



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

We have just a few weeks left of the school year and you are likely making plans for the next few months. Summer is a time for us all to take a much-deserved break from the formal setting of school; however, learning doesn't need to stop! We are so lucky to live in one of the most desired places in the world and there is so much to see and do over the summer, with many opportunities for learning. It is very important to provide children with activities that will help maintain the gains they have made over the school year. Later in this newsletter, you will find two articles that suggest some educational trips and fun activities to do over the summer.

As the school year draws to a close, the following article suggests ways to review the school year with your child and set new goals:

It's nearing the end of a busy school year. Your child has learned a lot. She's read new books and she's mastered new skills. Now is the perfect time to talk about all of the lessons she's learned.

Find a time when you can have a relaxing chat about school. You might even plan something special, such as going out for a treat or making a favorite meal together. During your talk:

- **Take a look back.** What was your child's favorite project this year? In what subject did she improve the most? Which book that the class read was her favorite? Which of her goals did she accomplish? As she talks about these positive things, help her see the ways she has grown. "You really worked hard to master division this year. You can do hard things when you put your mind to it!"
- **Take a look forward.** What is your child looking forward to this summer? What is she excited about for next year? Is there a subject or an area she'd like to improve in next year? Are there books she would like to read?
- **Discuss how learning** doesn't stop at the end of the school year. One of the great things about the summer is the opportunity to learn things that aren't directly related to school. Help your child think about something she'd like to learn this summer. Would she like to learn a new sport? Would she like to teach herself how to paint? Would she like to learn a new language? Together, make a plan to help her achieve her goal.

*Source: Elementary School Parents (May 2015, Vol.26, No.9)*

## Hot Dog Lunch - Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>



PAC will be providing free hot dogs. No need to order, they will be delivered to classrooms. Students will need to bring their own snacks and drinks for the day.

Thank you to our awesome PAC!



## 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.

## **Final Assembly – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

We are inviting family members, caregivers, and volunteers to our final assembly at 8:45am on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> in the gym. There will be a number of people to recognize (including our Grade 7 students who are “graduating” from elementary school), some special presentations, and a slideshow of photos taken throughout the year. We hope you can join us!

## **Last Day – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal**

As you know, the last school day is on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal is 3 hours earlier than usual (**10:58am**). If your child will not be attending on the last day(s) of school, please be sure to contact your child's teacher and arrange for collection of year-end items (school supplies, special projects, shoes and other personal belongings, report card, etc.).



## **Lost and Found**

We have several lost and found items. We will be spreading items out on tables in the foyer during the last week of school and asking students to identify items that may belong to them. Please take some time to look through the items that we will have on display. We will be donating any items left.

## **Visitors to EES**



During the school day, we have many visitors who come and go. We have noticed an increase in the number of people coming to the school to make a delivery to their child(ren), pass along a message, or check in with a teacher. We ask that you please report to the office and not go directly to your child's classroom during class time. If you need to speak with a teacher during the school day, we ask that you leave a message for them to contact you. Lunch and other deliveries can be dropped off at the office in order to minimize distractions during class time.

A reminder that for safety purposes, we need to know where every child is during the school day, therefore please make sure you sign out your child at the school office when leaving the school during the day. Students are required to sign back in at the office if returning to school during the day. Also, the school office must be advised by the parent/guardian if your child is not attending school. Please phone 250-248-8446 and speak with a secretary or leave a message on the attendance line.

## **Vice-Principal Performance Review**

This month, our Vice-Principal (Flo Wong) will be engaging in a performance appraisal as part of a new district-wide process for all principals and vice-principals. Information will be gathered from surveys, interviews with staff, parents, and students, and then used alongside her own reflections and her supervisor's observations to create a report, and to help her and her supervisor to set professional goals for the next few years. Ms. Wong is inviting you to be a part of this process by taking just a few minutes to respond to the questions in this survey and, if you like, adding a few comments.

The link below is attached to a Form only Ms. Wong's supervisor (Principal Sheila Morrison) can see, and she will be sharing data in chart form only and in comment themes without any names attached. Some quotes may be used in the report that goes into Ms. Wong's personnel file, but again, these will be anonymous and content will be paraphrased if the source is identifiable.

[Vice-Principal Parents and Guardians Appraisal Survey for Flo Wong - PARENTS](#)

Thanks for helping out. Ms. Wong really appreciates your time and your feedback.



### **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.

## 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.



## Six educational field trips to take with your child:

"I'm bored!" Do you dread hearing this phrase over the summer? Then start planning now! In addition to stockpiling supplies, such as books, recipes and games, schedule a few trips. Local educational destinations are often free – and fun- to visit! Consider going to:

1. **Museums.** Call or go online to check upcoming exhibits. Which would your child like to see most? Add them to your summer calendar.
2. **An arboretum.** Kids love walking through gardens, admiring flowers and learning about habitats. Bring a camera or sketchbook to capture the plants and animals.
3. **The zoo.** This trip is almost always a hit with kids. Before leaving, you might read about the animals you'll see. Talk about what they eat and how they spend their time.
4. **A fire station.** Call ahead to see if a summer "open house" is planned. If not, request permission for a special visit.
5. **An airport.** Simply driving by the airport is interesting. Can your child spot the control tower? Planes taking off and landing?
6. **Parks.** Find a guide to local parks and keep it handy. Consider visiting hiking trails, historic battlefields and more. Add a nature guide and maybe even some binoculars, and you're ready for an adventure any time!

Source: *Elementary School Parents* (May 2013, Vol.24, No.9)



## Fun activities can keep your child learning over the summer

When school ends, it's important for kids to remember – and build on – what they have studied all year. To make this fun, have your child:

- **Keep a journal.** Think about what will appeal to her. An album of photos and captions? A scrapbook of mementos and stories? Reviews of her favourite movies? A collection of drawings and observations?
- **Play board games.** Research shows they're good for kids' thinking skills and development of positive traits, such as patience, cooperation and focus. Pick games that match your child's age and interests.
- **Plan scavenger hunts.** Give interesting, educational instructions, such as, "Let's find an oak tree leaf." "Pick three daisies." Or "Find three things that are round." Remember, you can have a scavenger hunt anywhere, including in a store or on vacation.
- **Build on books.** After reading a story, consider turning it into a play, puppet show or art project. Reward your child with plenty of applause and praise!

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## 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](http://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.



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

June 23- Pizza

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

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

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).





## Introductory School Newsletter – Grades 1 & 2

### **Grade 1 and 2 Immunizations**

To make routine immunization more accessible to children, Island Health is trialing in-school immunization clinics for students in grades 1 and 2 at select schools. Some grade 1 and 2 students' parents/guardians will be receiving a phone call from a Public Health Nurse in the next couple weeks. Parents/guardians may provide consent or refusal for each/all vaccines during this call. Students will be offered immunizations in a school-based clinic with the consent of a parent/guardian. Public Health Nurses will be at **Errington Elementary on Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. The drop in clinic will be from **2:30-4:00pm**.

If you have any questions please call Oceanside Public Health at 250-947-8242.

## **EES LIBRARY NEWS**

**Term 2 Leadership Lunch:** We are celebrating our student leaders who have worked hard since February in our school. They'll be "driving thru" the library for pizza, juice and cookies on Thursday. Our sincere thanks to our student leaders who keep our school running! A special thank you to our Senior Leaders who have taken charge of many departments over this year, making sure students showed up for work, training new students and organizing many of our special events. We wish you the best of luck in high school and beyond!

**Library Closure for End of Year:** The Library desk will be closed for inventory as of June 19. We'll be busy getting all resources and books returned and prepared for next year. We ask that all students and staff return all of their materials by June 23rd. The Library Learning Commons will still be open for groups and classes to come and enjoy a story or play a board game until the end of the year.

**Access Some Cool Sites Over the Summer from Home:** As a School District 69 student, you have access to a ton of awesome resources this summer from the District website or via SD 69 District licensing. Go to the School District School Website: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/>

Click on **PORTAL** on the bottom right of the website.

- Sign in with your SD69 login – username is your student number, and password is your birthday. \*Note if you have changed your password this year to something other than your birthday, it will be reset to your birthday this summer.
- Click on **MY SITE**.
- From here you can access all the great sites that the District is providing for students and staff including Sora/Overdrive electronic and audiobooks, RazKids ebooks, Tumblebooks and more.

**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.schoolcashionline.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



## **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 Summer Events:**

- **Summer Reading Club 2023**
- **Teen Summer Challenge 2023**

**ACRA Summer Fun Challenge July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Creative Kids Summer 2023 at the MAC (July 11<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Qualicum Beach Triathlon June 25, 2023**

**BGCCVI FREE Parent Education Session - Parenting Without Power Struggles**

<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

<b>June</b>	29	Final Assembly & Gr.7 Recognition starting at 8:45 am
	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early (10:58am)