buy your books on the day or buy them early from Literacy Nanaimo. Read about our presenters and check out the BookFest schedule at [Bookfest.ca](https://www.bookfest.ca/). A limited number of tickets may be available for purchase on the morning of the event, but to avoid disappointment be sure to buy your tickets in advance at <https://www.bookfest.ca/>

Library Volunteer Needed!

We are looking for an adult volunteer to work in our Library some Friday afternoons from noon to 2:00 pm. Our volunteer will need to have a completed RCMP Record Check (please speak with Alicia in the office to get the form). If you'd like to join our wonderful volunteer team, and spend some fun time in our library, please email me at jrichards@sd69.bc.ca.

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.

PAC – Purdy's Spring Fundraiser

Errington Spring Fundraiser is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Easter! Our Winter Purdy's Fundraiser was a huge success, raising over \$1,000 for the school! If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1043268-74205>

or, search on the Purdy's website for the Errington Spring Fundraiser campaign. After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

We will also send home a catalogue with an order sheet. Please make sure your first and last name, phone number, and student's name are written on the form.



Hot Lunch Days

Mar 30th subway
Apr 6th Hot Dog Day
Apr 24th pizza
May 11 Hot Dog Day
May 22nd subway

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

Munchalunch is now open for ordering!



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

February 21, 2020

A letter to all parents and employee representatives:

The Board of Education is circulating for consultation to all parents and employee representatives a Draft School Calendar for 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 as has been discussed at the January and February Education Committee of the Whole meetings.

The Board has made no decision about a Calendar for 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, but is circulating a draft for the information of parents and employees.

Dates on the Draft Calendars are tentative and are subject to revision.

The Board has scheduled final approval on the proposed 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Draft School Calendars at its Regular Board Meeting as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

**Place: The Forum - Parksville Civic and Technology Centre
100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville, BC**

Time: 6:00 P.M.

The Board encourages each school community to discuss the Draft School Calendars at meetings of the Parent Advisory Council and / or staff meetings should schedules permit. Feedback may also be submitted via the District website: <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/Contact/Pages/default.aspx>

Sincerely,

Eve Flynn, Chair
Board of Education

Attachment



Local School Calendar (Three Year)

| Designation | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Days in Session | | | |
| Days of Instruction | | | |
| Instructional Hours Elementary | | | |
| Instructional Hours Secondary | | | |
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| Schools open <small>Regular start time – schools dismiss three hours early Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary – grade 8 students only</small> | Tuesday September 8 | Tuesday September 7 | Tuesday September 6 |
| Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary First day for grades 9-12 students | Wednesday September 9 | Wednesday September 8 | Wednesday September 7 |
| District-wide Planning Day Non instructional Day | Thursday September 17 | Thursday September 30 | TBD |
| Professional Development Day Non-instructional Day | Friday September 18 | Friday October 1 | TBD |
| Thanksgiving Day | Monday October 12 | Monday October 11 | Monday October 10 |
| Conferencing Adjustment Non-instructional Day | Thursday October 22 | Friday November 12 | Thursday October 20 |
| Provincial Professional Development Day Non-instructional Day | Friday October 23 | Friday October 22 | Friday October 21 |
| Remembrance Day | Wednesday November 11 | Thursday November 11 | Friday November 11 |
| Winter Vacation Period | December 21 to January 1 | December 20 to December 31 | December 19 to December 30 |
| Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation | Monday January 4 | Tuesday January 4 | Tuesday January 3 |
| Secondary Semester Two Begins | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Professional Development Day Non-instructional Day | Friday February 12 | Friday February 18 | TBD |
| BC Family Day | Monday February 15 | Monday February 21 | Monday February 20 |
| Spring Vacation Period | March 15 to March 26 | March 14 to March 25 | March 20 to March 31 |
| Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation Period | Monday March 29 | Monday March 28 | Monday April 3 |
| Good Friday | Friday April 2 | Friday April 15 | Friday April 8 |
| Easter Monday | Monday April 5 | Monday April 18 | Monday April 11 |
| Conferencing Adjustment Non-instructional day | Friday May 21 | Friday May 20 | Friday May 19 |
| Victoria Day | Monday May 24 | Monday May 23 | Monday May 22 |
| School-Based Professional Development Day Non-instructional day | Friday June 4 | Friday June 3 | TBD |
| Final Day for Students <small>Schools dismiss three hours early</small> | Tuesday June 29 | Wednesday June 29 | Thursday June 29 |
| Administrative Day Non instructional Day | Wednesday June 30 | Thursday June 30 | Friday June 30 |

- If the patient is well enough to return home, they may be discharged with a surgical mask and advised to isolate at home until contacted by Island Health Communicable Disease.

Health Canada Advice for People Arriving from China

Health Canada is currently recommending that travellers who have travelled to Hubei province in the last 14 days, self-isolate and stay at home for 14 days after leaving Hubei province. In addition, these travellers should contact the local public health authority within 24 hours of arriving in Canada.

Travellers from other parts of mainland China are advised to monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days and to self-isolate and immediately contact their local public health authority if they feel sick or develop symptoms. They are not expected to self-isolate at home if asymptomatic.

Refer to the Health Canada COVID-19 travel advisory page for more information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html>

Communicable Disease Public Health Management

People identified as close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case will be contacted directly by Communicable Disease. Self-isolation in the home for 14 days after last exposure to the case, as well as daily symptom monitoring is the current recommendation. Public health will conduct the daily monitoring. Any contact who becomes symptomatic is to contact Communicable Disease immediately, and arrangements will be made for further assessment and testing. Please see below for Communicable Disease office phone numbers.

| Communicable Disease Office | Address | Phone Number |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| South Island CD Office | 1947 Cook St Victoria | 1.866.665.6626 |
| Central Island CD Office | #8 – 1599 Dufferin Crescent Nanaimo | 1.866.770.7798 |
| North Island CD Office | 355 11th Street Courtenay | 1.877.887.8835 |

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dee Hoyano".

Dee Hoyano, MD, FRCPC, CCFP
Medical Health Officer

A NOTE FROM MS. JANET RICHARDS:

Our Coombs area history is on display in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre as part of Parksville's 75th Birthday this year!

Come down and see scale models of three heritage buildings: Ford Log House, French Creek School and Cameron Lake Chalet.

For more information: <https://www.coombshistory.com/>



Come join the fun & CHALLENGE YOUR CREATIVE MIND!



What's involved?

- EXCLUSIVE USE TIME FOR TEENS GROUP
- SOME INSTRUCTION ON USE OF SUCH MAKERSPACE TOOLS AS 3D PRINTERS, SOLDERING STATIONS, INTERNET CONNECTIONS, CNC MACHINES, WOOD SHOP, ARDUINO MICRO-COMPUTERS, MICRO-ELECTRONICS INSTRUCTION, KIT-BASHING ACTIVITIES, MODEL RAILROADING ROOM, SLOT CAR TRACK AND METAL ARTS STUDIO.
- FREE 3 MONTH MEMBERSHIP FOR FIRST 12 ENROLLED TEENS.

OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY MAKERSPACE SOCIETY
133 MCMILLAN STREET
PARKSVILLE, BC
(LOWER FLOOR - MCMILLAN ART CENTRE)



Visit us online at www.oceansidemakerspace.ca
and express your interest online in attending organizational meeting



2020 Spring Track and Field Registration is OPEN

Junior Development: ages 9-13yrs - born 2007-2011

For information and online registration go to:

www.oceansidetrackfield.ca

Junior Development (2007-2011)

Practices - 5:15-6:45pm Tues/Thurs

Starts after Spring Break

Come To Our 2020 Awards/Registration & AGM!

~ **Thursday March 5th** ~

Ballenas Secondary Library

6-7pm Awards / Registration

7-8pm AGM

Hope To See You There!

PRO-D DAY BASKETBALL CAMPS

February 24th (Monday)

May 1st (Friday)

May 15th (Friday)

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Coombs Fair Grounds (Activity Hall)

8:30am - 3:30pm

7-12yrs

Are you ready for a fun, high-energy day camp? Here's a chance to play the game you love and develop your skills for footwork, shooting, dribbling, passing and game strategy. Campers will improve their skills through activities and game play. Focus is on fair play, a positive attitude and teamwork.

Day activities include 5 on 5 scrimmages, 1-1 and 3-3 tournaments, shooting competitions and Hustle Challenges. Campers will enjoy a crafting activity during the 'down time'. Lunch and water bottle must be supplied by camper. Boys and girls welcome.

For more information, or to register go to
www.smithperformancebasketball.com





2020 Spring Break Training Camp

OMBA will be hosting a 5-day Spring Break Training Camp,

March 23 to March 27, at Arbutus Meadows.

This is open to players born 2007/2008/2009/2010 and all associations.

Coaching will be provided by Royals, Bruce Biro.

It will run from 9 am to 3 pm. The focus will be on skills and drills, with mini games in doors. Players will get a 45 min lunch break at noon.

This is a great opportunity to warm up for the spring season!

Register at www.oceansidebaseball.ca



Fairwinds Learning Centre JUNIOR GROUP PROGRAMS 2020

Maximum of 8 participants per instructor and a minimum of 3 students. Classes are held rain or shine so come prepared for the weather. Equipment is available for use if needed. All lessons are lead by a PGA of Canada instructor.

Spring Break Camp (ages 5-7 years)

\$70 per 4-day week session (includes four 45-minute lessons)

| Day | Dates | Time |
|---------|--------------------|----------------|
| Mon-Thu | Mar 16, 17, 18, 19 | 12:30pm-1:15pm |

| Day | Dates | Time |
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| Mon-Thu | Mar 23, 24, 25, 26 | 12:30pm-1:15pm |

Spring Break Camp (ages 8-13 years)

\$130 per 4-day week session (includes four 1.5-hour lessons)

| Day | Dates | Time |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| Mon-Thu | Mar 16, 17, 18, 19 | 1:30pm-3:00pm |

| Day | Dates | Time |
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| Mon-Thu | Mar 23, 24, 25, 26 | 1:30pm-3:00pm |

Rookies (ages 5-7 years)

\$70 per 4-sessions (includes four 45-minute lessons)

Your child will learn the FUNdamental skills of golf from one of our PGA of Canada instructor. Key concepts taught include grip, stance, posture, alignment and balance for both the full swing and the short game.

| Day | Dates | Time |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| Thu | Apr 9, 16, 23, 30 | 3:45pm-4:30pm |
| Thu | May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 3:45pm-4:30pm |
| Mon-Thu | July 27, 28, 29, 30 | 9:00am-9:45am |

| Day | Dates | Time |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| Thu | June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 3:45pm-4:30pm |
| Mon-Thu | July 6, 7, 8, 9 | 9:00am-9:45am |

Learn to Play (ages 8-13 years)

\$95 per 4-week session (includes four one-hour lessons)

Your child is going to learn the key concepts, grip, stance, posture, alignment and balance for both the full swing and the short game.

| Day | Dates | Time |
|-----|---------------------|---------------|
| Wed | April 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4:00pm-5:00pm |
| Wed | May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4:00pm-5:00pm |

| Day | Dates | Time |
|-----|--------------------|---------------|
| Wed | June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 4:00pm-5:00pm |

Junior Summer Golf Camp (ages 8-13 years)

\$150 per 3-day session (includes three 2.5-hour lessons)

During this camp your child will learn the techniques on the practice facility and then apply them on the golf course, supervised by a PGA of Canada instructor. Children will be playing about 3 holes every day and then practice their skills at the driving range.

| Day | Dates | Time |
|---------|--|--------------|
| Mon-Wed | Jul 6-8; Jul 13-15; Jul 20-22; Jul 27-29; Aug. 10-12; Aug. 17-19; Aug. 24-26 | 9:00-11:30am |

All prices are subject to applicable taxes. Space is limited. To register, call the golf shop or for more info contact H el ene Delisle, Head of Instruction, at hdelisie@fairwinds.ca.
Fairwinds Golf, 3730 Fairwinds Drive, Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P 9J6
250.468.7666 | 1.888.781.2777 | www.fairwinds.ca



FAIRWINDS

GOLF CLUB

FAMILY GOLF NIGHTS

Have some fun together as a family!
Special Tuesday evening tee times
available after 5:00pm on:

May 5, 19, June 2, 16, 30

July 14, 28, August 4, 18

Free club rentals for everyone!
Sandwiches, drinks and snacks
also available at the Golf shop.

1 Adult + 1, 2 or 3 Juniors \$30

2 Adults + 1 or 2 Juniors \$45

9 Hole Cart Rental \$12 per person

Valid for juniors aged 5 to 18 years for the 2020 season. Subject to availability and applicable taxes.

If there is a junior who does not have an adult available to play, please ask at the Golf Shop and we may be able to team the junior up with someone.



For information and tee times, call
250.468.7666 or toll free 1.888.781.2777



FAIRWINDS

GOLF CLUB

2020 JUNIOR RATES

Memberships

Junior Annual (ages 12-18) \$199.00 per year

Junior Junior Annual (ages 5-11) \$99.00 per year

Junior players are also eligible for:

- Free junior club rentals *(please reserve prior to tee time as there is a limited supply)*
- 50% off on range tokens
- \$12 per person for power cart rentals *(valid for 9 holes, operator must have a valid driver's license)*

All rates are valid for juniors aged 5 to 18 years for the 2020 season. Prices are subject to applicable taxes. All juniors under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult.

3730 Fairwinds Drive, Nanoose Bay, BC

fairwinds.ca | 1.888.781.2777

Flying Changes Riding School



Spring Break Camps

March 17-19

(Beginner & intermediate)

& March 24-26

10am-2pm daily

\$189/camp

Contact Gina Kararrigas

(250)240-1794

2160 Halona Way





FREE

YOUTH DROP-IN BASKETBALL

WINTER 2020

AGES 11- 15

AGES 16+

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm
January 21 - March 24

Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm
January 23 - March 26

COOMBS FAIRGROUND GYMNASIUM
1014 Ford Rd, Coombs, BC V0R 1M0



Questions?

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



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.

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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

DROP-IN SWIMS and SKATES and UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BC Provincial Family Day Free Swim & Skate

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
Mo Feb 17 10:00am-2:00pm swim
(Max 160 people)

Oceanside Place Arena
Mo Feb 17 1:00-4:00pm skate

Free admission and skate rentals.
We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada and CUPE Local 401.

School's Out Everyone Welcome Skate

Oceanside Place Arena
Mo Feb 24 1:30-3:00pm
Reduced rate admission

Disco Light Skate for all ages

Catch dance fever under the disco lights
Oceanside Place Arena
Sa Feb 29 7:30-9:00pm
Sa Mar 14 7:30-9:00pm
Regular admission

Dad's Night Out: Free Skate Night

A free skate night on the pond at Oceanside Place Arena for dads and their kids to enjoy, courtesy of Building Learning Together.
Oceanside Place Arena
Tu Mar 3 6:45-7:45pm
Free admission and skate rentals

Water to Earth Month Everyone Welcome Swim

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
Tu Mar 24 1:30-4:00pm
Regular admission

Spring Break Swims and Skates

Mar 14-29
View times rdn.bc.ca/recreation

PLAY
Oceanside
PHYSICAL LITERACY AND YOU
ACTIVE, HEALTHY, ENGAGED

PLAY Oceanside is hosting the first **Spring into Spring Break Week PLAY Passport**. PLAY passports will be delivered to students before spring break starts and available online. You will have two weeks to complete activities and enter for a chance to win prizes. Stay tuned for details.

Spring Summer Active Living Guide

will be online Thursday, February 27

Create your wish list and be ready to register on Monday March 9



Spring Break Camps, programs and events



Register at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena
830 W Island Hwy, Parksville
250-248-3252

Find us on



SPRING PROGRAMS

CanPowerSkate 6-15yrs

Your child will improve their confidence on the ice with the CanPowerSkate program. This action-packed power skating session, geared to hockey players, focuses on balance, power, agility, speed and endurance. Skaters must have basic forward and backward skating skills and are able to stop on command without using the boards.

Instructor: Sandy Shores Skate Club

Oceanside Place Arena
Tu Apr 7-May 26 7:00-8:00am \$160 12153

Backyard Birds:

More than Robins, Gulls and Crows 4-7yrs

How much do you know about the birds in your backyard? Learn about common backyard birds, their habitat, and how you can contribute to supporting a healthy environment for them. Go for a short nature walk and then build and leave with your own backyard chickadee-house to take home! Parent participation.

Instructor: Kelsey Cramer

Foster Park
Sa Apr 4 10:00am-12:00pm \$26 12096

Nighttime Beach Tour and Seine 8yrs+

Are you brave enough to join us on a night tour of the beach? Explore what happens to beach critters at night and what lurks from the shadowy depths of the ocean. Come prepared with a flashlight, beach shoes or boots as we venture onto the pebbly shore to try and find some of our exclusive intertidal critters.

VIU Deep Bay Marine Field Station
\$20 Adult \$15 Child
Th Mar 19 7:30-9:30pm 12254
Fr Mar 20 8:00-10:00pm 12255

Clam Digging Experience 8-17yrs

Curious and hungry kids will be led to the beach to let their inner foragers run wild. Learn all about the food that you can find on the beach from shellfish to crab and even seaweed. We will collect and learn how to prepare the food together. Participants must have their tidal waters sport fishing license prior to arriving. Apply online.

Instructor: VIU Deep Bay Staff

VIU Deep Bay Marine Field Station
Sa Apr 11 1:00-3:30pm \$20 12258
Sa May 9 12:00-2:30pm \$20 12259

Fundamentals of Trail Running for Youth 12-16yrs

You can run, but can you run on the trails? Trail running is a great way to connect with nature while building endurance, coordination and strength.

Instructor: Shelby Drope & Melissa Ross
Englishman River Reg Park - Allsbrook Rd
Mo Apr 20-Jun 15 5:00-6:00pm \$60 12136

National Lifeguard Pool Option Course 16yrs+

The National Lifeguard pool option is designed to develop the fundamental values, judgement, knowledge, skills and fitness required by lifeguards.

Qualicum Commons - Library
Mar 23-28 9:00am-6:00pm \$375.95 11299

Water Safety Instructor Course Step 1 15yrs+

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
Sa Mar 14 9:00am-1:00pm \$250 11294

Water Safety Instructor Course Step 2 15yrs+

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
Mo-Fr Mar 16-10 2:00-6:00pm \$175 11295

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Camp Bigfoot at Spring Break 6-10yrs

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

Craig Street Commons
Mo-Fr Mar 16-20 8:30am-4:00pm \$39/day

Spring Break Basketball Camp 6-8yrs

Are you ready for a fun, high-energy camp? Here's an introduction to the game with a chance to build on the fundamentals of footwork, shooting, dribbling and passing. Campers will improve their skills through activities and game play. Focus is on fair play, a positive attitude and teamwork. Boys and girls welcome.

Instructor: Smith Performance Basketball
Qualicum Commons - Gymnasium
Mo-Fr Mar 16-20 9:00am-12:00pm \$185 12244

Spring Break Basketball Camp 9-13yrs

Are you ready for a fun, high-energy camp? Here's a chance to play the game you love and develop your skills for footwork, shooting, dribbling, passing and game strategy. Campers will improve their skills through activities and game play. Focus is on fair play, a positive attitude and teamwork. Includes daily 5 on 5 scrimmages, 1-1 and 3-3 tournaments, shooting competitions and Hustle Challenges. Boys and girls welcome.

Instructor: Smith Performance Basketball
Qualicum Commons - Gymnasium
Mo-Fr Mar 16-20 12:30-4:00pm \$215 12245

Spring Break Go Wild Outdoor Camp 6-9yrs

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

Instructor: RLC Park Services Staff
Moorecroft Regional Park
Mo-Fr Mar 23-27 9:00am-3:00pm \$190 11571

Camp Kowabunga 6-10yrs

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

Qualicum Commons
Mo-Fr Mar 23-27 8:30am-4:00pm \$39/day

Express Camp at Spring Break 11-14yrs

A truly unique experience that is unmatched on the island. Jump in the RDN van with our youth leaders for an experience you will never forget. Youth turning 11 in 2020 are welcome to register.

Oceanside Place Arena
8:30am-4:00pm \$49/day
Tu Mar 17 Swim & Movie
Fr Mar 20 Breakout Nanaimo & NI
Wild life Recovery Centre
We Mar 25 Gymnastics & Skating
Th Mar 26 Bowling & Swim

Three easy ways to register:

1 Online
rdn.bc.ca/recreation

2 Phone-in
250-752-5014
250-248-3252

3 Walk-in
Ravensong Aquatic Centre
Oceanside Place Arena

Inclusion Support

To notify us that your child needs support in camp, please register [online rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation) in the Inclusion Support Request Program (barcode 11372). Support is dependant on staff availability.



Presents:

A guided discussion centered on Canadian Human Rights; soliciting advocacy and local resource development presented at the Parksville Community Conference Centre.

Feb 8 - "The Right to Food" with Graham Riches

Mar 14 - "The Right to Shelter" with Renate Sutherland



Saturdays Feb 8 and Mar 14 from 1:30-3:30 pm

Tickets \$5.00 at the door

QF Gift Cards or Cash donations
collected for Orca Place Food Program



Mini Art Bites

Mini Art Bites is a four week course designed to give children ages 6 - 12 a taste of a variety of art mediums and techniques using the supplied materials. We aim to have fun through creative expression while learning some basic art elements, art principles and art history.

Saturday mornings from 10 am – noon

All 4 classes - \$100 materials included

Individual classes - \$30/class

Instructor: Catherine Trembath.

About the Instructor:

Catherine Trembath studied at Emily Carr College of Art and Design, worked as an art director in Vancouver and a graphic designer in Victoria and is now a local artist. She teaches children's art classes as well as accessible art classes.



Rock Painting - April 4

Students will paint rocks using patterns, designs and illustrations. We'll discuss the original rock paintings found in caves and their language of symbols. They will explore emphasis, texture and colour including how to mix colours.



Acrylic Painting - April 11 (Easter weekend)

In this class, students will paint a still life by arranging a variety of objects we'll have on hand, including flowers and fruit, and painting it. We'll talk about some famous still life paintings, such as Van Gogh's Sunflowers, focusing on proportion, value and shape.



Collage - April 18

Collage is a fun and easy! We'll look at French impressionist Matisse's later work to see how he used colour cut outs versus brushes to create his paintings. We'll look at how line and form can create movement and unity.



Watercolour Painting - April 25

Our local artist, Toni Onley, will be the starting point for exploring watercolours. We will practice some watercolour techniques then use our beautiful beaches and forests as our inspiration to paint a watery landscape. We will learn about balance and space and how to compose a painting.



McMillan Arts Centre, 133 McMillan Street, Parksville, BC V9P 2H5

Info 250-248-8185 Register: www.mcmillanartscentre.com

info@mcmillanartscentre.com

EES Calendar of Events

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| 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 |
| | 29 | Celebration of Learning |
| May | 1 | Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School |
| | 4-8 | Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences as needed |
| | 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

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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.