



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 20, 2019

Principal's Message

We have a number of things coming up, so please read through this newsletter and take note of the dates on the attached calendar. We have planned our "Meet the Teacher" evening next week and hope to see a great turnout! Your child's teacher will be a significant person in his/her life this year, so it's a good idea for you to build a positive, strong bond. That way, you can work together, share information, and head off any problems that may come up.

This year at EES, we will continue to work on our school-wide goal of social responsibility. In particular, we will focus on solving problems in peaceful ways and learning a variety of self-regulation and self-monitoring strategies. I will be including articles in our newsletters that suggest ways that families can promote social responsibility at home. We will be using the following three pillars that form the basis for all of our expectations:

- We are SAFE
- We are RESPECTFUL
- We are RESPONSIBLE

Along with these pillars, we encourage our students to take care of themselves, take care of each other, and take care of our place. The article below suggests some ways to set the stage for success by promoting respect at school:

Respectful behavior is just as important at school as it is at home. Encourage your child to show respect at school by:

- **Being courteous.** He should say *please* and *thank you* to his teacher and classmates.
- **Doing what's expected.** Everyone in school has a job to do. If the teacher doesn't plan lessons, no one can learn anything. If students don't do their jobs – homework, listening to the teacher – it makes it harder for everyone to learn.
- **Raising his hand.** Imagine having 30 students in a class, each of whom wants attention right now. When your child raises his hand and waits for the teacher to call on him, he demonstrates self-control and respect for others.
- **Addressing the teacher** by name. Just saying "good morning, Mrs. Jones" is an easy way to show respect.
- **Listening to the teacher's** comments. Teachers want students to learn. That means they have to point out mistakes. Your child will do much better in school if he can recognize and accept constructive feedback.

Source: *Elementary School Parents*
October 2016
Vol.28, No.2

No School on Tuesday, September 24, 2019: District Planning Day

Meet the Teacher Night

We will be hosting our annual "Meet the Teacher" open house next week, on **Wednesday, September 25th** between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. This is an informal opportunity to drop by and see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. Teachers will not be discussing your child's progress at this time. If you have questions or comments regarding your child's development, please contact the teacher to make an appointment at a different time. Our EES PAC will have a table set up in the foyer on this evening.





Picture Day

Concept Photos will be here next week to take individual and class photos on Wednesday, September 25th. All students are photographed on this day and then ordering information will be sent home the following week. The individual photos are taken with a green background, so the photographer has asked that students DO NOT wear any shade of green.

Terry Fox Run



Students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run next Thursday, September 26th, starting just after 1:00pm. If you are able to help with the Terry Fox Run, please let us know at the office. We will need as many adults as possible to be stationed along the route. We are collecting donations to be put towards cancer research. We have EES families who are impacted by pediatric cancer and we appreciate all donations that are made as they support cancer research. We thank you for your support!

Orange Shirt Day – Monday, September 30, 2019

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of [Phyllis' story](#) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. We are encouraging students to wear orange on this day!

See Phyllis' story on the following link: <https://youtu.be/E3vUqr01kAk>

Inclement Weather and Clothing

Although we have had sunny days, we know that soon the rainy weather will be upon us! It is extremely important for students to have appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor use, along with a pair of inside shoes to change into when inside the building. These shoes are also

used for gym use. We expect students to wear warm coats (hoods are a good idea) and we recommend boots, hats, gloves, and umbrellas. In general, students go outside to play during recess and lunch breaks, even if it is raining or snowing. Each day, we assess the combination of weather, wind, and temperature to determine whether or not it is suitable for the students to play outside. We recommend that students have a spare change of clothing kept at school in case of various emergencies. We have a very limited supply of clothing available.



Volunteering

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



Hot Lunch

Once again, our EES PAC will continue to coordinate some Hot Lunch opportunities. Order forms will be coming home soon. The first lunch will be provided (free of charge) to all students on Friday, September 27th. This lunch will be provided by Panago to make up for the mix-up that happened in June. Please note that on days when your child has ordered hot lunch, he/she will still need to bring snacks and drinks for the day.

Indoor Shoes

We are in need of clean shoes in good condition to keep on hand for inside and gym use. If you have some outgrown shoes that you are willing to donate, please send to the main office.



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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!

Parking Lot



Our school buses will be arriving later than they have in the past. This means that school buses will be using the area in front of the school right up until 8:15am. Please be sure to use the lower parking lot for drop-off. If your child is arriving AFTER 8:15am, you may pull up to the front of the school and your child will need to check in at the office. Please DO NOT pull up in front of the school prior to 8:15am.

We have observed several parents with students cutting through the staff parking lot before and after school on their way to and from the lower parking lot. Please use the pathway provided. We have staff vehicles coming and going so we need to ensure that our students and families are safe.

Please also note that the lower parking lot is considered to be part of our school grounds. As per school district policy, we ask that you do not smoke or use vaping devices on school grounds – including the parking areas.

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.



Bike Safety

It has been wonderful to see some students choosing to ride their bikes to and from school! Please remind your children that we expect bike helmets to be worn at all times while riding. We highly recommend sending your child with a lock for their bike while parked at EES during the school day. At the end of the school day, we ask that students wait to leave on their bikes until AFTER the buses have left the parking lot. We ask that bikers remember that when using crosswalks, please stop and look before walking out; dismount bicycle and check for traffic and walk across; DO NOT just ride up and ride across. Drivers need some notice.

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.

Living and Learning Well in a Digital World

A Grown-Ups Guide to Using Technology with Young Children

Please find an informative link below for parents/caregivers with guidelines regarding the use of technology with young children:

<https://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/88537/1102290/pub/html5.html#page/13>



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

2019-20 Regular Public Meetings of the Board of Education

The Regular Public Board Meetings of the Qualicum School District's Board of Education are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the 2019/2020 school year. These meetings are business meetings of the Board which are held in public.

Three exceptions are the August Board Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, August 27th (to be followed by the annual elections for the Chairperson & Vice Chairperson of the Board), the December Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, December 17th and the March Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 10th. There is no meeting held in July.

The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum of the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville. Members of staff and the public are welcome to attend.



Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through [iA Financial Group](http://www.iafinancialgroup.com), which is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The plan can supplement costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

SANDY SHORES CANSKATE LESSONS



Tuesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

Oct 1 to Dec 3, 2019

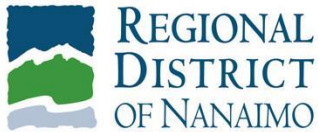
Jan 7 to Mar 10, 2020

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

Ravensong Aquatic Centre
737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
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FREE SKATE LESSONS FOR YOUTH 13-18

Learn to stop without using the boards.

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm

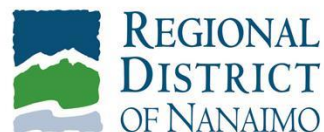
Sep 30-Oct 28

Nov 4-Dec 2

Jan 13-Feb 3

Feb 10-Mar 9

FREE with pre-registration.
Space is limited.



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SCHOOL'S OUT SWIM OR SKATE

Tuesday September 24

Reduced rate admission



Ravensong Aquatic Centre

1:00-2:30 pm

Oceanside Place Arena

1:30-3:00 pm



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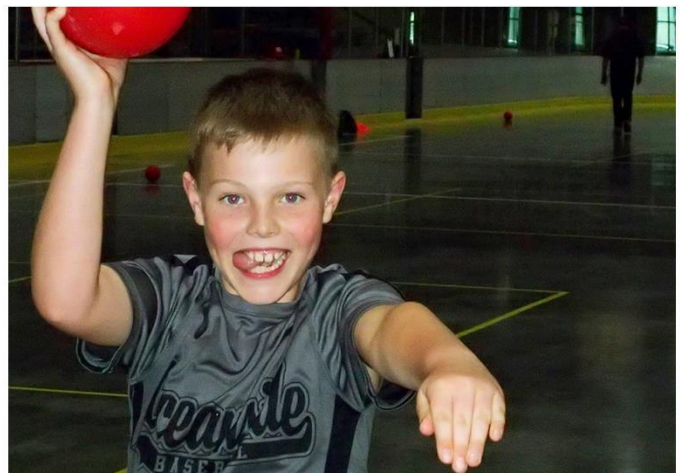
Are you ready for some high energy fun?

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**



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LEARN TO SUP

Learn to stand up paddleboard at Spider Lake

\$45/1

Spider Lake Provincial Park

Includes all equipment, basic
skills and water safety.

2:00-4:00pm

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AFTER SCHOOL YOGA

Join Melanie Beech for an uplifting yoga session.
Not sure? Try the first 2 classes for free!

12-18 years

Ballenas Secondary Room 801

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm

10910 Oct 1—Nov 19

Instructor: Melanie Beech

\$35/ 8 sessions



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Try a new sport!
join us for the
FREE "see it, try it" event

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2019
6:30 - 7:30pm

Ravensong Aquatic Center
(Waiver must be filled out before getting into
the pool, so come please come at 6:15)

Our Competitive Team will do a demonstration and then potential new athletes can get in and try it! We will provide nose-clips as required.

Recommended age is 7+ (or swim level 5)

For more information check out our website:
ravensongwaterdancers.ca

or email us at:
ravensongsynchro@gmail.com



BC YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

YOUR VOICE MATTERS BE HEARD

Who can be a BC RCMP Youth Advisor

BC youth aged 14 to 18

Why get involved

- Discuss issues that matter to you
- Play an essential role in shaping how the RCMP connect with youth
- Receive a letter of reference

When can I start

BC YAC runs from October 2019 to June 2020

How do I apply

Email: yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca to receive an application

Closing Date:

September 20, 2019

Contact Us:

778-290-4005

yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada



EES Calendar of Events

September	24	District-wide Planning Day – No school for students
	25	Photo Day
	25	Meet the Teacher Night 5:00pm-6:00pm
	26	Terry Fox Run 1:00pm
	27	Pizza Lunch – Provided free of charge by Panago
	30	Orange Shirt Day
October	9	Photo Re-takes
	14	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	23	Parent Teacher Conferences (in evening)
	24	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	25	Professional Development Day – No School
	28	Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening
November	1	Professional Development Day – No School
	8	Remembrance Day Assembly – Time TBD
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
	21	Book Fair (Nov. 21-26 th)
	22	PAC Movie Night
December	18	Winter Concert 12:45pm and 6:00pm
	20	Last day of school before the Winter Break
January	6	School Reopens after Winter Break
February	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
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.