



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 4, 2022

## Principal's Message

As we begin March, our thoughts turn towards spring break. So much has happened in the last year and the time away from school will be a good chance to reflect, rest and recharge our bodies and minds, and prepare for the spring term.

We continue our focus on supporting students to develop social awareness. The article below provides some suggestions on how you can support your child at home:

When children have the ability to understand and empathize with others, they are able to form solid connections with classmates, teachers, and friends. Social awareness allows kids to feel compassion for others – even when their background, beliefs, and culture may be different.

It is important to for children to see all people as equal and to accept and recognize the strengths of people who are different from them. To guide your child:

- **Remember** that you teach by example. Do you use slurs? Have you formed opinions about people based on their colour, religion, or culture? If so, your child may too.
- **Talk about** your family background. Unless you are an [Indigenous Person], someone in your family came here from another country. Remind your child that at some point, everyone has struggled to find their place.
- **Let your child** know it's never OK to judge, insult or treat someone badly because of their appearance or background.
- **Talk about** prejudice and stereotypes. Remind your child that background does not show how smart a person is, how good they will be at sports, or even what kind of food they like.
- **Explain** that rules and laws have not always treated everyone fairly, and that we are trying to change that.
- **Welcome** people of many backgrounds into your family's life. Encourage your child to do the same.

Source: Elementary School Parents (March 2022, Vol.33, No.7)

## K-12 Daily Health Check

We have been very impressed with how well our school community has been with 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. Thank you!

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

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



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)  
2022-2023 CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATIONS**

“Generally, students will attend schools within their catchment area based on the parents/guardian’s residence. In some circumstances crossing of catchment areas may be permitted upon request.” (*Board Policy 704*)

**CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION**

<b>Kindergarten</b> Cross Boundary Process:	Parents wishing to enroll their Kindergarten child at an out-of-catchment school within the district are to <b>make their request upon registration</b> and complete an “Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year” Form.
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<b>Grades 1-12</b> Cross Boundary Process	All “Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year’ forms <b>must be submitted beginning Monday, February 7 until March 11<sup>th</sup> (prior to the spring break period)</b> . Applications submitted before or after that timeframe will not be accepted. District students making a cross-boundary application must <b>FIRST</b> be registered at their catchment school prior to being considered for cross-boundary enrollment. <b>Please note:</b> Grade 7 students entering high school from a previously approved cross boundary elementary school or who have been attending a program of choice at an elementary school outside of their catchment area, must complete an “Application for Cross-boundary Enrollment for Following School Year” to attend the secondary school outside of the catchment area in which they live. An online form is available at: <a href="https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Regxbound.aspx#/=">https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Regxbound.aspx#/=</a>
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Kindergarten registration is ongoing! Please see below for further information about the online registration.

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.



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM) ON-LINE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

### KINDERGARTEN" AND "CROSS BOUNDARY" REGISTRATION

- FRENCH IMMERSION SIBLING REGISTRATION ONLY - JANUARY 17 TO JANUARY 21
- ALL OTHER REGISTRATIONS WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 24 TO FEBRUARY 4

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Qualifying Age:	To qualify for Kindergarten enrolment in September 2022, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2022.
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: <a href="http://www.sd69.bc.ca">www.sd69.bc.ca</a> ~ About ~ Student Registration)
Where to Register:	On-line registration will be available from Monday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 4, 2022 via the district website: <a href="http://www.sd69.bc.ca">www.sd69.bc.ca</a> ~ About ~ Student Registration. Please ensure you register our child to attend your neighbourhood (catchment) elementary school. School catchment information is available by using School Locator on the district website: <a href="http://www.sd69.bc.ca">www.sd69.bc.ca</a> ~ About ~ Student Registration ~ School Locator.

### 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. Please ensure you indicate that you wish to enrol your child in the French Immersion Program when completing the on-line registration form.

The French Immersion Program for Grades K – 7 is located at École Oceanside Elementary School.

The French Immersion Program for Grades 8 – 12 is located at École Ballenas Secondary School.

### CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

**Board Policy 7015** The Board of Education believes that, in general, students should attend schools designated by the Board for their particular attendance area. Transfer of a student to a school outside of their catchment area will be considered upon written application of the parent to the Superintendent of Schools or designate.

**Cross Boundary Process:** Parents wishing to enrol their Kindergarten child at an out-of-catchment school within the district are to register their child at their catchment school and **make their cross boundary request upon registration.**

For students who are currently registered in our district and wish to apply for cross-boundary, the application process for the 2022-2023 school year will commence January 31<sup>st</sup> until the last Friday in March prior to Spring Break. A fillable cross boundary application form can be found at [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) ~ About ~ Student Registration ~ Cross Boundary.



Please visit the district website for further information [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) ~ About ~ Student Registration





## Frequently Asked Questions

### Do children have to go to kindergarten?

- Children are entitled to an education program in the school year in which they turn 5 years old before December 31st. Most children in British Columbia are registered for Kindergarten. Parents must enroll children or home school them in the school year in which they turn six. This is not a change from the current practice. If parents choose to delay enrolment for their 5-year-old until the following year, they should discuss with the school principal the best placement for their child.

### If my child is registered in Kindergarten, can they attend less than full-time?

- According to the *School Act*, school attendance is not mandatory for 5 year-olds. Therefore, even though you may have registered your child in a Kindergarten program, it is not mandatory that they attend Kindergarten all day every day. We hope you will work together with school administrators and the Kindergarten teacher to determine what is best for your child.

### What are some community programs I can go to with my child?

- Vancouver Island Libraries
- Munchkinland in partnership with StrongStart
- Mother Goose Goes to School
- RDN Programs
- FRA Programs
- SOS Programs

### Helpful Links:

BC Kindergarten Curriculum:  
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

BC's Primary Program:  
[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/resources/primary\\_prog.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/resources/primary_prog.pdf)

Qualicum School District: [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca)

Oceanside Building Learning Together (OBLT):  
<https://www.oblt.ca/>

Let's Play! Activities for Families  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-on-training/early-learning/support/play#letsplay>

Early Learning Framework  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/earlylearning/elf-a-guide-for-families.pdf>

## School District 69 (Qualicum)



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## Welcome to Kindergarten!

### Working Together for Children

When your child enters school, we hope you will enter too! We invite you to become involved in class and school activities. Please talk with your child's teacher to discuss your child's needs and how to access services which your child may need. Your interaction and involvement is vital to your child's success.



### Kindergarten children are:

- Energetic
- Lively
- Sensitive
- Wonderful
- Curious
- Creative
- Playful
- Uniquely individual

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

### How to Prepare Your Child for Their First Day

Families are a child's first and most important teachers. You have already helped your child learn.

Entering the school system for the first time is a big step in your child's life as well as in yours. Your child's feeling of excitement about the new experience may conflict with the fear of leaving you for an unfamiliar place.

You can help alleviate this concern by providing opportunities for your child to play with their friends or attending group activities. This practice in play allows your child to experience some separation from you.

Continue to play, read and talk to your child.

### You Can Make the Most of Your Child's Kindergarten Experience By:

- helping your child have regular, prompt school attendance
- seeing that your child gets enough sleep and a healthy meal before school
- managing the amount and type of TV viewing and video games
- sharing information with the teacher about any situations that affect your child's learning or well-being
- alerting the teacher to any concerns you or your child may have as they arise
- sharing any information about early interventions your child has benefited from prior to Kindergarten (e.g. speech and language, physiotherapy)
- following up with the home activities suggested by the teacher
- reminding your child of thoughtful manners and health habits (e.g., washing hands, using the washroom)

### Gradual Entry

Children start attending school in September in small groups to ensure a successful and comfortable beginning to school. This practice is supported by the Ministry of Education and the Qualicum School District.

Please check with your local school for details about gradual entry procedures and times.

### What Does Learning Look Like in Kindergarten?

Kindergarten is a play-based and designed to address all areas of child development: physical, social, emotional, artistic, language, and cognitive.



### Importance of Play

Research has shown that play:

- enhances a child's language development
- encourages social development, creativity and problem-solving
- provides opportunities for children to represent their thinking
- acts as a basis for learning in literacy, numeracy and other curricular areas
- develops higher motivation to learn, and promotes higher self-esteem
- nourishes natural curiosity and supports overall healthy development

### Ways Your Child Will Learn

Kindergarten is an active environment in which children learn with their whole bodies, their minds, and their hearts.

In Kindergarten classrooms you will see children learning:

- through physical movement, music, the arts and activity
- through hands-on activities
- to make thoughtful choices
- to accept responsibility for their actions
- to be comfortable and confident and cooperate in a larger social group
- to accept and respect others
- to think and talk about their learning
- by talking and playing with materials and each other
- by using literacy and mathematics skills throughout the day
- by experimenting with print in a variety of playful ways
- by having fun!



## SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

February 24, 2022

### A letter to all parents and employee representatives:

The Board of Education is circulating for consultation to all parents and employee representatives a Draft Local School Calendar and False Bay School Calendar for 2022-2023 as discussed at the February Regular Board Meeting.

The Board has made no decision about the final 2022-2023 school calendar and is circulating a draft for the information of parents and employees. Please note that the Board is also awaiting direction from the Province regarding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30<sup>th</sup>)

Dates on the Draft Calendars are tentative and are subject to revision.

The Board has scheduled final approval on the proposed 2022-2023 School Calendars at its Regular Board Meeting as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022

**Place:** VIA Zoom

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

The Board encourages each school community to discuss the Draft School Calendars at meetings of the Parent Advisory Council and /or staff meetings as schedules permit. Feedback may also be submitted via the District website: <http://www.sd69.bc.ca/Contact/Pages/default.aspx>

Sincerely,

Eve Flynn, Chair  
Board of Education

Attachment

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**DRAFT Local School Calendar 2022 – 2023**

Designation	2022-2023
Days in Session	
Days of Instruction	
Instructional Hours Kindergarten	
Instructional Hours Elementary	
Instructional Hours Secondary	
Schools open Regular start time – schools dismiss three hours early Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary – grade 8 students only	Tuesday, September 6
Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary First day for grades 9-12 students	Wednesday, September 7
Pro-D Day - Non-instructional Day	TBC Monday, September 26 OR Thursday September 29
<b>National Day of Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b>	<b>Friday, September 30</b>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10
Conferencing Adjustment - Non-instructional Day	Thursday, October 20
Provincial Pro-D Day - Non-instructional Day	Friday, October 21
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11
Winter Vacation Period	December 19 to January 2
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3
<b>District-Wide Planning Day – Non-instructional Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 30</b>
Secondary Semester Two Begins	TBD
Provincial Pro-D Day - Non-instructional Day	Friday, February 17
BC Family Day	Monday, February 20
Spring Vacation Period	March 20 to March 31
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation Period	Monday, April 3
Good Friday	Friday, April 7
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10
School-Based Pro-D Day - Non-instructional day	Thursday, May 18
Conferencing Adjustment- Non-instructional day	Friday, May 19
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22
Final Day for Students - Schools dismiss three hours early	Thursday, June 29
Administrative Day - Non instructional Day	Friday, June 30

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**DRAFT False Bay School Calendar 2022-2023**  
(with 10 altered Fridays)

Designation	2022-2023
Days in Session	
Days of Instruction	
Instructional Hours Elementary	
Instructional Hours Secondary	
Schools open - Regular start time and schools dismiss three hours early. Ballenas & Kwalikum Secondary – Grade 8's only	Tuesday, September 6
Ballenas & Kwalikum Secondary - First day for Gr 9-12	Wednesday, September 7
Professional Development Day - Non-instructional Day	TBC Monday, September 26 OR Thursday September 29
<b>National Day of Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b>	<b>Friday, September 30</b>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10
Conferencing Adjustment - Non-instructional Day	Thursday, October 20
Provincial Pro-D Day - Non-instructional Day	Friday, October 21
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4</b>
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25</b>
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9</b>
Winter Vacation Period	December 19 to January 2
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>Friday, January 13</b>
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>Friday, January 27</b>
<b>District-Wide Planning Day – Non-instructional Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 30</b>
Secondary Semester Two Begins	TBD
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>Friday, February 10</b>
Professional Development Day - Non-instructional Day	Friday, February 17
BC Family Day	Monday, February 20
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>Friday, February 24</b>
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>Friday, March 10</b>
Spring Vacation Period	March 20 to 31
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation Period	Monday, April 3
Good Friday	Friday, April 7
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>Friday, April 21</b>
<b>ALTERED FRIDAY</b>	<b>Friday, May 5</b>
School-Based Pro-D Day - Non-instructional day	Thursday, May 18
Conferencing Adjustment - Non-instructional day	Friday, May 19
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22
Final Day for Students - Schools dismiss 3 hours early	Thursday, June 29
Administrative Day - Non-instructional Day	Friday, June 30

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## 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/>

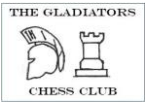
## Important Reminders



- 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 winter 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.



## News from Your Library



Our **EES Gladiators Chess Tournament** is underway with our FINAL on Thursday March 10! Congratulations and good luck to our final contestants! Go Gladiators!



**Read A Canadian Author in February!** Did you know that some of your favorite authors are Canadian? Robert Munsch, Margeret Atwood, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Thomas King, Marie Louise Gay, David Robertson, Jenny Kay Dupuis! We'll have them all on display all month long, come and explore our rich culture of storytelling in our country!

It's the last week of our **Seriously Awesome Series Book Draw**. Students can enter our draw until Friday March 4. We will draw two winners from each class and they will be invited to come and "shop" in our library on Wed March 9. Good luck to everyone who has entered!

**Return Your Library Books!** Take a look under the couch and beneath your pillow! When you return a book, someone else gets to read it! Thank you!

**Lost books** can be replaced with a book of similar quality and genre from home.

Thank you.

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

## Washroom Etiquette



Once again, we are noticing 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.), there have been cases where graffiti has been written on the walls, and we've had crumpled and wet paper towels on the ceiling and 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.



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



Munchalunch Hot lunches are open and ready for ordering:

Friday Mar 11 – Pizza Day

Friday Apr 8 – Pizza Day

Friday Apr 22 – Thalassa

Friday May 6 – Beach House Chinese

Thursday May 19 – Sushi

Thursday June 2 – Thalassa

Friday June 17 - Pizza

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

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



### SPIRIT CLUB – 2021/2022

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

- **MAY.19      SUNGLASSES DAY**

**Please note that our EES Spirit Wear ordering has now closed!**

**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](mailto:oceansideblueump@gmail.com) for more information.



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**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](http://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:

RDN Recreation and Parks Information for Spring 2022

TOSH Spring Break Art Camps 2022

Parksville Royals Baseball Prospect Camp

The MAC School for Creative Arts Callout for YOUTH Exhibit, May 2022

The MAC School for Creative Arts Youth Art Lab

The MAC School for Creative Social Media for parents of Teens workshop with Dan Larocque

Oceanside Track and Field – Registration now open for 2022 season

Smith Performance Basketball – Spring Break Camp

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

### **Support for Parents:**

Multicultural Parent Circle

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mbTFRRf2BEaQxk7YpNkEs3VK3aLUlsxArawjZ6tQt9UNEozT1pVQkFYs1BHMUK1NjFVTldTWFFJRyQIQCN0PWcu>

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

<b>March</b>	11	Last day of school before Spring Break
	28	School Re-opens after Spring Break
<b>April</b>	15	<b>GOOD FRIDAY – No School</b>
	18	<b>EASTER MONDAY – No School</b>
<b>May</b>	4	Grade 6 Immunizations
	19	Wear your Sunglasses Spirit Day
	20	Conferencing Adjustment Day – <b>No School</b>
	23	<b>VICTORIA DAY – No School</b>
	25	Grade 7 Health Fair
<b>June</b>	3	Professional Development Day – <b>No School</b>
	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early