



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 15, 2019

Principal's Message

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly last week. It was a very impressive tribute. The students who presented at and led the assembly were outstanding and demonstrated confidence and strong leadership skills. A large team of student leaders were responsible for setting up, running, and cleaning up after the assembly. Responsibility is one of our school "pillars" and the students involved showed how they can be relied upon whenever asked. The article I am providing this week explains how responsibility is linked to your child's school success:

Educators agree that responsible children do better in school. Luckily, parents have endless opportunities to foster responsibility. To boost your child's responsibility:

- **Enforce a few** age-appropriate rules and consequences. State them clearly so your child knows exactly how you expect her to behave – and what will happen if she doesn't.
- **Trust her with meaningful tasks.** School-age children are capable of handling responsibilities such as picking up their rooms, setting the table, and helping with the laundry.
- **Talk about financial responsibility.** Many kids receive an allowance. This provides a great opportunity to teach about budgeting, spending, saving, and giving.
- **Let your child make decisions,** such as which homework assignment to tackle first. Having the responsibility of making decisions builds confidence.
- **Find ways to help others.** Discuss what it means to be a responsible member of a community. Talk about different ways your family can contribute, such as by donating gently-used clothing to a charity or volunteering your time for an important cause.
- **Adjust rules and responsibilities.** As your child matures, her abilities will change. Perhaps she can take on more grown-up chores. Or perhaps she can make new and exciting decisions. Talk about how great it feels to be responsible!

Source: *Elementary School Parents*
March 2019
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EES Spirit Day

Friday November 22nd, 2019



Wear your most creative hairdo or most unusual hat to school for
Crazy Hair and Hat Day!

We can't wait to see your fun fashion creations!!

News from Your Library

Scholastic Book Fair:

Arctic Adventure Book Fair is coming to our library November 21! We will set up on Wednesday Nov 20, invite classes to Preview the Fair on Thursday Nov 21 (no sales at this time), and then the Fair will be open Friday Nov 22 8am-3pm and 6pm-9pm*, Monday Nov 25 8am-3pm and Tuesday Nov 26 from 8 am-noon. The library will be closed to regular activities during our Fair. There's always something for everyone at the Fair and we appreciate your support of our Library! We've ordered preschool books this year, too! Book Fair is one of our Library's largest fundraisers of the year, thank you for supporting your Library!

***Small Foot! Family Movie Night:** PAC welcomes families to Movie Night on Friday Nov 22! Doors Open at 5:30, Movie starts at 6:00. The Book Fair will also be open during this time. Wear your jammies, bring your blankets and stuffies and have a fun evening out with your family! All students must be accompanied by a responsible adult, no drop offs. Concession will be open featuring hot dogs, popcorn and snacks :) Featuring **Small Foot**, the movie :) This is a popular PAC fundraiser, thank you for supporting your school!

As always, we'd love to speak with you, any time. Please email me at jrichards@sd69.bc.ca.

Ms. Richards and Ms. Macrae



Redesigned Curriculum

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

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

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

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

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

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

Communicating Student Learning

School District 69 is continuing in 2019-2020 to be part of a pilot with the Ministry of Education to modernize our reporting procedures. B.C.'s New Curriculum is based on a competency-driven model of "Know-Do-Understand" that supports students in acquiring the skills they need for learning and working in the 21st Century. As we move to a focus on competencies and how students demonstrate application of competencies, the assessment and communication about student progress is changing. One goal of the new curriculum is to allow for more personalization of the learning experiences. To support this goal, SD 69 is supporting teachers to communicate student learning in a variety of formats. It is our goal to move from isolated reporting events to ongoing communications about learning progress with families. Please view the following link for more information on our changes in communicating student learning. [CSL Update for Parents Oct 2019](#)

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.



Inclement Weather and Clothing

The fall 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.

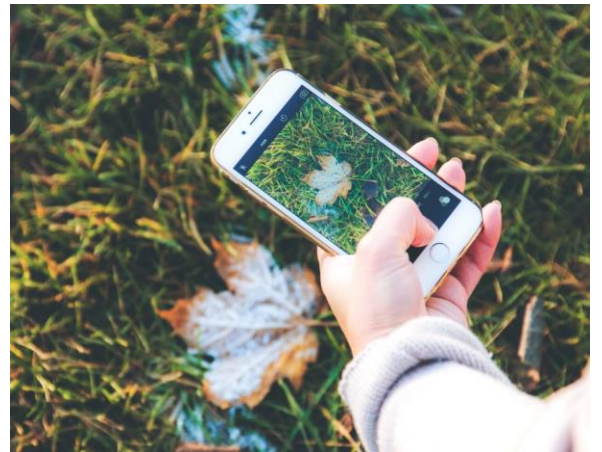


Reporting Student Absents

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.



Peanut Awareness

This year we have students in our school who could have a potentially fatal reaction to peanut butter. A potentially "fatal" reaction means that after contact with a peanut product the child may go into shock and without immediate medical care can die. Therefore, it is vitally important to the safety of the students involved that their classrooms become peanut aware zones. We have a number of systems in place to limit potential exposure. We ask that the school community and especially all parents share the responsibility to contribute to a safe classroom environment for these students by eliminating peanut products from their classrooms. A wide variety of lunch and snack products are readily available at local grocery stores, as are alternatives to these types of food. We ask all parents to discuss with their child about not sharing their snacks with other children and the danger peanut products pose to students with the allergy. We ask that you also discuss the issue of cross-contamination. Shared areas that are likely to be possible points of exposure include doorknobs, tap and toilet handles, soap dispensers, gym equipment, library books, board games, etc. Your understanding and cooperation is vital and appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Morrison 250 248-8446.

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.

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.

FESTIVAL OF TREES/FOOD BANK

(A message from the Entertainment/Tree Decorating Committee at Cupe 3750)

Come out to view the beautiful trees on display at the Parksville Community Centre and support the local food bank. Bring a non-perishable item of food, exchange it for a token and vote for your favourite tree between November 21st and November 28th. The tree with the most tokens will receive the People's Choice Award and be announced at the Parksville Community Centre Light Up event on November 29th. Your local Cupe school support workers will decorate a tree at this event.



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After Hours On Call

1.800.204.6166

November 4, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Requirements Under BC's New Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation

BC's new Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation came into effect on July 1, 2019. It supports the gathering of immunization records by local Public Health units. The regulation applies to all students in all schools within the Province's jurisdiction, including those who are home-schooled. It does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

In the coming months our staff will check the immunization records we have on file for school age children. They will identify children whose records are missing or incomplete. Families of these children may be contacted. They will be asked to provide us with the immunization information required under the regulation. We will also let families know where children can receive immunizations.

Health authority public health units already have complete immunization information on file for most children. For this reason, most families will not be contacted or need to take any further action. If you are contacted, it may only mean that we need to update some information in our files. It may not mean that your child is missing immunizations.

You can use the online [Vaccination Status Indicator tool](http://www.immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator) (www.immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator) to check if your child's immunization record is missing or incomplete. It tells you if your child's immunization record is on file with public health but does not provide any details about their immunization status or history.

Collecting immunization information allows us to connect with families about the importance of disease prevention. It also helps us respond quickly to outbreaks and helps everyone get back to school as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-reporting-regulation>.

Thank you for helping to keep BC children and communities healthy.

Sincerely,

Paul Hasselback, MD, MSc, FRCPC
Medical Health Officer



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

November 18th –Hot Dog Day

December 13th – Pizza Day

January 15th – Subway Day

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

Munchalunch is now open for ordering!

PAC NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

Movie Night (Small Foot) November 22nd at 6:00 pm

Craft Night December 4th at 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

SANDY SHORES CANSKATE LESSONS



Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

Oct 1 to Dec 3, 2019

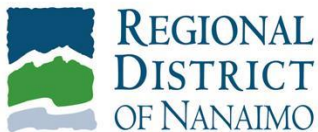
Jan 7 to Mar 10, 2020

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.



Register at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

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Oceanside Place Arena
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FREE SKATE LESSONS FOR YOUTH 13-18

Learn to stop without using the boards.

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

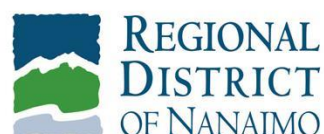
Sep 30-Oct 28

Nov 4-Dec 2

Jan 13-Feb 3

Feb 10-Mar 9

FREE with pre-registration.
Space is limited.



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DODGEBALL

Are you ready for some high energy fun?

Qualicum Commons

We, 5:00-6:00 pm

Oct 2— Dec 4

\$30.15



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DROP-IN GYM



Qualicum Commons

Wed 3:00 - 5:00 PM

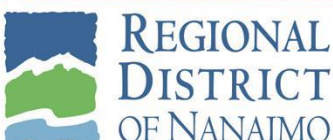
Craig Street Commons

Mon/Thu 3:00 - 5:00 PM

To drop-in bring your 10x Active Pass:

\$30.15 (child) \$40.26 (student)
Grade 5 and 6 active passes also
accepted.

**SEPTEMBER 16 -
DECEMBER 19**



Information at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

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11-14yrs

BABYSITTERS CERTIFICATION

Get trained. Get hired.

Courses offered:

Nov 3, Dec 1 , Jan 18,

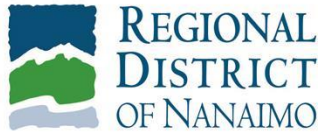
Feb 23, Mar 8

Sundays

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Qualicum Commons

\$49 Fee includes manual



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CANVAS ART

Join local artist Jenny Hughes to create a fantastic acrylic painting.

Nov 7 Fun in the Jungle 7-11yrs

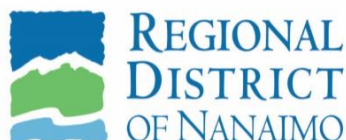
Dec 12 Ocean Sunset 11-15 yrs

Thursday 4:00 - 5:30 pm

\$25/ 1 session

Oceanside Art Studio
124 Harlech Road, Qualicum Beach

*includes all supplies . No experience necessary. Great for beginners.



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Caring for Community at Christmas

Registration



Funded by community donations and
offered to low income residents
living in School District 69.

To take part in this program, please **register in person** at:
SOS Community Services Centre 245 West Hirst Avenue, **Parksville**
Starting November 13, 2019. Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.
Evening registrations are available by appointment.

Registrations will also be accepted at these outreach locations:
SOS Community Services Centre 744 Primrose St. **Qualicum Beach**
Wednesdays Nov. 13 - Dec. 4, 2 - 4 pm. **Fridays** Nov. 15 - Dec. 6, 9:30 - 11:30 am.

Wildwood Community Church 113 McColl Rd. **Bowser**
Thursdays: Nov. 7, 10 am - 12 pm. Nov. 28, 1 - 4 pm. Dec. 12, 10 am - 1 pm.

When you register remember to bring:

- Photo ID for each adult (19 yrs +)
- Proof of residency
- Care Cards for minor children

250.248.2093 ext. 229 | coordinator@sosd69.com | www.sosd69.com

EES Calendar of Events

November	1	Professional Development Day – No School
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30am
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
	15	Grade 6 Immunizations (Island Health)
	18	PAC Lunch
	19	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	21	Book Fair (Nov. 21-26 th)
	22	PAC Movie Night
December	4	PAC Craft Fair in gym (5:00pm-8:00pm)
	13	PAC Lunch
	18	Winter Concert 12:45pm and 6:00pm
	20	Last day of school before the Winter Break
January	6	School Reopens after Winter Break
	15	PAC Lunch
	21	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
February	11	Dad's Night Out - EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	17	BC FAMILY DAY
	24	Professional Development Day – No School
March	13	Last day of school before Spring Break
	30	School Re-opens after Spring Break
April	10	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	13	EASTER MONDAY – No School
	21	Dad's Night Out – EES Gym 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
May	1	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	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.