



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are at the half-way point of the school year! Routines are well established and work can become challenging as students move along the learning continuums and expectations are increased. On Wednesday, February 3rd, your child will receive a "Learning Update" (otherwise known as Report Cards). You will notice language that reflects your child's growth along learning continuums and will likely describe how much support your child requires for certain activities: direct support, guided support, or independence. The article below suggests some strategies to help your child become more independent, especially when they face increased challenges. Are you teaching your child how to be resilient? We have faced many challenges this year and by working through challenges, we become even more resilient.

All students face obstacles. Encouraging resilience helps kids overcome them. Resilient students deal with challenges in positive ways – at home and at school. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are helping your child develop resilience:

1. **Do you give** your child opportunities to make decisions? It's a skill that improves with practice.
2. **Do you talk** to your child about how you find a solution when you are faced with a problem?
3. **Do you talk** to your child about her strengths? Children draw on their strengths when facing challenges.
4. **Do you remind** your child when she's struggling how she has handled tough situations in the past?
5. **Do you listen** to your child when she is trying to make a decision without solving the problem for her?

How well are you doing? Mostly yes answers mean you are helping your child become more resilient. For no answers, try those ideas from the quiz.

Source: *Elementary School Parents* (February 2016, Vol.27, No.6)



Kindergarten registration will take place between **Monday, January 25, 2021** and **Friday, February 5, 2021!** Please see below for further information about the new online registration.

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.



2021-2022 KINDERGARTEN AND PROGRAMS OF CHOICE REGISTRATION

Student registration window is from Monday, January 25, 2021 to Friday, February 5, 2021

KINDERGARTEN: To qualify for kindergarten registration in September 2021, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2021.

For further information please visit the district website at www.sd69.bc.ca ~ About ~ Student Registration

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

For further information please visit the district web-site at: www.sd69.bc.ca ~ Programs & Services ~ Education Programs - Programs of Choice

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS OFFERED!

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM: Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM
(Sibling Only French Immersion Kindergarten On-Line Registration begins Monday, January 18 to 22, 2021)

NEW! PRIMARY LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRAM: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM
(Registration opens Monday, January 25, 2021)

COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Visit the district website for links to the above sessions at www.sd69.bc.ca



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM) IS MOVING TO
ON-LINE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

KINDERGARTEN" AND "PROGRAMS OF CHOICE" AND "CROSS BOUNDARY" REGISTRATION

- **FRENCH IMMERSION SIBLING REGISTRATION ONLY - JANUARY 18 TO JANUARY 22**
- **ALL OTHER REGISTRATIONS WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 25 TO FEBRUARY 5**

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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Qualifying Age: To qualify for Kindergarten enrollment in September 2021, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2021.

Required Documentation: Proof of Age for student (Birth Certificate or Passport); Proof of Residency (see SD69 website for list of acceptable documentation or contact catchment area school: www.sd69.bc.ca ~ About ~ Student Registration

Where to Register: On-line registration will be available on the district website: www.sd69.bc.ca ~ About ~ Student Registration. Please ensure you register at your neighbourhood (catchment) elementary school. School catchment information is available by using School Locator on the district website: www.sd69.bc.ca ~ About ~ Student Registration ~ School Locator

CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

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**. For students who are currently registered and wish to apply for cross-boundary, the application process for the 2021-22 school year will commence February 1st until the last Friday in March prior to Spring Break. A fillable form can be found at www.sd69.bc.ca ~ About ~ Student Registration ~ Cross Boundary



PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

School District 69 (Qualicum) is proud to offer a range of Programs of Choice that provide unique and innovative learning opportunities for our diverse student population.

Programs of Choice are staffed consistent with the district's overarching methodology and philosophy regarding financial prudence. For these reasons, Programs of Choice classrooms are often (like regular classrooms) organized into combined grade configurations. All program options either align with or support the B.C. curriculum and help provide a pathway towards Grade 12 graduation.

The Board of Education is committed to Programs of Choice placement sustainability to the best extent possible, but must balance this commitment with emergent building capacity pressures, and the importance of students being able to attend their neighbourhood school. All Programs of Choice are reviewed annually as part of the budget process. Programs of Choice typically generate much interest and are continued each year, however they can be subject to cancellation due to enrollment and budgetary considerations. Please note that space in these programs is limited.

NEW! Primary Learning Community Program: The Primary Learning Community Program is a new primary program for children between the ages of 5 and 8 years old which explores learning for students and educators through play, inquiry and curiosity. The community will encourage collaborative conversation between educators, learners and families. Play is the foundational principle of the program as research has indicated child development and growth requires children to practice, imagine, and be curious so that they are able to build resiliency and take necessary risk to grow and learn. Our goal for the Primary Learning Community Program is to work and learn in multi-age learning spaces.

CEAP Program: The Collaborative Education Alternative Program provides a blended-learning kindergarten program that consists of home-schooling in addition to being supported by scheduled student activities at Qualicum Commons – CEAP classroom. Learning resources as well as support for parent(s) is provided by the program teacher. For more information, please contact the program at 250-752-5628 or visit the CEAP website at www.ceap.ca

French Immersion: French Immersion is intended to develop fluency in French learning to functional bilingualism. Students study in French while following the regular BC Curriculum Learning Standards. The French Immersion Program for Grades K – 7* is located at Oceanside Elementary School. The French Immersion Program for Grades 8 – 12 is located at Ballenas Secondary School.

**Please visit the district website for further information regarding all District Programs of Choice:
www.sd69.bc.ca ~ Programs & Services ~ Education Programs - Programs of Choice**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 7 FAMILIES

We are in the process of planning for the transition of our Grade 7's from Elementary to Secondary school. Thank you to those who have returned their "transition planning survey" slip to the school. If you haven't handed it in yet, please send it in as soon as possible.



Kwalikum Secondary School (KSS) has set a tentative date of **Thursday, February 18th** to host a virtual open house/information evening for students and parents. The Zoom session will start at **6:30pm**. The link to this Zoom session will be sent out closer to the date.

Ballenas Secondary School (BSS) will be hosting a virtual open house/information evening for students and parents on **February 25th**, starting at **7:00pm**. The link to this Zoom session will be sent out closer to the date.

Both virtual open house sessions will provide students and parents with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the secondary school programs and other offerings.

KSS and BSS staff will be visiting (virtually) Errington Elementary School soon to meet with our grade 7 students and provide them with course packages and answer questions the students may have.

Visitors to School

Please know we are doing everything possible to keep our students and staff safe during this pandemic. As with all School District 69 sites, we require you to call the office (250-248-8446) to make arrangements to collect or drop-off items. We reserve entry to our school for exceptional circumstances only. If you must enter the building, we do require you to wear a mask, go only to the main office, maintain physical distancing, and keep your visit very short. We really appreciate your cooperation with this! We also ask that you wear a mask while on school grounds.



Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

January 29 – Sushi Day

February 11 – Subway Day

February 26 – Sushi Day

March 12 – Pizza Day

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

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

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 winter clothing.

- If you haven't paid your child's school fees, please contact the school office or classroom teacher.
- 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.

Pink Shirt Day

We will be encouraging students to wear a pink shirt on Wednesday, February 24th to celebrate national pink shirt day. We hope students may have one from previous years and we do encourage "hand-me-downs" as children grow. If you would like to order a pink shirt, please use the link below and place your order (or alternatively you can request an order form from the office) by Friday, January 29th.



<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>

Please know that ordering is optional. We are not making any money on these shirts. We are putting out an order form as a courtesy for those who wish to order. On the front, the shirts will have the heart-shaped image seen here. On the back the shirt will say, "Kindness is contagious. Be kind, be calm, be safe".

The pink shirt campaign started in eastern Canada by a group of youth who were protesting the treatment of a fellow student who chose to wear pink. Students were making inappropriate remarks about boys wearing pink, so several male students decided to wear pink themselves to stand up to the name-calling and to support their peers who chose to wear pink. They wanted to make a statement about one of our fundamental freedoms of expression. The tradition has continued for several years now. We look forward to seeing a "sea of pink" in our school on February 24th! We continue to help our students learn how to solve problems in peaceful ways. Please see the link in the "general documents" section of our website for an interesting article that describes the difference between bullying, peer conflict, and mean behavior.

EES Vintage Spirit wear

Errington Elementary Spirit Wear is going vintage!! Orders can be placed online using the link below to School Cash online or an order form is available from the school office. Cut-off date for ordering is Feb.19th, 2021. The logo shown below will be on black material.

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>



EES 2021 Grad Hoodies

Grad hoodies are currently available for our Grade 7 students – ordering can be completed online using the link below to School Cash online or an order form is available from your student's class teacher. Hoodies will display the signatures of all our graduating students on the back. Cut-off date for ordering is February 3rd, 2021.

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>





Popcorn sales continue, every Wednesday!! \$2.50 each or a punch pass online or in the office for \$20.00 (for 10 bags).

EES Library News



Seriously Awesome Series Book Draw:

Our popular book draw is now on! It runs until March 12, 2021 (Spring Break). Students who check out a book in a series, can read it, and return it with an entry form to the draw. You can enter as many times as you wish, but must read the book! There are a ton of great fiction and non-fiction series in our Library, check them out! We will choose one winner per classroom, so make sure you enter to win!

DEAR – Drop Everything And Read:

Was a great success yesterday – everyone was invited to find a book and enjoy some quiet reading time.

Thank you!



A big thank you goes out to Jacob C. for donating the Guinness World Records 2021 book! These books are much loved in our EES library and we know this will not be on the shelves for long!



Just a reminder that the library is always looking for gently used book donations.

PAC

Happy Friday!

Just wanted to let you know about both the current and upcoming fundraisers.

Running all year:

- If you order Norwex through Beverley McCoy, she is donating her commission. <https://beverleycraig.norwex.biz>
- Through Munch-a-Lunch you can donate \$2.00 or more for the "Takes a Village" fund. We are currently using these donations to help kids and families that may need a little extra. We would also like to be able to buy Spirit wear so these Kiddo's can participate in the School's Spirit wear days.

Coming up:

- We will be running a Colibri fundraiser in February. Check out their website for a sneak peek on what to order: <https://www.colibricanada.com/>
- In the spring we will be looking for plant donations. So, if you are planning of thinning your garden and getting rid of some plants or bulbs, please keep us in mind. We do have some transplanting pots available. We are also hoping to be able to sell veggie starters.

I know every newsletter I ask for donations. I would like to invite you to our PAC meetings so you can see how we put these donations to work. And I want to THANK everyone, who has donated their time, money or kind thoughts. They are very much appreciated.

Our next meeting will be **February 9th, at 6:30pm on ZOOM**. Hope to see you there!

Naomi
PAC Chair
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Learning Updates



On Wednesday, February 3rd, your child will receive a "Learning Update" (otherwise known as Report Cards). As we have outlined in previous newsletters, we are well into a significant transformation in public education in BC – not only with the redesigned curriculum, but also in the ways we communicate student learning.

The Ministry of Education has provided school districts with the flexibility to determine how this communication of student learning will take place. Teachers in School District 69 are continuing to use a locally developed "Learning Update" that accompanies a portfolio.

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

If you haven't already, we encourage you to establish an ongoing mode of communication with your child's teacher so that you can understand where your child is at with various aspects of their learning, what challenges he/she is facing, and where to go next with learning.



Snow

The current weather forecast shows snow in the near future! We wanted to send out a reminder about our expectations around sledding. If we have a significant amount of snow accumulate, we will allow students to slide down the hill to the field. We only allow this during recess and lunch breaks (not before or after school) and we only allow students to slide down on a sliding device and they must be wearing snow clothes (waterproof pants and coat, boots, gloves, etc.)! Our expectation is that snow has to cover the ground completely (no grass showing) in order to slide. We will set up a coned area for the students to slide down and expect them to wait until previous sliders have exited the area before sliding. We ask students to walk back up the hill on either side of the coned off area.

We do allow students to bring items to slide on, but please note that they are not accepted on the school bus and they are not stored inside the school. Teachers will be asking students to leave their sliding devices on the walkway outside the classroom during instructional time. Please make sure your child's sled is labelled clearly with their name!

Words from our Wildcats



A new addition to our newsletter will be words from our students on various subjects. Our first focus will be on the themes of gratitude, goals, and reflections on COVID-19. To start us off, we have the following contributions:

I am thankful for life and all the fun things I can explore and do.
My goal is to read better. I will get better by practicing reading at school and home. I also want to get better at drawing.
Some of the good things that came out of the pandemic were that I didn't get COVID and my family didn't get it either. I went camping in the summer with my family.
My favourite things about school are forest time, French and art. *(Gracie, Grade 5)*

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%20Winter%20PROGRAM%20GUIDE%202021-Jan-Mar.pdf>

Other Community Events & Programs 2021

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

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Lists/Events/Attachments/1020/4-H%202021Enrollment.pdf>

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

[Active Living Newsletter](#)

getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect

EES Calendar of Events

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| January | 29 | Sushi Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch |
| February | 3 | Learning Updates go home to parents |
| | 11 | Subway Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch |
| | 12 | Professional Development Day – No School |
| | 15 | BC FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL |
| | 18 | KSS Virtual Open House for Grade 7 Families at 6:30pm (Zoom link to follow) |
| | 24 | Pink Shirt Day |
| | 26 | Sushi Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch |
| March | 12 | Last day of school before Spring Break |
| | 12 | Pizza Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch |
| | 29 | School Re-opens after Spring Break |
| April | 2 | GOOD FRIDAY – No School |
| | 5 | EASTER MONDAY – No School |
| 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 |