



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

I would like to recognize our school community for continuing to follow all the protocols we have in place to keep our staff and students healthy and safe during this ongoing pandemic. We truly appreciate how respectful people have been as we have navigated the Ministry mandates and faced a few exposures. We really appreciate how families have continued doing the daily health checks and kept their children home when unwell. Thank you for your continued support!

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 respect is essential for a positive learning environment:

When students have respect for teachers and classmates, they help create the positive academic environment all kids need in order to be successful. To promote respectful behaviour:

Discuss respect. What is it? Why is it important? How does it feel to be treated with respect or disrespect?

Be a role model. Do what you want your child to do. If you want her to say *please* when asking for something, remember to say *please* yourself. If you want her to knock before entering your bedroom, do the same for her.

Criticize constructively. When you need to correct your child, do it privately and respectfully. "Next time, please hold the door for Grandpa. That will make it easier for him to get through the door."

Notice times when your child is respectful. "You listened to the coach even when other players were joking around. I was impressed."

Source: *Elementary School Parents*
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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.

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

EES teachers will be meeting with parents throughout the next several weeks. Through the online booking system outlined below, teachers will be providing their availability to set up either a phone conversation, a Zoom meeting, or an in-person meeting after school hours. Directions on how to use this booking system are listed 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. If your child's teacher is not listed, it means that they have not yet provided their availability and it will be there soon. Please keep checking!

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

Communicating student learning is an essential part of education. Here is an article outlining questions to ask at your parent-teacher conference:

Parent-teacher conferences can help you learn more about your child's strengths and weaknesses. They can also give you a better idea about the year ahead. Here are 10 questions you might ask your child's teacher:

1. **What will you cover** in this grade or subject this year?
2. **What are your expectations** for homework? Has my child missed any of her assignments so far?
3. **How are my child's** work habits? Does she use time in class well?
4. **Does my child** read at the level you would expect for this grade?
5. **Is my child able** to do the math you expect for a student in this grade?
6. **Is my child** in different groups for different subjects?
7. **Has my child missed** any classes other than the ones I contacted the school about?
8. **Does my child qualify** for any special programs?
9. **Does my child** get along well with the other students?
10. **What can I do at home** to help my child be more successful?

Source: *Elementary School Parents*; October 2011; Vol. 23, No. 2

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!

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?"

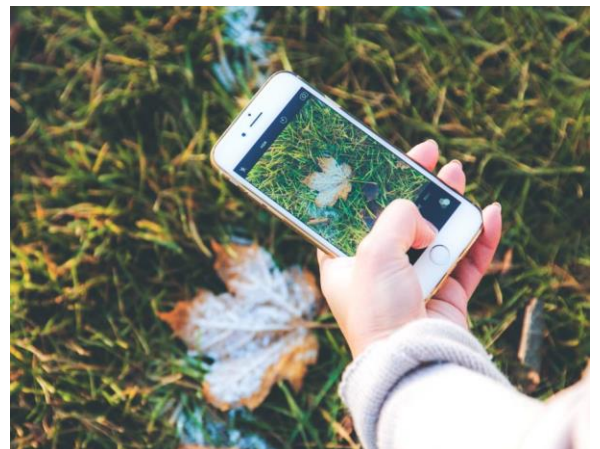
<https://herveviewfromhome.com/50-questions-to-ask-your-kids-instead-of-asking-how-was-your-day/>

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.
- 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 warm clothing.
- 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.

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.



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



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.



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**

Hello Errington Families!

Thank you for everyone who supported our Cranberry fundraiser. We have another fundraiser starting October 25th, through Created by Kids Art. Watch our Facebook pages for more information. This is a great fundraiser for getting some early Christmas shopping done.

Just a reminder that PAC meetings are on every second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 12th at 6pm. We'll be meeting at the School. And please remember your mask.

We are also still looking for a DPAC representative. It's really important that we keep in touch with our District PAC. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Hope everyone has a very happy Thanksgiving!

Naomi

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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:

Ravensong Waterdancers – Syncro – See It, Try It Event

MAC School for the Creative Arts

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	11	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	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