



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, it is time to show gratitude to the many people who have supported our school community in various ways. Although the ongoing pandemic continued to limit the ways people have been able to support on-site, we have been very impressed with the creative ways to support our school community from a distance. The gift of time is one of the most generous things you can share and we sincerely appreciate all that you do to enrich the students' experience at Errington Elementary School!

As you are most likely making plans for the summer break from school, we encourage you to consider having your child do some volunteer work. There are many opportunities to volunteer or provide service to our community. The article below suggests some ways that summer volunteer work can build character and leadership:

The world's problems can seem overwhelming. But kids can learn that every person can make a difference, and when people work together, the results are amazing! Summer volunteering is a great way to teach this lesson to your child – all while building his confidence, compassion and leadership skills. To get started, talk with your child about:

- **Interests.** What subjects interest him most? How do they relate to others' needs? If he loves animals, he could help an animal rescue group. If he's interested in business, he might help with a charity fundraiser. Your child's enthusiasm is a great motivator.
- **Skills.** Your child's strengths can be gifts to others. He might hold a bake sale or read to younger children. Sometimes it's fun to learn new skills, too, such as how to help with landscaping or home repairs.
- **Needs.** Perhaps your child has noticed a park that needs sprucing up. Or maybe a homeless shelter needs food. Go online with your child and search for upcoming community service events in your area. You could even ask your child's teacher if the school needs help over the summer.
- **Schedules.** Volunteering takes time, and families are busy! Set realistic goals that leave room for other priorities. Depending on your family's commitments, you and your child might volunteer just a few hours here and there - or decide to take on one large, exciting project!

Source: Elementary School Parents (May 2016, Vol.27, No.9)

K-12 Daily Health Check

Thank you for continuing to do the daily health checks. We appreciate that parents/guardians have kept their children home when they feel sick. This is the first line of defense in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

Please 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 be screened for COVID-19. The following link will lead you to the more detailed BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.

<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>



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.

Pizza Lunch



We have a family in our community who has stepped forward to provide a pizza lunch for staff and students as a way of showing appreciation for all we do to support our school community. In a true spirit of giving, this family wishes to remain anonymous! Thank you to the family for providing this generous treat!

This pizza lunch will be provided on *Monday, June 20th*. Students have selected their pizza preference with their classroom teachers.

Lost and Found



We have a full bin of lost and found items collected, including many winter coats. We will be spreading items out on tables in the foyer after June 17th. We will be asking students to identify items that may belong to them. Please take some time to look through the items that we will have on display. We will be donating any items left. Please also see the link below for our online lost and found "store" to see if you can identify and claim any familiar items.

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

Grade 7 Recognition – Tuesday, June 28th

We are inviting family members of Grade 7 students to a small assembly in the EES Gym on Tuesday, June 28th at 10:15am to recognize and celebrate this milestone.

Virtual Assembly on Wednesday, June 29th

We are inviting family members, caregivers, and volunteers to our year-end assembly at 9:00am on Wednesday, June 29th. This virtual assembly will be held via Zoom. You don't need a Zoom account to join. Simply click the link below and you may need to click "open URL" when you get to the entry screen. There will be a slideshow of photos taken throughout the year as well as the annual Grade 7 "baby photo" slideshow. We hope you can join us!

Topic: EES Assembly

Time: Jun 29, 2022 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sd69-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/5067761599?pwd=ZE5RVkFjMmNWMWQ0bXBSd2pIdXJ6QT09>

Meeting ID: 506 776 1599

Passcode: 483581

Last Day – Wednesday, June 29th – Early Dismissal

As you likely know, the last school day is on Wednesday, June 29th. Dismissal is 3 hours earlier than usual (**10:56am**). If your child will not be attending on the last day(s) of school, please be sure to contact your child's teacher and arrange for collection of year-end items (school supplies, special projects, shoes and other personal belongings, report card, etc.).



Kindergarten registration is ongoing! Online registration can still be accessed through the SD69 District Website using the following link:

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

Please contact us at (250) 248-8446 if you have any questions regarding 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.

March 18, 2022

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted many areas of health care, including routine immunization programs for children. As Island Health winds down operation of COVID-19 mass immunization clinics, our public health teams are turning their attention towards recovery, including helping families with young children get up-to-date on important routine immunizations.

B.C.'s routine immunization schedule includes a series of vaccinations at age 4, timed to coincide with entry to kindergarten. These vaccines provide important protection against illnesses like measles and tetanus. Island Health is scheduling extra clinics this spring specifically for young children to make it as easy as possible for parents and guardians to complete kindergarten vaccinations and get children up-to-date on their immunizations.

In the weeks ahead public health staff will be reaching out to families across Island Health to discuss the clinics and schedule appointments.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

www.immunizebc.ca: This site provides extensive information about BC's routine vaccination schedule for infants, children, teens and adults. It also includes a comprehensive 'Question and Answer' section.

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/immunizations/immunizations>: Learn about immunization programs in Island Health.

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!
- 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 clothing.
- 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.



Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

Friday June 17 - Pizza

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

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

News from Your Library

End of Year Book Return: We ask that students and families please return all library books as soon as possible this next week. We'll be sending out notices on Monday for students who have materials checked out. Students can still take out books to use in their classroom until June 17. Thank you for being great at bringing your library books back this year!

Reading Happens! There are many great opportunities for reading - all summer long!

- The **Vancouver Island Regional Library** Summer Reading Club <https://virl.bc.ca/read-watch-listen/audience/kids/src/>



- Check out SD 69's My Site links to great reading including **Tumblebooks** and **Sora/Overdrive** District catalogue. <https://start.sd69.bc.ca>. Login using your school login and go to My Site. Click here for the free app <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/sora/>
- The District license for **Raz Kids** runs all summer! Students just go to Student Login using their teacher name and student number <https://www.raz-kids.com/> Online guided reading program with interactive ebooks, downloadable books, and reading quizzes.
- **Storyline Online** has some great ebooks read by celebrities <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
- **Magic Keys** or Children's Storybooks Online has lots of good books including classics <http://www.magickeys.com/books/>
- **International Children's Digital Library** has some wonderful diverse stories from around the world <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
- **Epic Books** has a great catalogue of novels and picture books for students in all grades <https://www.getepic.com/>

Library Page and Leadership Roles: We've had a wonderful year of leadership at EES. We thank all of our student leaders for their good service to our school and hope that our Grade 7s will find their way to leadership roles in high school and beyond. Next year, we're expanding our Senior Leadership program with new opportunities for Grade 7 students who wish to make a positive impact in our school community. Stay tuned!

Donated Books: We're always looking for great books for the Library. If you have books that your children have outgrown, consider donating them to Errington Library, they will be very welcome!

It's been a pleasure reading with our students this year and we thank you for your support from home!

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

Oceanside Minor Baseball is seeking students ages 12 to 18 who are interested in becoming a baseball umpire. Students can earn money and gain valuable school credits towards graduation. And have FUN!

Contact Will Chambers, Umpire Coordinator, at 250-616-4829 or email oceansideblueump@gmail.com for more information.

Oceanside Community Track June 26, 22

Love Run and Westjet Raffle

On behalf of the Oceanside Track & Field Club (OTFC) and Oceanside Community Track Society, you are invited to the Ballenas Track on Sunday 26th June (1pm to 3pm) to walk, run or support those raising money for the new track in a Community ♥ Run.

Please find attached a poster with all the information. This is a great opportunity to see the track first-hand and the enthusiasm of the community working towards its renewal. It promises to be a lot of fun and the West Jet ticket Raffle will conclude the event.

Pledge forms for fundraising can be found [here](#)

Oceanside Community Track Society

COMMUNITY LOVE RUN

Walk *and/or* Run the Track
...for what may be the last time!

Prizes, music and food.
Come and join the celebration!

26 JUNE, 2022 1:00PM - 3:00PM
@ BALLENAS SECONDARY SCHOOL
135 PYM ST, PARKSVILLE

<https://oceansidetrack.rafflenexus.com/>

WEST JET RAFFLE DRAW
Tickets: \$10

OCEANSIDE TRACK & FIELD

HELP TURN THE TRACK FROM THIS... TO THIS!

PLEDGE FORM
Email for your own fundraising pledge form:
elaineyoung@shaw.ca

GET READY TO WALK OR RUN!

@OCEANSIDECOMMUNITYTRACK
www.oceansidecommunitytrack.ca

Errington Pump Track and Trail Update

A huge thank-you to DBL Disposal Services Ltd for their help with the prep work for our new bike/hike trail and pump track. DBL donated one bin and disposal fees and gave us the other two at an amazingly low rate. We were able to remove many of the stumps from the site, making the area safer and nicer to look at. Thanks so much DBL!





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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 2022

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

SOS Summer Programs (July 4 – August 25, 2022)

2022 9th Annual Qualicum Beach Day

Foster Caregivers Needed!

Island Health Triple P Seminars – Power of Positive Parenting

Qualicum Beach Triathlon June 26, 2022 – Registration is now open (online only).

Oceanside Minor Baseball Registration 2022

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

Summer Camps for Kids @ TOSH (for information please click on the link below):

<https://shop.theoldschoolhouse.org/collections/tosh-classes-and-workshops-1>

Support for Parents:

Multicultural Parent Circle

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mbTFRRf2BEaQxK7YpNkEs3VK3aLUlsxArawjZ6tQt9UNEozT1pVQkFYS1BHMUK1NjFVTidTWFFJRyQIQCN0PWcu>

Vancouver Island Parenting Circle

<https://www.parentsupportbc.ca/>

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

June	17	PAC Hot Lunch for those who ordered through Munch-a-Lunch
	20	Pizza Lunch – sponsored by a local family
	28	Assembly at 10:15 in the Gym for Grade 7 Families
	29	Virtual Assembly at 9:00am (via Zoom; see link in this newsletter)
	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early (10:56am)