



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

As we approach the end of September I would like to thank you for your support with a positive start to the school year. This year at EES, we will continue to work on our school-wide goal of social responsibility. In particular, we will focus on solving problems in peaceful ways and learning a variety of self-regulation and self-monitoring strategies. This week we sent home our EES Code of Conduct for you to review with your child. I will be including articles in our newsletters that suggest ways that families can promote social responsibility. We will be using the following three pillars that form the basis for all of our expectations:

- We are SAFE
- We are RESPECTFUL
- We are RESPONSIBLE

Along with these pillars, we encourage our students to take care of themselves, take care of each other, and take care of our place. The article below suggests some ways to set the stage for success by promoting respect at school:

Respectful behavior is just as important at school as it is at home. Encourage your child to show respect at school by:

- **Being courteous.** He should say *please* and *thank you* to his teacher and classmates.
- **Doing what's expected.** Everyone in school has a job to do. If the teacher doesn't plan lessons, no one can learn anything. If students don't do their jobs – homework, listening to the teacher – it makes it harder for everyone to learn.
- **Raising his hand.** Imagine having 30 students in a class, each of whom wants attention right now. When your child raises his hand and waits for the teacher to call on him, he demonstrates self-control and respect for others.
- **Addressing the teacher** by name. Just saying "good morning, Mrs. Jones" is an easy way to show respect.
- **Listening to the teacher's** comments. Teachers want students to learn. That means they have to point out mistakes. Your child will do much better in school if he can recognize and accept constructive feedback.

Source: *Elementary School Parents*
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Week of September 27th

A reminder that school is not in session next Thursday and Friday (September 30th and October 1st).

On Thursday, our country has declared a National Truth and Reconciliation Day" and on Friday it will be a "Professional Development Day".

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

This week we sent out some very important forms to fill out. These are annually updated and are required in order to keep our records current. There is a white sheet called "Student Verification Form" and a green sheet called "Student Health and Emergency Information". Even if there are no changes to your child's information, we need you to sign those forms and return to the school as soon as possible.

If you are reporting your child's absence from school and the absence is NOT health related, it is helpful to know this so we can avoid some of the necessary follow-up phone calls. You can simply state that the absence is NOT health related.



Picture Day

Concept Photos will be here to take individual and class photos on October 7th. Mark your calendars!

Orange Shirt Day – Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. We are encouraging students to wear orange on this day!

See Phyllis' story on the following link: <https://youtu.be/E3vUqr01kAk>



Drop-off and Pick-up

Please note that school begins at 8:10am. If you are dropping off your child prior to 8:10am, please use the Lower Parking Lot. If you are dropping off after 8:10am, you may pull up to the front of the school. Students who arrive after 8:15am must report to the office before going to their classroom.

Please make sure your child's teacher is aware of your child's after school schedule. We need to know if your child is getting picked up (and by who) or taking the bus.

Terry Fox Run



Students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Monday, October 4th. We have organized it in a way that minimizes the amount of participant at any given time and we have eliminated any need for crowds to gather. We are collecting donations to be put towards cancer research. We have EES families who are impacted by pediatric cancer and we appreciate all donations that are made as they support cancer research. We thank you for your support! You can send cash donations to the EES office or use the online link below:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ErringtonElementary>

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.schoolcashionline.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:

- OCT.1 CRAZY HAIR DAY
- NOV.19 SPORTS TEAM DAY
- DEC.17 PAJAMA DAY
- JAN.29 CHARACTER DAY
- FEB.18 DRESS IN RED, WHITE, PINK
- MAY.20 SUNGLASSES DAY



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

September 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

In order to address important personal health (PHE) learning outcomes, your child will be receiving lessons about their personal safety and their bodies. We call it 'Body Science' and 'Personal/Sexual Health'. These lessons include the topics of body awareness, boundaries, personal safety, interpersonal skills, healthy relationships, and development.

Unless you have been informed otherwise, this curriculum will be delivered by your child's teacher, other school district educator or with E.N.I.T.Y. (Educating New Ideas Towards Youth) a peer educator program run in partnership with school district 69 and Island Health).

For parent/caregiver resources that will help you continue the conversation at home please check out these websites:

<https://sexual-education.sd68.bc.ca/> and <https://teachingsexualhealth.ca/parents/>

The mandated BC Curriculum addressed can be found in the Physical Health Education section on the website <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/physical-health-education>

The benefits of comprehensive personal and sexual health education are that students will:

1. Have the same, age appropriate, up to date, factual information delivered by a trained educator in a non-judgmental, safe environment (this combats misinformation, bias, stereotypes and myths from social media/internet/TV/peers etc., and is a major tool in preventing discrimination, sexual abuse, and exploitation).

2. Gain knowledge, understanding, skills and the attitudes they will need in order to protect themselves and others from potential harm, and to make healthy decisions and choices (studies show that the more information students have, the longer they delay sexual activity and the less likely they are to make risky decisions, or to be exploited).

You, as parents/caregivers, are your child's most important teacher. Students are always encouraged to continue the conversations at home and to check in to what their family rules and family values are when it comes to decision making, health, and relationships.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher, or school administrator.

Alternative Delivery

In cases where parents/caregivers feel more comfortable addressing by means other than instruction by a teacher, parents/caregivers may arrange to address topics related to reproduction and sexuality by an alternative means. This must be arranged in consultation with their school. The alternate means must be agreed upon by the students, their parent/caregivers, and the school.

The alternate delivery policy does not allow students to "opt-out" of learning about these topics. It is expected that students will, in consultation with their school, demonstrate their knowledge of the learning standard.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/alternative-delivery-in-the-physical-and-health-curriculum>

School District 69's Administrative Procedure titled *Physical and Health Education Curriculum Provision for Alternate Delivery of Instruction* can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

Gillian Wilson
Associate Superintendent of Schools



Errington Elementary Families:

Island Health will be sending COVID-19 immunization consent packages home in September for students born in 2009. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and bring the signed consent form to the COVID-19 immunization clinic at your school. Any family members born in 2009 and older may attend the clinic.

School-based COVID-19 immunization clinics will be drop-in and held:

- October 4, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:30pm at Errington Elementary School

If your child is choosing to be vaccinated at school and already has a booked appointment for their COVID-19 vaccine, please cancel the scheduled appointment by calling 1-833-838-2323.

Please discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization. This is an opportunity for adolescents to start making decisions about their own health.

"Mature Minor Consent" is the consent a child gives to receive health care after the child has been assessed by a health care provider as having the necessary understanding to give the consent. In British Columbia, there is no set age when a child is considered capable to give consent. A child who is assessed by a health care provider as being capable to give consent is called a "Mature Minor". Mature Minors can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization.

For more information about **The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization** visit:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>

For more information about COVID-19 Vaccines visit:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/hlbc/files/documents/healthfiles/hfile124.pdf>

If you have any questions, call your local Public Health Unit or visit www.immunizebc.ca

Oceanside Public Health Services, 494 Bay Avenue, Parksville BC, V9P 2G5
PH: 250-947-8242



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

September	29	Orange Shirt Day
	30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School
October	1	Professional Development Day – No School
	4	Terry Fox Run
	4	Island Health Vaccine Clinic at EES (2:00pm-5:00pm) – See info in this newsletter
	7	Photo Day
	11	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	22	Professional Development Day – No School
	25	Photo Retakes
November	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	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