



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Well, December is upon us and as we look towards another unusual but festive season ahead, we are noticing many examples of how the spirit of giving is happening here at EES. We have a very generous community and it has been heartwarming to see the many ways people give to one another – whether it is the gift of time, material goods to those who face difficult times, or just giving for the goodness that we feel in reaching out to one another with kind gestures. In the gift of giving, we are teaching children valuable lessons in social responsibility and community service. The article below suggests ways to show your child how to give meaningful gifts that are free:

Many people exchange gifts over the holiday season. While children love receiving gifts, they also enjoy being able to give them. Giving gifts can give your child a sense of pride.

Does your child know that the most meaningful gifts don't have to cost money? They simply take time and come straight from the heart.

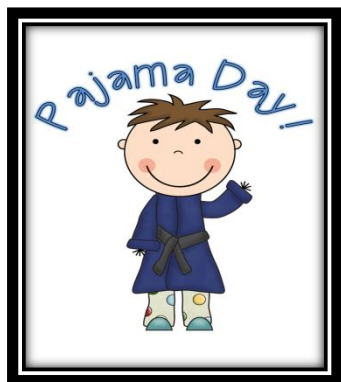
Share these thoughtful gift ideas with your child. She could:

- **Offer to do chores** for an elderly neighbor
- **Record herself reading a book** for a younger sibling to read along with.
- **Make a list**, such as "My 10 Best Memories with Grandpa."
- **Do a chore** for an entire month without whining.
- **Play** a favorite game with a family member or a neighbor who is home-bound.
- **Record an audio** or video message for a loved one who is far away.
- **Create a playlist** with a bunch of her favourite songs to share.
- **Bake cookies** and deliver them to someone who may not receive many homemade gifts.
- **Create a calendar for 2021** and decorate it with personalized artwork, one drawing for each month.
- **Make a gift certificate** good for two hours of help around the house.
- **Create a beautiful picture** or poem about a special person.

Source: Elementary School Parents
December 2015
Vol.27, No.4

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 **K-12 health-checker app** 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.



Pajama Day! Friday, December 17th

Come to school in your favourite PJ's the day on the last day of school before winter break!

Remember:

- No slippers (wear regular shoes).
- Choose pajamas that are appropriate for the weather!

Lost and Found – Now Online!

Has your child misplaced a jacket that was just purchased? Can't find a favourite sweatshirt? Looking for a single boot or a cloth mask? There's a good chance that it has been left somewhere at school.

We have created an online site that aims to reunite children with their lost and found items. It is set up like an online store – only there's no payment! During the checkout process, make sure you've included: Your name, contact information, child's first name and child's teacher's name. Once you've placed the 'order', we'll collect the item(s) and return it to your child. It is so easy! Check out our Wildcat Lost and Found Store using the link below.

<https://ees.itselementary.ca/>

Washroom Etiquette

We have noticed that the student washrooms are getting very messy each day. Toilets aren't flushed, urine is often on the floor in front of the boys' urinal, there are things in the toilets that should not be there (food and food wrappers, pens/pencils, etc.), and there have been cases where graffiti has been written on the walls. This has caused plumbing issues and as we have had to close washroom stalls down during the day for cleaning, it reduces the number of toilets available for student use throughout the day. It also causes additional time to clean in the evenings when the custodial staff should be concentrating on cleaning the rest of the school properly. We are very concerned about the state of the washrooms and have been monitoring them throughout the day. We hope that you will help by reminding your children about responsible washroom use.

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.
- 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.

Parking Lot Safety



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.

Inclement Weather and Clothing

The wet “west coast” weather is upon us, which means that weather conditions can change throughout the day. 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.



Snow

As we see hints of snow in the forecast for next week. 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!

Please also take caution and drive slowly in our new parking area. There is a slight incline that tends to get slippery.



SPIRIT CLUB – 2021/2022

Mark these dates in your calendars and have your student join in some EES Wildcats Spirit fun:

- DEC.17 PAJAMA DAY
- JAN.29 CHARACTER DAY
- FEB.18 DRESS IN RED, WHITE, PINK
- MAY.20 SUNGLASSES DAY

EES LIBRARY NEWS

Merry Christmas to you all!

We have many Christmas-themed books on display now in the library and encourage students to take books home to share.

Please return your library books over these next few weeks and any lost books can be replaced. Our free book table will be busy in January as we begin weeding our non-fiction section, keep an eye out for cool books for home!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was very successful and we thank all staff, students and families for supporting our Library! We took over \$750.00 in books from the fair and will also receive almost \$1,000.00 in cash to purchase resources this year! Wow! Thank you Errington! Our Virtual Book Fair was successful, too, something new, and I thank all those parents who gave it a try!

The best of the holiday season to you all, happy holiday reading!

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook



Student Leadership:

We have many Leadership students working this year. Our Leaders work in a variety of roles here at EES: delivering and picking up technology, checking in and out books, helping in classes with tech, delivering lunches, helping with lost and found, helping on the playground and more. Thank you, Leaders!

Lost Books: We have been noticing a lot of misplaced books lately. Please check backpacks, cars, dog houses and friends' houses! If a book is lost, you can replace it with another book of similar genre and quality. Please speak with us :)

Donate Your Books: We always accept donations of good quality, interesting books for our Library, thank you!

Family Library Card: Did you know that everyone in our student families can take books out from our Library! You're welcome to come and borrow books to take home and share with your family :)

Errington Library ONLINE:

You can access our library catalogue by going to the SD69 website @:

1. Start.sd69.bc.ca
2. Click My Site
3. Click Library
4. Click EES

**OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY TRACK
RENEWAL**

**SILENT AUCTION
FUNDRAISER**

Thurs. December 9, 2021

Bidding & Auction Item Viewing
From 7 am - 9 pm

In-person (with vaccine
passport)

**@ Pacific Shores Resort and
Spa (Front Entrance Foyer)**



AUCTION ITEMS AND DONATIONS ARE
GREATLY NEEDED!

Online on Facebook Groups @
[Oceanside Track Silent Auction](#)

For more information on this community project please visit
oceansidecommunitytrack.ca

If you have donations or questions contact
Sarah Russick
250-686-4686

HELP US REACH OUR 1.2M GOAL!



To Enhance **Life-Long** Learning



**WE'RE
OPEN!**

**Errington After School
Licensed Child Care**

Kindergarten to Gr. 5
Monday to Thursday
2:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

For more information
please call
250-954-3027
or visit our website
www.oblt.ca/childcare



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:

Other Community Events & Programs 2021

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

SOS Final Fall Program Guide

Grades 4-6 SOS 2021 Fall Kids Movement Poster

Grades 7-9 SOS 2021 Fall School Night Out Poster

Grades 10-12 SOS 2021 Fall Youth Open Space Poster

Grades 6-12 Fall SOS 2021 Youth Programs Poster

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

Information for Families:

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan

2021-2022 Board SD69 Public Meetings of the Board of Education

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

EES Calendar of Events

December	17	Last day of school before the Winter Break
	17	Pajama Day
January	4	School Re-opens after Winter Break
	28	Favourite Character Spirit Day
February	7	District Planning Day – No School (re-scheduled from September 30 th)
	17	Red, White, and Pink Spirit Day
	18	Professional Development Day – No School
	21	BC FAMILY DAY – No School
March	11	Last day of school before Spring Break
	28	School Re-opens after Spring Break
April	15	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	18	EASTER MONDAY – No School
May	4	Grade 6 Immunizations
	19	Sunglass Spirit Day
	20	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	23	VICTORIA DAY – No School
June	3	Professional Development Day – No School
	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early