



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 29, 2020

Principal's Message

As we approach the end of September I would like to thank you for your support with a positive start to a most unusual school year. I would like to commend the staff, students, and families for working with all the protocols, new routines, and expectations that we have in place during this continued pandemic. Although we have had many adjustments to make, our transition back to school this month has been quite smooth. Thank you for sending your children. It is wonderful to have them here at EES. So much is different, yet the delightful sights and sounds of children are just the same as they always have been. We look forward to the months ahead--learning, growing, and staying healthy together.

As the students settle into their new classrooms, please remember that we are a team that supports your child – celebrating the good things that happen and working through the challenges together. We value the student-teacher-parent relationships we have as an important part of our learning community. We know that various situations or concerns come up from time to time throughout the year. Please contact your child's teacher if you have a question or concern. It is recommended that you leave a note, email, or phone message for your child's teacher to set up a suitable time. It is challenging to have meaningful and/or sensitive conversations at the busy drop-off and pick-up times.

EES Bell Schedule 2020-2021

8:12 am	Instruction begins	
Recess	Staggered Times	
Lunch	Staggered Times	
1:30pm	Dismissal	
1:45pm	Primary students not picked up report to office	

Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders

Thank you for following the expected routines and meeting places for each classroom. This helps us to limit interaction between learning groups and other adults. It is very important to keep the front of the school clear for bus students.

A reminder that if you are gathering on school property during our school day, please be sure to model physical distancing and wear a mask. This helps protect other adults as well as all of our students. Remember that if you are dropping off your child in the morning, please do so as close to 8:12am as possible, or slightly after. Students can go directly to their classroom (via the outside classroom door) right up until 8:30am.

A reminder that if you are picking up your child after school and walking up to the school yard, please wait in your child's designated meeting area. If you have more than one child in different meeting areas, please work with the classroom teachers to determine a suitable arrangement. In most cases, we recommend that the older sibling put a mask on and walk over to the younger sibling's meeting place for pick-up.

If you are wanting to stay and play at an area other than designated class pick-up area, please wait until after 1:45 or when others have been picked up. This also reduces the amount of interaction between learning groups.

Newsletters

We will be sending home an electronic school newsletter every 2nd Friday. Most families are receiving their newsletter electronically. If you are not already receiving electronic newsletters, there is information on how to sign up at the end of this newsletter, as well as a tear-off for those who prefer to sign-up to receive a paper copy. Signing up to receive an electronic newsletter is also very helpful as this is the place where we send out emergency communications or other important information that comes up between scheduled newsletters.

New Staff

We have some staff members to welcome to the E.E.S. community:

- ★ Kimie Cochlin – Classroom Teacher
- ★ Miranda Agostini – Child and Youth Care Worker
- ★ Martin Binet – Educational Assistant
- ★ Karina Carvahlo – Educational Assistant
- ★ Gwen Smith – Educational Assistant

Reminders from the Office

Last week we sent out some very important forms to fill out. These are annually updated and are required in order to keep our records current. There is a white sheet called “Student Verification Form” and a green sheet called “Student Health and Emergency Information”. Even if there are no changes to your child’s information, we need you to sign those forms and return to the school as soon as possible.

If you haven’t done so already, please click the link below to fill out the required form to indicate that you agree to conduct a “Daily Health Check” prior to your child arriving at school each day. You don’t need to fill out the form every day, but we do require to fill out the form once to indicate that you are checking for symptoms each day.

<https://forms.schoolmessenger.ca/qualicum/forms/submit/fAYsRdTLGh4/1>

Please note that if you are reporting your child's absence from school and the absence is NOT health related, it is helpful to know this so we can avoid some of the necessary follow-up phone calls. You can simply state that the absence is NOT health related.

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!

Orange Shirt Day – Wednesday, September 30, 2020

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>



Picture Day

Concept Photos will be here to take individual and class photos on November 3rd. Mark your calendars!

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



Questions parents can ask students about their day

Here is a useful link to an article to support parents when asking their questions about the school day; other than the same old question..... "How was your day?"

<https://herviewfromhome.com/50-questions-to-ask-your-kids-instead-of-asking-how-was-your-day/>

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.

EES PAC NEWS

EES PAC would like to announce the new Executive Members of the PAC for September 2020:

Naomi Albert	<i>Co-Chair 2020-2021</i>
Beverly Craig	<i>Co-Chair 2020-2021</i>
Michelle Keddy	<i>Treasurer 2020-2021</i>
Linda Berry	<i>Secretary 2020-2021</i>

The EES PAC is currently looking for volunteers to help with fundraising and always welcome a helping hand.

A note from your PAC Chair

Hello Errington Elementary School Families. I know school has only just begun, but PAC has already been working hard for this upcoming school year. Making sure that all our beautiful families and our wonderful school are getting the supports they need.

This year we have a handful of devoted Parents that have come to the meetings. But we need more. The more people, the more our resources open up. The more ideas and resources that are available, the stronger and more supported our School becomes. Our meetings are currently being held on every second Tuesday of the Month. You will have the option to join in person (social distancing) or through ZOOM. And my goal is to keep the meetings short. I understand we all have busy lives.

COVID has changed many things for all our Families, but PAC's goals are still the same. We just may have to go about it in a different way. There will still be fundraisers but we may ask for things to be a little different. Please bear with us, and remember that our ultimate goal is to provide for our Kiddo's.

If you have any thoughts or ideas, please, please come to our next meeting. It will be held Oct.13th at 6:30pm, location to be determined. Or feel free to reach out to either Bev or myself.

I'm extremely excited to see what we can accomplish this year!

Cheers,

Naomi Albert
PAC Chair

EES Winter Fundraiser

EES Winter Fundraiser is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas! If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1043268-77294>

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you so much!



Oceanside Public Health Services invites families with children in **Grade 6** to contact our office for the completion of their Grade 6 immunizations. During the COVID -19 pandemic, BCCDC speaks to the importance of, *“keeping up with scheduled immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic to help prevent the spread of other infectious diseases,”* in order to *“protect our children from the other infectious diseases that we know can spread in our communities.”*

Please call us at **250-947-8242** to book a health unit appointment into your school’s designated clinic day. For more information on the BCCDC recommendations regarding immunization during COVID-19 please visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/bccdc-promotes-keeping-up-with-immunizations-during-covid-19-pandemic>



Oceanside Public Health Services invites families with children of **Kindergarten age (4-6 years old)** to contact our office for school entry immunizations. During the COVID -19 pandemic BCCDC speaks to the importance of, *“keeping up with scheduled immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic to help prevent the spread of other infectious diseases,”* in order to *“protect our children from the other infectious diseases that we know can spread in our communities.”*

Please call us at **250-947-8242** for more information on booking an appointment into one of our Kindergarten clinics. For more information on the BCCDC recommendations regarding immunization during COVID-19 please visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/bccdc-promotes-keeping-up-with-immunizations-during-covid-19-pandemic>



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)

2020-2021 Regular Public Meetings of the Board of Education

The Regular Public Board Meetings of the Qualicum School District's Board of Education will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the 2020/2021 school year. These meetings are business meetings of the Board which are held in public.

Two exceptions are the December Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, December 15th and the March Board Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 9th. There is no meeting held in July.

The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held via Zoom until further notice.



Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance

Families have the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through iA Financial Group, which offers a 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>



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

September 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In order to address important personal health (PHE) learning outcomes, your child will be receiving lessons about their personal safety and their bodies. We call it 'Body Science' and 'Personal/Sexual Health'. These lessons include the topics of body awareness, boundaries, personal safety, interpersonal skills, healthy relationships, and development.

Unless you have been informed otherwise, this curriculum will be delivered by your child's teacher, other school district educator or with E.N.I.T.Y. (a peer educator program run in partnership with school district 69 and Island Health).

For parent/caregiver resources that will help you continue the conversation at home please check out these websites:

<https://sexual-education.sd68.bc.ca/> and <https://teachingsexualhealth.ca/parents/>

The mandated BC Curriculum addressed can be found in the Physical Health Education section on the website <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/physical-health-education>

The benefits of comprehensive personal and sexual health education are that students will:

1. Have the same, age appropriate, up to date, factual information delivered by a trained educator in a non-judgmental, safe environment (this combats misinformation, bias, stereotypes and myths from social media/internet/TV/peers etc., and is a major tool in preventing discrimination, sexual abuse, and exploitation).
2. Gain knowledge, understanding, skills and the attitudes they will need in order to protect themselves and others from potential harm, and to make healthy decisions and choices (studies show that the more information students have, the longer they delay sexual activity and the less likely they are to make risky decisions, or to be exploited).

You, as parents/caregivers, are your child's most important teacher. Students are always encouraged to continue the conversations at home and to check in to what their family rules and family values are when it comes to decision making, health, and relationships.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher, or school administrator.

Alternative Delivery

In cases where parents/caregivers feel more comfortable addressing by means other than instruction by a teacher, parents/caregivers may arrange to address topics related to reproduction and sexuality by an alternative means. This must be arranged in consultation with their school. The alternate means must be agreed upon by the students, their parent/caregivers, and the school.

PO Box 430, 100 Jensen Ave. East, Parksville, B.C. V9P 2G5
Phone (250) 248-4241 Fax (250) 248-5767 www.sd69.bc.ca

The alternate delivery policy **does not allow students** to “opt-out” of learning about these topics. It is expected that students will, in consultation with their school, demonstrate their knowledge of the learning standard. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/alternative-delivery-in-the-physical-and-health-curriculum>

SD69's Physical and Health Education Curriculum Provision for Alternate Delivery of Instruction
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/Policies-and-Bylaws/Bylaws-Policies-and-Administrative-Procedures/5000%20Instruction/AP%20Physical%20and%20Health%20Education%20Curriculum%20Provisions%20for%20Alternate%20Delivery%20of%20Instruction.pdf>

Sincerely,



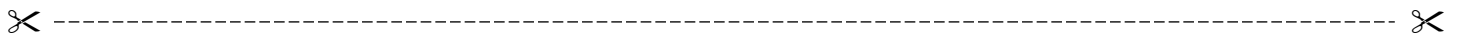
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EES Calendar of Events

September	30	Orange Shirt Day
October	4	Grade 4 and 7 FSA's – Timeline between October 4 and November 13)
	12	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	22	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	23	Professional Development Day – No School
November	3	Photo Day
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
	13	Photo Re-Takes
December	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

Please note the above calendar will be updated as new events occur



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. All newsletters 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.