

ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 13, 2020

Principal's Message

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this global pandemic. As more COVID cases have found their way to our central Vancouver Island area, we wanted to remind you to continue being vigilant with the protocols we have in place (our district website keeps all the information current). Please continue to report your child's absences and let us know if the absence is not health related. If your child will be absent for an extended time, please contact the office so that we don't phone you daily. As rumours circulate, it is important to remember that we are guided by our health authority and we will contact you about a possible exposure if we are advised to do so. To that end, please make sure to let us know if your contact information has changed so we can update our records.

We have had some recent questions around various emergencies and power outages. Further in this newsletter we have attached the SD69 Emergency Closure of Schools policy, as well as information about power outages.

Responsibility is one of our school "pillars" and we have several students who assist with various things 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 you 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 Vol.30, No.7



HOT LUNCHES Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

November 20 – Subway Day December 4 – Pizza Day December 18 – Subway Day

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

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

Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Parents:

During this time of season, inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. When snowfall or power outages have the potential to cause school closures, classes to be postponed, or School District bus services to be disrupted, alerts will be posted as quickly as possible on the district website (as power permits). The information will also be forwarded to media outlets.

Before a decision is made about whether buses will be running, or schools will remain open or be closed, the Superintendent consults with the General Manager of Operations. These administrators take the current and forecasted weather into consideration, and are in communication with Highways Maintenance, RCMP, our own crews, and other community members who can verify local conditions. District staff will be considering current road and weather conditions, and also whether schools have power. Freezing weather overnight may mean that conditions are hazardous for travel.

It is our intention to make decisions on whether or not buses or schools are operating by 6:15 am, and to have these decisions communicated to local media outlets by 6:30 am. Communication is by telephone contact, followed up by an e-mail message.

Parents/Guardians should continue to monitor their local media for any weather-related updates and the potential impact on school district operations (i.e. bus operations or school closures).

Parents/Guardians are also reminded to keep battery-operated radios handy and land line telephones plugged in to prepare for power outages. Since weather conditions can be very different in the various communities that make up our school district, we recommend parents/guardians exercise their judgement based on their own local circumstance when making the decision whether to send or drive their children to school. If a decision is made by the District to keep schools open but parents/guardians are concerned about safety issues, they are welcome to keep their children home.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

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Purpose

The Board of Education has the responsibility, under the *School Act*, to keep District schools in session for all students and staff according to the annual School Calendar established by the Ministry of Education. However, the Board of Education also recognizes that the health and safety of staff and students is of paramount importance and recognizes that schools may have to be closed temporarily at times for any of several reasons, including the following:

- Inclement weather
- Power outage
- Failure of heating or water services
- Emergency health issues
- Other emergency situations.

The Superintendent of Schools, or designate, has the authority to close schools by reason of weather emergencies or for other causes that might endanger the health or safety of students and staff.

School Closure

There are occasions when the General Manager of Operations, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, may decide not to run the morning bus routes due to hazardous conditions. Every effort will be made to make that decision no later than 6:15 a.m.

Changes in bus operations or school closures shall be communicated to the following media outlets, which usually make such announcements between 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.:

- CIBH Radio ("The Beach" 88.5 FM) Parksville
- CHPQ Radio ("The Lounge" 99.9 VM) Parksville
- CHWF Radio ("The Wolf" 106.9 FM) Nanaimo
- CKWV Radio ("The Wave" 102.3 FM) Nanaimo
- CKNW (980 AM) Vancouver
- CBC Radio One (690 AM) Vancouver
- CHEK TV News Victoria
- Parksville/Qualicum Beach News (PQB News)

Prior to the end of October each year, parents will be reminded through school newsletters of the procedures that will be implemented in the event of emergent conditions.

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Emergency Early Dismissal

Each school shall have an established plan by which parents can be notified in the event of an early closure.

In those situations during the school day where an emergent situation arises or weather conditions deteriorate significantly enough that a Principal or designate has concerns for local road conditions in his/her school zone, the Principal or designate should contact the Superintendent of Schools. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools to notify the Principal or designate as soon as it becomes apparent that school emergency closure will be necessary.

When an emergent situation occurs after school has begun it may be prudent for students to be dismissed and, therefore, staff will activate their plan to contact parents. On such occasions the Superintendent of Schools shall activate communication which notify parents that schools will be closed early and some or all bus schedules have been advanced.

If a school bus driver is unable to complete his/her normal bus run, the driver will so advise the General Manager of Operations. After discussion with the General Manager of Operations the driver will either return the students to their home school or deliver them to an alternate location identified by the General Manager of Operations. Parents will be advised of such route changes either by direct telephone contact or other means.

<u>Power Outages and Extreme Weather – What do we do when the power goes</u> off at EES?

If the power is off for a portion of the day, school will most often continue as usual. We follow a "power outage protocol" and we keep in touch with BC Hydro to determine the expected length of the power outage. Any decisions to close the schools are made by the Superintendent of Schools, along with the Manager of Operations. Factors taken into consideration include the time of day, predicted length of power outage, and conditions surrounding the school area (i.e. power lines and/or trees down, adverse weather conditions, etc.)

When students are sent home due to a power outage or extreme weather event, it is carried out as follows: parents or the emergency contact identified by the parent is contacted (we have designated staff who contact parents). If parents or the emergency contact cannot be contacted students remain safe at school until the end of the regular day or until alternate arrangements can be made.

Students are not released from school without the parent or emergency alternate being contacted first. We do not permit students to go with friends or neighbors, etc, unless permission is obtained from the parent. This is a good time to remind parents to make sure they have listed a few different names as designated pick-up people. These could include family members, neighbours, or fellow parents. Please note we only have a few phone lines and it is a lengthy process to phone all parents. During a power outage we also have limited cell phone reception in the school. When possible, we will also use our electronic newsletter email group, the EES and SD69 websites, and the EES PAC Facebook group to communicate information to families.

We ask parents to please refrain from calling the school during such circumstances as described above unless it is an emergency; this will help free up our phone lines and staff who are contacting parents. When students are picked up from school early, it is extremely important to use the sign-out system in the office before leaving the building so we can keep track of student attendance. When we expect a number of people picking up students at once, we move the sign-out system to the main foyer. Those arriving to pick-up children sign-out and we have designated staff to go and get the students from their classrooms.

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.
- We reserve entry to our school for exceptional circumstances only. Please remember to phone ahead and somebody will meet you at the door. 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!
- The cold, wet weather is upon us. 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!

Hello Errington Families.

First of all, I want to say a huge thank you to Sarah for taking on our Muncha-lunch program. For those of you who don't know, Sarah came to her first PAC meeting in October and volunteered to take on this amazing fundraiser. So thank you, thank you, thank you Sarah!

Also, I want to say another huge thank you to Julia for running the Purdy's fundraiser. I was blown away by the final numbers. So again, thank you! It was so amazing. And I'm sure many of us can't wait to get our orders!

And I think a big thank you to all the Errington Families that helped support these fundraisers, is in order as well!

Another fundraiser that will be running this year is Norwex. Bev McCoy will be donating all of her commission from any of the orders put in, from our Errington Elementary School families. So if you would like to place an order, please contact Bev either through Facebook Messenger or EES PAC page.

It was great to hear from everyone who was able to attend our November PAC meeting. One thing that was brought up, was a need for donations for the "Takes a Village". This fund was created by a PAC member to help support some families that need a little extra sometimes. At this time, Takes a Village is looking for donations to buy Spirit wear for about 30 Kiddos. If you would like to donate \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00, towards the purchase of Spirit wear, please email me or contact the school.

Another thing that was brought up at the PAC meeting, was the impact of events or circumstances that sometimes happen in our small community. And how sometimes the loss of a family member or even a friend can be a huge impact on our children. And the question is..."how do we help support our children, neighbours and families through these events?" There are many hotlines and committees, but as a community I would like our children to know that they are thought of, they are loved and they feel supported. If you would like to donate a Tim Hortons card, or even a bag of groceries, please contact me. I would like to make sure these children don't feel alone. In fact the one thing I love about being part of a small community is the love and generosity that is shared throughout.

We do have some ideas on some Christmas fundraising. They just have to be finalized. So as soon as we know...you will know. (IoI) But so far it sounds like fun.

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday December the 8th, 6:30pm. I look forward to seeing our regulars, and if you haven't joined us yet, we would love to see and hear from you.

Cheers,

Naomi PAC Chair eespacchair@gmail.com



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



We Scare Hunger Food Bank Campaign Please bring a non-perishable food item to your class for our local foodbanks. *presented by the EES Leadership Club

This campaign closes November 30, 2020

Fill the Boots for Food Drive 2020

Due to the pandemic, this year's Parksville Volunteer Fire Department food and toy drive will look very different; there will be no door-to-door collection in neighbourhoods. Firefighters will be at locations in Parksville on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15 to collect cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank. Physically distanced and masked, our firefighters will be at set locations from 9 am to 5 pm asking residents for cash donations to help fill the boots for food. Please watch our social media feeds and website for details and locations.

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized to provide for less fortunate in our community. Donations may also be made as follows:

- SOS Caring for Community at Christmas starting November 16, toys may be dropped off every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 11.30 am.
- Salvation Army food bank donations are accepted at 886 Wembley Road, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 11.30 am and also Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the reason for its success with about 29,500 pounds of food and \$34,070 cash collected in 2019. This drive and the generosity of our residents make the world of difference to many families during the holiday season. Your support is truly appreciated by the members of the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information:

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department <u>fire@parksville.ca</u> Deb Tardiff, Manager of Communications <u>dtardiff@parksville.ca</u>

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This Holiday Season Give a Gift that Gives Back!

Lollipops & Candy Canes

A School District 69 Backpack Program ~ All They Want For Christmas Fundraiser

Due to the current pandemic, it is not possible to hold the annual fundraising dance for the All They Want for Christmas Fundraiser, a very worthwhile community project. Instead, **Robert Held**, acclaimed and internationally collected glass artist, has been commissioned to create a limited edition, original, blown-glass holiday ornaments (lollipops) and candy canes. These beautiful ornaments will become a treasured family heirloom or the perfect gift to give, and

all proceeds will go to the District 69 Backpack Program.

The program has helped numerous families in the Oceanside area every year since 1997. The All They Want For Christmas campaign provides each family with a Christmas Hamper containing enough food for the two weeks of the winter break holiday, a turkey, a gift for every child in the family (chosen from their own personal wish list), and a cozy new sweatshirt. Five hundred children benefit greatly every year, thanks to community members' and organizations' generosity.

Glass-Blown Ball Ornaments are \$38 each & Glass-Blown Candy Canes are \$18 each and can be purchased at the following locations: Robert Held Art Glass Studio, Borealis Hair Bar, Living Faire, The Old School House Arts Centre (TOSH) and on the District 69 Backpack Program website. Each comes packed in a Christmas-cute, take-out container.

And, there's more! ...



DRIVE-THROUGH FAMILY-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BY DONATION

Mark **December 5th**, **11:00 am to 3:00** pm on your holiday calendar folks! The Parksville Community & Conference Centre invites your family to the first ever *Drive Through Family Friendly Christmas Celebration* in support of the School District 69 Backpack Program!



Trees will be decorated and lit, Santa will be Ho! Ho! Ho!-ing, music will fill the air, and the first 150 children will receive a FREE sweet-treat package and all children will enjoy FREE hot chocolate and cookies.

Children can drop off *Letters to Santa* and enter the *Colouring Contest* (winner receives a \$50 Gift Card).



Parents - bring your cameras/phones to take a *Christmas Photo* of your little ones in front of the Festive Holiday Backdrop.

Suggested entry donation per family is \$20 cash or a \$20 Gift Card.

All proceeds will go to the "All They Want For Christmas" campaign 2020. The Robert Held glass-blown *Lollipops and Candy Canes* will also be for sale.

HO! HO! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



For more information, contact Virginia Worcester at 250-240-0772; bhb2@shawcable.com

Kids Movement: Play, Express & Grow

For Grades 4, 5 and 6

Separate programs for boys and girls

Qualicum Beach, Mondays 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Pre-register for pop-up dates: Oct. 5, Oct. 26 and Nov. 16

Parksville, Thursdays 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Pre-register for pop-up dates: Oct. 8, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19



Fun activities inspire confidence, friendships and a healthy self-image. Staff and volunteers provide mentorship and support.

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Youth Programs

For Grades 6-12



After School Education Assistance Grades 6-12

One-on-one tutoring in Math and English helps students get better grades and gain confidence. Pre-registration is required. Parksville After School Mon - Thurs

School Night Out Grades 7, 8 & 9

Arts, crafts, games, music, food and friendship. Pre-registration is required. 3:30-5:30 pm. Parksville Thursdays. Oct. 1, Oct. 22 and Nov. 12 Qualicum Mondays. Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 9.

Youth Open Space Grades 10, 11 & 12

Play pool and music, make friends and art, and enjoy food. Pre-registration is required. 3:30-5:30 pm. Parksville Thursdays, Oct. 15, Nov. 5 and Nov. 26 Qualicum Mondays. Sept. 21, Nov. 2 and Nov. 23.

Gradwear For local grads and their dates

New and gently-used outfits for your big day for only \$5. That includes shoes and accessories. Call Parksville to make an appointment.

Recreation Assistance for Children & Youth

Helps low-income families with costs to register local children & youth in recreation activities. Call 250-248-2093 ext. 241 for an appointment.

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Society of Organized Services

Family Night

A safe and relaxing place where families can spend quality time together



- Engage in fun activities with your family.
- Connect with others and learn about other supports and services in the community.
- Enjoy a nutritious meal served by SOS volunteers.

Pre-registration is required.

Parksville Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. Call 250-248-2093 ext. 249 or Text 250-228-4066

Qualicum Wednesdays, 5-7 pm. Call 250-752-2040 ext. 201 or Text 250-248-0997

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Community Services Centres

Meals on Wheels

Helps residents maintain health and independence by delivering hot, nutritious meals, three times a week. Cost: \$7.50/meal. Call Parksville ext. 225 to register

Income Tax Returns

Assistance with the preparation of basic, low-income tax returns Call Parksville ext. 229

Homeless Prevention Program

Funded by the Government of BC, this program is aimed at assisting with homelessness due to crisis or transition. Individuals must meet one of four criteria to receive rental subsidies. Call Parksville ext. 234

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Counselling Referral

Referrals to one-on-one professional counselling. Fee is determined on an individual basis. Call Parksville ext. 225

Currently on hold:

 Women's Personal Growth 12-week group that explores self-esteem, personal boundaries, healthy relationships and more. Cost \$5 per session Call Parksville ext. 225

Men's Personal Growth

This 12-week group involves self-exploration while developing better communication and a deeper sense of purpose. Cost 55 per session. Call Parksville ext. 225

SENIORS

Seniors' Advocacy Services

Individual's needs are determined through a private and confidential discussion. The Coordinator assists in finding supports and solutions through SOS programs and other resources

Call Parksville ext, 239

Oceanside Better at Home

Administered by SOS in partnership with the United Way of the Lower Mainland, and funded by the Government of BC. The Better at Home program is designed to help seniors who are 65+ remain at home by providing a range of non-medical support services such as: · Friendly visiting

- · Light housekeeping
- · Grocery shopping
- · Yard maintenance

. On hold: Transportation to non-medical

Call Qualicum ext. 4 to register

Currently on hold:

 Seniors Connecting A friendly, confortable place to meet other people and enjoy social interaction and a sense of well-heing. Learn more about issues relevant to seniors through guest speakers and information sharing. Healthy refreshments are provided and transportation can be arranged. Parksville Wednesdays, 1-3 pm Outlight Toestay, 11-1 pm Call Qualicum ext. 3

SOS Community Services Centres | Parksville 250-248-2093 Qualicum 250-752-2040

SOS Program Guide Fall/Winter 2020



www.sosd69.com All programs have been modified to comply with COVID-19 safety procedures

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EARLY YEARS

(0-5 years, pre-Kindergarten)

TIC TAC (Time in Comfort for Tots & Caregivers)

A welcoming and nurturing environment for parents/caregivers to take a break and recharge, while children play and build social and emotional skills.

Pre-registration is required. Parksville Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-11 am Qualicum Mondays and Wednesdays 9-11 am

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Family Night

Spend quality time with family, as we serve a meal and clean up afterwards! We provide the entertainment such as arts, crafts, games, music and outings. Pre-registration is required. Parksville Tuesdays 5-7 pm

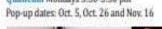
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Connect with others, eat great food, play games, shoot some pool, make creative artwork, play music, get support from staff and have fun.

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After School Education Assistance Grades 6-12

After school professional tutoring services available in Math and English at no cost. Available to School District 69 students attending regular classes.

Partesville Monday-Thursday, 3-4 pm or 4-5 pm



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For local grads and their dates Find a new or gently used grad dress, date dress, tuxedo or suit for only \$5, including accessories.

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 Emergency Assistance & Advocacy Provides help in cases of hardship and unexpected financial emergencies, and may advocate for clients to reconcile financia obstacles. Also provides guidance to promote self-sufficiency.

Call Parksville ext. 241, or if age 60 or older, call ext, 239

 Caring for Community at Ouristmas Provides special gifts to local children and youth. Adults receive gracery store gift cards. Christmas stockings are also provided for seniors who are house-bound Pre-registration in person is required and begins in November. Donations are gratefully accepted at both locations. Call Parksville ext. 229

www.sosd69.com

Medical Appointment

Transportation Service from medical approximents within District W and surrounding area.

Pre-registration is required.

Caring for Community at Christmas

Supported by community since 1968 and offered to low income residents in School District 69



Registration by appointment

Families and grandparents get assistance providing gifts for children and youth, and residents get help buying food. **Call 250-248-2093.**

Support the program

You can make Christmas brighter for local families and individuals

Financial donations: Donate online, by phone or in person. Gift donations: New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 11:30 am at the Christmas Tent (drop-off schedule implemented due to the pandemic.) Attend a local event benefitting the program, or locate an SOS Angel Tree at a participating business. Thank you for helping create magic for residents in need!

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EES Calendar of Events		
November	20	Subway Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch
December	4	Pizza Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch
	18	Subway Lunch for those who ordered from Munch-a-Lunch
	18	Last day of school before the Winter Break
January	4	School Reopens after Winter Break
February	12	Professional Development Day – No School
	15	BC FAMILY DAY
March	12	Last day of school before Spring Break
	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