



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

This is the time of year when we reflect on the past school year and plan for the next. And this has been a historical year like no other! Our school district is seeking feedback on your experiences this year. If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to complete the survey linked below. The survey is available until **April 23rd**.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wtSAMuc3-Ue7cgV6Q2ecB01EeXUf3kROv4TUC8_qxzFUNko1STJaRkxZNUxRN1NPVDkxWklyRIJIMS4u

Another way to provide feedback is through the Student Learning Survey, which is available until April 30th. More information and a link can be found further into this newsletter.

With the last few months of the school year upon us, it is sometimes hard to keep students motivated. The article below suggests five strategies that can help increase your child's motivation to learn:

Kids who are motivated to learn are likely to be more successful in school than those who are not. To motivate your child:

1. **Be a learner yourself.** Let your child see you read books. Watch educational programs. Attend school functions. Try new things. Show curiosity.
2. **Share what you learn.** Talk about new ideas or scientific discoveries with your child. Discuss things you read or hear.
3. **Show an interest** in what he is learning. Ask questions simply to learn and share - not to check up on your child.
4. **Let him know** you believe he can learn. If you show faith in your child's ability to learn, he will have more confidence in his ability.
5. **Stay positive.** If your child has problems in school, help him see that problems can be solved. Meet with the teacher to figure out ways your child can improve. Then discuss ways you can work together to help him succeed.

Source: *Elementary School Parents* (April 2017, Vol.28, No.8)

K-12 Daily Health Check

Please ensure you continue to screen your child daily for symptoms of illness and keep your child at home if they are not well. To support daily screening, **a new K-12 health-checker app** has been developed for students and their families and can be found at: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca> The app will allow people to answer simple questions every day. It will inform them if they can attend school or if they need to self-isolate and contact 811 to be screened for COVID-19.

Morning Drop-off

For those students who are dropped off in the mornings, please remember that we encourage staggered drop-offs to help reduce crowds. Please drop-off your child as close to 8:12am as possible. School starts at 8:12am, but we wait to send attendance to the office until 8:30am. If your child arrives between 8:12am and 8:30am, they can go directly to their classroom. If your child arrives after 8:30am, they need to check in at the office.

We have noticed many cars pulling up to the school while buses are arriving. If you are dropping your child off BEFORE 8:12am, please use the lower parking lot. Students arriving AFTER 8:12am may drive up to the front of the school. If you have other family members dropping off your children, please remind them of our drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Parking Lot Safety



Please use caution and drive slowly in our drop-off and pick-up areas. With the warmer weather, we have more students walking or riding bikes to and from school. 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.



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.



Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Please click the link below for further information about the new online registration.

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Kreg.aspx#/=>

Please contact us at (250) 248-8446 if you have any questions regarding the upcoming Kindergarten registration requirements.

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.

Day of Mourning



You may notice that our flags will be lowered to “half-mast” on Wednesday, April 28th. This is to recognize April 28th as a “Day of Mourning” – an opportunity to stand together with the world’s workers to remember those who have died on the job, and to reflect on what needs to be done to prevent more deaths and injuries. More information can be found on our website.

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 30, 2021**.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the “Parent” 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”.

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 other break times.

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!



Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

April 30 – Sushi Day

May 14 – Lefty's Fresh Food Day

May 28 – Pizza Day

June 3 – Subway Day

June 18 – Pizza Day

Please note that all lunches close on Munchalunch a week prior to lunch date.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Errington/>

Parent Teacher Conferences

EES teachers will be scheduling meetings with parents between **May 3rd and May 10th**. Due to the ongoing pandemic, teachers will mainly be meeting over the phone or a Zoom/Skype (virtual) meeting. We are using the "Parent Conferences" online program again to book your appointment. Directions on how to use this booking system are listed below and will be open for bookings on April 23rd, 2021. If you are not able to schedule an appointment during one of the times listed, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time.



School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ees.parentconferences.net>
2. Click to "**REGISTER**" (top box).
3. Complete all the required fields.
4. Click "**REGISTER NOW**".
5. Click "**Add Student**".
6. Complete the required fields.
7. Click "**Insert**".
8. Next to your child's name, click on the **blue calendar icon**. Click on the **blue calendar** beside your child's teacher name. When teacher is highlighted, click on **View Calendars**.
9. Click on **an appointment day and time** that you would like to book. *Note your name is automatically put into the field at this time. Others who look on this calendar will not see your name, they will just see that the time slot is not available.*
10. Click **Book Appointment**.
11. **If you have more than one teacher:**
 - Go back to **Home**.
 - Click **Manage Students**.
 - Add **New Student**.
 - Complete the fields as above and continue with the rest of the process to book your other appointment(s).

Note: You can edit or delete names if you have made a mistake.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact the office at 250-248-8446. Thank you! We are looking forward to seeing you at the parent/teacher conferences!

Other Important Reminders

- We are required to follow the BC Healthy Food and Beverage Guidelines when serving food in schools. If you are wanting to send treats to school to help celebrate a special occasion, please contact your child's teacher in advance to make arrangements. Food must be prepared and packaged in a Food Safe Certified facility.
- Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor use, along with a pair of inside shoes and an extra change of clothes. We also recommend having a warm coat, hat, umbrella, and gloves. We have a good supply of clothing and hand-knit items on hand. Please let us know if your child is in need of any warm clothing.
- 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!
- Due to current guidelines, school buses are **not** to be used for any other purpose (ie. play dates). The Transportation Department have asked that parents **do not send notes with their child requesting to ride another bus**. Students are only permitted to ride the bus they are registered with. Please refer to the School District website for all school bus information.



With the onset of spring there will now be Mega Ice Cream Sandwiches for sale every Wednesday!! \$2.00 each or a punch pass online or in the office for \$20.00 (for 10 ice cream treats).

Current popcorn cards will carry over. If your child does not want the ice cream treat please call the office (we have limited bags of popcorn remaining which can be substituted at present)

PAC News

Hello Errington!

Next PAC meeting is April 20th at 7:00pm. I will post the link on the EES PAC Facebook page as well as the EES Facebook page. So far our record for attendees is 4 executives, 3 parents and 2 principals, equaling 9 participants. We would love to see some new faces. And hear your voices! All meetings are on ZOOM and are usually every second Tuesday of the Month.

There are not many months left until school is over! If there are any thoughts or concerns on how we can support our Grade 7 kiddos with graduating and transitioning to High School, please let me know. We are also hoping to plan one more fundraiser for this year and we would love to hear ideas in helping organizing it.

Hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather!! See you Tuesday!

Cheers,

Naomi Albert
PAC Chair

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Due to the ongoing pandemic and initial rollout of COVID vaccine, public health has postponed some routine Grade 6 and 9 immunizations originally planned for January and February. This delay is temporary and follows the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) guidelines for the school age immunization program. Routine school immunizations will resume in the coming weeks and continue until the end of the school year, resulting in immunizations being offered to all Grade 6 and 9 students before the end of June.

Public Health offered the first round of Grade 6 vaccines in the Fall of 2020 and will be contacting families in late Spring to book appointments for the second dose. Grade 9 consent packages were sent home from school last week. Please complete these forms and return them to the school ASAP. Public Health will receive these packages and contact families who wish to book an appointment. If you have any questions, please contact Oceanside Public Health at 250-947-8242.

EES Library News



This Earth Day Month, take some time to read and enjoy the many books celebrating our natural world. We have many fiction and non-fictions on display in the Library, here's a list of some ideas for home reading:

10 Earth Day Books for Children:

The Earth Book by Todd Parr.

One Tree by Green Start.

Curious George Plants a Tree by Margret and H.A. Rey.

The Earth and I by Frank Asch.

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown.

Compost Stew by Mary McKenna Siddals.

Olivia's Birds: Saving the Gulf by Olivia Boulter.

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss.

Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethell

The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen

For more, check out some teacher suggestions at <https://www.weareteachers.com/best-earth-day-books-for-kids/>. Check out Youtube, Sora/Overdrive and Tumblebooks for more!

Words from our Wildcats



A new addition to our newsletter will be words of wisdom from our students on various subjects. The contributions this week come from Ms. Spencer Dahls' Grade 4/5 students:

Ms. Spencer Dahls' class is working on alliteration. Here are some submissions from her Grade 5/6 students:

Working on alliteration in Room 10 – Thoughts of Spring

The majestic monkey named Monty made mango milkshakes for his friend the Easter bunny. By Thea

The Do-Da Dahlia shop is open for spring. By Lukas

Bright blueberries grow from many flowers. By Farrah

Flying falcons were flipping around. By Christian

Dogs dig daffodils and daisies in the spring. By Vanessa

Fancy flowers float. By Gage



Community Programs

We get numerous advertisements for community programs and opportunities to include in newsletters. Rather than inserting the whole advertisement in our newsletters, we will now provide the links below for you to click to view.

SOS Child & Youth and Family Programs 2021

Please click on the PDF link below to view the programs offered:

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Documents/SOS%20Program%20Guide%20-%20Spring%202021.pdf>

SOS Youth Week Talent Competition May 1 to 7, 2021:

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/>

Other Community Events & Programs 2021

Please click on the PDF link below to view the events/programs offered/access the SD69 Community Page:

Rotary Bottle Drive for District 69 Backpack Program (follow upcoming events

<https://www.parksvilleamrotary.org>

getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect

<https://www.thenextgenartists.com/2021contest>

[ChARTing Change](#) [Read more](#)

Child & Youth Mental Health - Understanding Your Child's Anxiety (Parent Information Session – Zoom)

RDN Youth Week May 1-7

RDN 15th Annual Golden Shoe Hunt

Oceanside Track & Field

Oceanside Minor Baseball Spring 2021

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/>

Pete the Cat is Coming! First Steps to School (Virtual Fair, online and physically distanced)

<https://oblt.ca/2021/04/13/pete-the-cat-is-coming/>

EES Calendar of Events

May	21	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	24	VICTORIA DAY – No School
June	4	Professional Development Day – No School
	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early