



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Thank you to those families who took part in the Celebration of Learning in classrooms this week. It was an important opportunity for students to share their learning portfolios and celebrate the growth that has occurred throughout the school year. If you have not had a chance to connect with your child's teacher, please contact them by phone or email to arrange a time to discuss your child's progress.

With the last few months of the school year upon us, it is sometimes hard to keep students motivated. The article below suggests five strategies that can help increase your child's motivation to learn:

Kids who are motivated to learn are likely to be more successful in school than those who are not. To motivate your child:

1. **Be a learner yourself.** Let your child see you read books. Watch educational programs. Attend school functions. Try new things. Show curiosity.
2. **Share what you learn.** Talk about new ideas or scientific discoveries with your child. Discuss things you read or hear.
3. **Show an interest** in what he is learning. Ask questions simply to learn and share - not to check up on your child.
4. **Let him know** you believe he can learn. If you show faith in your child's ability to learn, he will have more confidence in his ability.
5. **Stay positive.** If your child has problems in school, help him see that problems can be solved. Meet with the teacher to figure out ways your child can improve. Then discuss ways you can work together to help him succeed.

Source: Elementary School Parents (April 2017, Vol.28, No.8)



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.

Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey is for students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parents, and staff. The survey covers a wide range of topics and provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. Questions were developed with input from partner groups, teachers and experts in educational measurement and special education. This survey will be administered to our Grade 4 and 7 students in the coming months. Parents of Grade 4 and 7 students are encouraged to complete this survey by clicking on the link below.

Parents may access the survey following the directions and link for **Direct Access** below. Surveys are to be completed by parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages. Thank you in advance for your participation. The survey is open until midnight on **April 29, 2023**.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access. Acceptable browsers include Firefox, Internet Explorer, Chrome or Edge.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Scroll down to the "Parent" section and select *Direct Access – no logon number required*; then select:
 - District: the name of your child's school district (69 – Qualicum)
 - School: the name of your child's school (Errington Elementary)
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".



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 needs 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!
- 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.

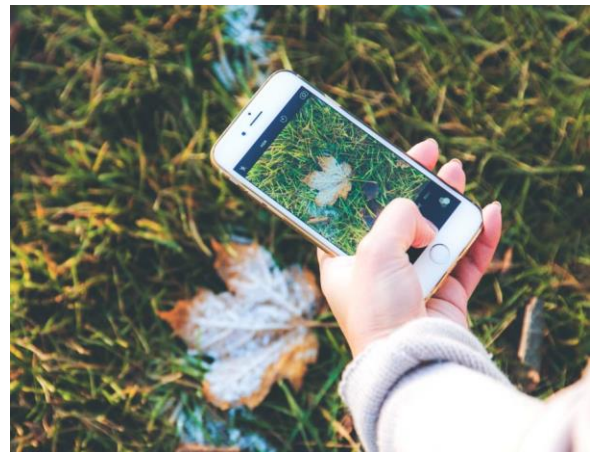
Day of Mourning



You may notice that our flags will be lowered to “half-mast” on Friday, April 28th. This is to recognize April 28th as a “Day of Mourning” – an opportunity to stand together with the world’s workers to remember those who have died on the job, and to reflect on what needs to be done to prevent more deaths and injuries. More information can be found on our website.

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.



The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) follows an annual Budget Development process each school year in order to establish the final annual budget for submission to the Ministry of Education. This process begins with providing an opportunity for stakeholders to share input toward this decision making. Click [**HERE**](#) for more information and a link to the district's 2023-2024 budget survey.

Government of Canada – Canada Dental Benefit (Dental Benefit for Kids)

The [Canada Dental Benefit](#) provides eligible parents or guardians with a direct tax-free payment of up to \$650 per year for two years to help cover dental expenses for children under 12 (please click on the link embedded above for full information).

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.



Munchalunch Hot lunches is **open** and ready for ordering.

April 28 – Pizza

May 12- - Sushi

May 26- Thalassa

June 9- Chinese Food

June 23- Pizza

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

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

Health Education - Errington Elementary

Dear Parents,

Health Education is an important part of the BC curriculum that is designed to teach students age appropriate information about their bodies, growing up and staying safe. Health lessons will be taught starting the last week of April or early May (depending on the class) and the basic curricular goals are listed below, by grade level, for your information. The health information and safety training provided are critical for students to understand. The number of lessons varies by grade level with only a few lessons for our kindergarten students and bi-weekly lessons for our upper intermediates.

If you have questions or concerns please reach out to me by email.

Sincerely,

Mr. Avis

mavis@sd69.bc.ca

BC Curriculum

Kindergarten / grade 1 Classes

- ✓ Identify sources of health information
- ✓ Names for parts of the body, including male and female private parts
- ✓ Appropriate and inappropriate ways of being touched
- ✓ Hazards and potentially unsafe situations

Grade 2/3 Classes

- ✓ Describe ways to access information on and support services for a variety of health topics
- ✓ Identify and describe avoidance or assertiveness strategies to use in unsafe and/or uncomfortable situations
- ✓ Strategies and skills to use in potentially hazardous, unsafe, or abusive situations

Grade 4 Classes

- ✓ Identify and describe avoidance or assertiveness strategies to use in unsafe and/or uncomfortable situations
- ✓ Strategies and skills to use in potentially hazardous, unsafe or abusive situations, including common lures or tricks used by potential abusers
- ✓ Physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during puberty, including those involving sexuality and sexual identity
- ✓ Potential effects of psychoactive substance use, and strategies for preventing personal harm

Grade 5/6 Classes

- ✓ Identify and describe strategies for avoiding and/or responding to potentially unsafe, abusive, or exploitive situations
- ✓ Explore and describe strategies for managing physical, emotional, and social changes during puberty
- ✓ Explore and describe how personal identities adapt and change in different settings and situations
- ✓ Sources of health information and support services
- ✓ Strategies to protect themselves and others from potential abuse, exploitation and harm in a variety of settings
- ✓ Factors influencing use of psychoactive substances, and potential harms
- ✓ Physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during puberty, including those involving sexuality and sexual identity, and changes to relationships

Grade 6/7 Classes

- ✓ Assess and communicate health information for various health issues
- ✓ Identify and describe strategies for avoiding and/or responding to potentially unsafe, abusive, or exploitive situations
- ✓ Describe and apply strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships
- ✓ Describe and assess strategies for managing problems related to mental well-being and substance use, for others
- ✓ Create and assess strategies for managing physical, emotional, and social changes during puberty and adolescence
- ✓ Explore the impact of transition and change on identities
- ✓ Practices that reduce the risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections and life-threatening communicable diseases
- ✓ Signs and symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression

EES LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Earth Day!

Earth Month: This month we're pulling out all the stops! We've put some really wonderful books and resources out for students and staff including many new books purchased for our Season Rounds learning this year.

Tree Planting Day Apr 12: to celebrate Earth Month, we spent the day along our Forest Stewardship Trail planting trees. Special thanks to **Kaitlin Fader from the RDN**, **Kevin Frampton** a local professional tree planter, **Mike Avis** who hung up his PE gear for the day and put on his tree planting togs from years ago, and to **Colette Graphe** our PAC Chair and outdoor education volunteer who helped our primary classes. And a special thank you to **Streamside Native Plants** who gave the RDN a really great deal on the plants for our Trail. We planted over 100 trees, shrubs and ground cover and enjoyed the day of working together for our Learning Forest!

Spring Book Fair Apr 19-25: Our spring book fair is here! Lots of great books and gifts to choose from for the spring and summer! We will be open Wed Apr 19 for families from 2-6 pm during our Celebration of Learning. The Fair will be open for class visits Thurs to Tuesday with a special Family Time Monday Apr 24 from 2-3 pm. Come and check out the Fair, and thank you for supporting our school library!

PAC Movie Night Friday Apr 21: Your wonderful PAC is hosting a family movie night Friday Apr 21 at EES. They are showing the movie **SONIC 2**. Doors open at 6:00 and the movie starts at 6:30 pm. There is no charge to attend but they are always grateful for donations. There will be a concession with hot dogs, popcorn and drinks. The Book Fair will also be open before the movie, during intermission and for a bit after the movie. Thank you to our wonderful PAC for all their work supporting our school!

Beautiful Beeswax Wraps For Sale: EES student leaders are creating beautiful beeswax wraps and selling them to raise funds for our outdoor classroom. You can buy our wraps ONLINE anytime at <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

Lost Books: If you have lost a book, you can replace it with a similar book from home. Please look for overdue books and return them to the Library.

Your Library Card: Did you know that your family members can take books out on your student library card? Ask us about bringing great books home for the whole family :)

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook



Tree planting at EES

A wonderful day of tree planting was had at Errington Elementary School!





EES Beeswax Wraps For Sale

At EES we are selling student-made beeswax wraps for \$4 each and 3 wraps for \$10.

We are selling the wraps to fundraise for our StoryWalk outdoor classroom.

You can buy the wraps through our School Cash Online link below and in person during our Celebration of Learning on April 19 and 20.



<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

EES PAC NEWS



You're invited ... and can wear your jammies, too!

PAC is holding a MOVIE NIGHT and will be opening our BOOK FAIR this Friday night, Apr 21st.

They are planning to show **Sonic 2** for the movie night.

Doors will open at 6pm, and the movie starts at 6.30pm in the gym.

Movie is by donation at the door.

There is a little concession with drinks, hot dogs, Popcorn and Candy bags.

Book Fair will be open before movie, during intermission, and for a bit after the movie.

Adults need to attend the movie night with their children, no drop offs.

Make an island out of the gym mats, bring your stuffies, wear your jammies!

Come out and support your PAC, and have a fun night with your family :)

Keynote Address

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING 2SLGBTQ+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FAMILY

Inclusion and diversity matter



Mischa Oak
Presenter

Mischa Oak is a former SD69 teacher who now advises communities, First Nations and international development projects on supporting diversity and LGBTQ+ inclusion through his company LGBTQ Corporate Training.


- ✓ Excellent presentation for families who want to learn more about 2SLGBTQ+ issues, increase their allyship, or connect with their own 2SLGBTQ+ identities. **This 90-minute talk is suitable for families and youth.**
- ✓ This fun, inspiring and motivating speech gives participants tools to start making a difference right away. Mischa Oak guides understanding and meaningful strategies to improve and save lives.
- ✓ Evidence-based strategies and personal insights, audiences are supported to benefit their communities right away.



www.lgbtqcorporatetraining.com

 **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

 **6:30pm - 8:00pm**

 **BSS Theatre - 135 Pym St, Parksville**

With two decades of teaching and LGBTQ+ advocacy, Mischa Oak (he/him) provides families with an understanding of how to empower, support and welcome Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ community members.

Presented by SD69 DPAC
All SD69 families are invited



Questions? Email: sd69dpac@gmail.com

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:

VI Regional Library Spring Events:

- **Family Storytime**
- **Spring Break Scavenger Hunt**

Child Development Day Event – May 4, 2023 (Sources, Oceanside Resource Centre)

Easter Seals Flag Contest Gr.6 – Gr.12 (closes April 28th)

MAC Youth Exhibit Call Out for Students (May 2nd – May 28th)

BGCCVI FREE Parent Education Session - Parenting Without Power Struggles

Oceanside Minor Baseball Registration 2023

Rotary Youth Art Exhibition (Gr.6-7 students) – Mindfulness in May

SOS Spring 2023 Program Guide

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

Information for Families:

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan

2022-2023 Board SD69 Public Meetings of the Board of Education

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

EES Calendar of Events

April	19	Scholastic Book Fair (In the library) – runs until Apr.25
May	10	Grade 7 Health Fair
	18	Professional Development Day – No School
	19	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	22	VICTORIA DAY – No School
June	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early