



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We have continued to promote the common language used in our Code of Conduct for social responsibility: We are SAFE, We are RESPECTFUL, and We are RESPONSIBLE. The article below describes how navigating social challenges leads to increased confidence:

When parents are overly involved in their children's social lives, their kids can't develop the confidence and resilience they need to thrive. Swooping in and saving your child from every social challenge won't help him in the long run – it might actually hurt him.

Your child is more likely to establish healthy friendships and feel more sure of himself if he is armed with social and emotional skills. And these skills won't just help him navigate the playground successfully. They'll make him feel more confident in the classroom, too.

To help your child strengthen his social skills:

- **Empower him to take action.** If he comes to you with a problem, listen closely while he tells you about it. Say, "That sounds frustrating. What did you do next?" Then, give him a chance to find his own solution. Sometimes, all kids need is someone to listen to them.
- **Model resilience.** Talk about your own social struggles and how you faced them. When children hear stories about how family members overcame obstacles, they become more resilient in the face of challenges.
- **Teach him to be assertive.** Help your child learn how to speak up for himself. When he wants something, ask him to make a strong case for it. Or, have a family debate night. When you encourage your child to speak up at home, he'll find his voice at school and in the world.

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Pro-D Day

A reminder that school is not in session tomorrow (Friday, October 22nd) for the Provincial Professional Development Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

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.

Terry Fox Run



Well done EES for participating in this year's Terry Fox Run. An amazing total of \$1,230.00 was raised!

Reminders from the Office

If you haven't done so already, please complete the required forms sent out a few weeks ago:

- Student Verification Form (white sheet)
- Student Health and Emergency Information (green sheet)

These are annually updated and are required in order to keep our records current. If you haven't received the forms mentioned above, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

Parent Teacher Conferences

A reminder that EES teachers will be meeting with parents throughout the next several weeks. We are offering a choice of either telephone, Zoom, or in-person conversations. If you haven't already booked a time, please follow the instructions below. You can click on this link for direct access:



<https://ees.parentconferences.net/admin/>

If you are not able to schedule an appointment during one of the times listed, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time. The online booking system is available now.

Please note that Friday, November 12th is a "Conferencing Adjustment Day", where students do not attend. Conferences will not be scheduled on this day.

School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ees.parentconferences.net>
2. Click to "**REGISTER**" (top box).
3. Complete all the required fields.
4. Click "**REGISTER NOW**".
5. Click "**Add Student**".
6. Complete the required fields.
7. Click "**Insert**".
8. Next to your child's name, click on the **blue calendar icon**. Click on the **blue calendar** beside your child's teacher name. When teacher is highlighted, click on **View Calendars**.
9. Click on **an appointment day and time** that you would like to book. *Note your name is automatically put into the field at this time. Others who look on this calendar will not see your name, they will just see that the time slot is not available.*
10. Click **Book Appointment**.
11. **If you have more than one teacher:**
Go back to **Home**.
Click **Manage Students**.
Add **New Student**.
Complete the fields as above and continue with the rest of the process to book your other appointment(s).

Note: You can edit or delete names if you have made a mistake.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact the office at 250-248-8446. Thank you!



We would like to welcome Brook Chase-Freed to our staff. Ms. Chase has taken over Room 14 as Mrs. Benoit has started her maternity leave. She gave birth to a baby boy last Sunday evening!

We welcome the following Educational Assistants who have joined our EES team: Jillian Hibbert, Ashley Van der Sluys, and Melissa Gibbs.

We would also like to welcome the following student teachers who will be spending time at EES this year to complete practicum experiences:

Sarah Plotkins will be working with Ms. Virgin and her Kindergarten/Grade 1 class.
Taryn Loggia will be working with Mrs. Armstrong/Ms. MacLeod and their Grade 1/2 class.
Rane Love will be working with Mrs. L'Hirondelle/Mr. Avis and their Grade 6/7 class.

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.



Use of Technology

We value the use of technology as an integral part of teaching and learning. Our handheld devices have become part of our daily routines and give us access to a wide variety of tools, including photographing our students doing all sorts of activities at school. We have noticed that some photos of our students have appeared on social media – we understand that people taking and sharing photos during school sanctioned activities are doing so with good intentions. What people may not realize is that we have a number of students who have media restrictions in place and parents have indicated they do not want their child's photo to appear publicly. In order to respect the privacy of our students, we ask that you do NOT download, copy, or distribute any pictures or other personal information through social media that contain images of students and/or student work other than your child's.



Halloween

As you know, Halloween is on Sunday, October 31st. We recognize that many community events will not be happening again this year, due to the ongoing pandemic. We are planning some safe,



fun activities for students to do with their learning group at school on Thursday, October 28th. Thank you to our Grade 6/7 leadership club students for planning such a great day for our school community. We have decided to once again allow students to wear costumes if they wish! Students may wear a costume on Friday, October 29th. If your child does not want to wear a costume, we encourage students to wear black and/or orange. We do have some costume guidelines that must be followed to ensure everyone has a safe and fun day:

- Masks are NOT to be worn outside on the playground or in the hallways and washrooms. Teachers will give direction on the expectations in classrooms.
- No heavy make-up.
- Leave all costume “weapons” at home (swords, knives, guns, etc.).
- Bring a change of clothes (some students have PE class and may be asked to change if the costume interferes with mobility).
- Due to ongoing concerns about “Creepy Clowning”, we ask that students avoid costumes of this nature.
- We have learned of a concerning Netflix series called “Squid Games” that many students have been watching and trying to copy. Please make sure your child avoids costumes portraying extreme violence.

Food and Treats



Please be reminded that 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.

Daylight Savings Time



Remember to set your clocks back by 1 hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00am.



SPIRIT CLUB – 2021/2022

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

- **NOV.19** **SPORTS TEAM DAY**
- **DEC.17** **PAJAMA DAY**
- **JAN.29** **CHARACTER DAY**
- **FEB.18** **DRESS IN RED, WHITE, PINK**
- **MAY.20** **SUNGLASSES DAY**

EES LIBRARY NEWS

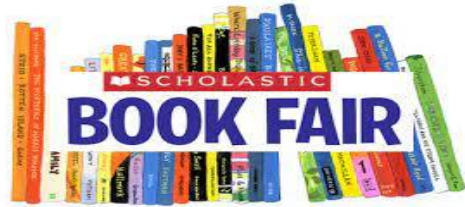
We have some dates for your calendars:

Scarington Thurs Oct 28: classes have signed up to visit in the gym.



We Scare Hunger Food Bank Campaign, on now until Nov 5th: please bring non-perishable food item to school – the class with the most items wins a prize.

Fall Book Fair Nov 18-23: This year's theme is *books can take us places*. Classes will sign up for shopping times. Check back for Fair open hours.



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 and Returning Library Books:

To avoid lost library books we are hoping that we can use some strategies at home and school to make sure we bring those books back :) Having a regular spot at home for library books - a shelf, in a backpack - is helpful. Keeping books in good condition by using a book bag or a Ziploc bag is also a great idea! For those books which are lost, we ask students and their family to replace the book by bringing another in good condition to give to the library, or by paying the cost of replacing the books. Thank you for keeping track and returning those books!

Our FAMILY Library Cards:

Family members are welcome to use their child's student library card to check out books and other materials for home. Please speak with us about how you can check out more books for home! With more than 11,000 books in our library, you're sure to find one!

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



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

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or visit our website
www.oblt.ca/childcare



ERRINGTON
WAR MEMORIAL HALL

PUMPKIN TRAIL

October
31

Trail Open From
6:30 to 7:30
~ by donation ~

Trick or treaters are encouraged
to come in costume

'Spook's' will line the trail and hand out
candy to bring a pillow case

Families that want to drop off a carved pumpkin
to line the trail can bring it to the trail head by 5:30



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:

Ravensong Waterdancers – Syncro – See It, Try It Event
MAC School for the Creative Arts
Tech Workshop at the MAC
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
Fire Prevention Week Poster & Video Contest

<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

October	22	Professional Development Day – No School
	25	Photo Retakes
November	4	Grade 6 Immunizations
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
	12	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
December	17	Last day of school before the Winter Break
January	4	School Re-opens after Winter Break
February	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
	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