



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

As this will be the last formal newsletter of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, students, parents, and community for a wonderful year! It has been so nice to return to pre-pandemic activities and routines. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you and your children. It is now time to take a well-deserved break from school. Whether you plan to stay close to home or travel, I hope you have a safe, active, and memorable summer with your families.

The remainder of this newsletter is meant to share important information about our return to school in September.



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. If your circumstances change over the summer, please leave a message for us at EES.

Final Assembly – Thursday, June 29th

We are inviting family members, caregivers, and volunteers to our final assembly at 8:45am on Thursday, June 29th 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!

Please be reminded that we have a number of students who do not have parent permission for photos to be shared. If you are taking photos/videos at the assembly, we request that you do not post to social media any students who are not your own. Thank you for respecting the privacy of our families.

Last Day – Thursday, June 29th – Early Dismissal

As you know, tomorrow is the last school day. Dismissal is 3 hours earlier than usual (**10:58am**). If your child will not be attending tomorrow, 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.).



Staff Changes

As we complete our staffing processes, we have a number staff who are moving on to other places. We are saying farewell to Kim Bastarache, Laura Beaney, Martin Binet, Jeff Cormier, Missy Crane, Michele Gaudon, Amy Kazeil, Kenna MacLeod, and Alison Simonetti. We also wish to congratulate Roo Whetstone and Shirley Crawford on their retirements and to Jessica Huxter on the anticipated arrival of her first child and maternity leave! We wish all of our outgoing "Wildcats" well on their future endeavours and thank them for their time here at EES!



We would like to welcome the following people who will be joining our staff in September:

- Hilary Begin (Speech/Language Pathologist)
- Elaine Chandler (Educational Assistant)
- Jillian Hibbert (Educational Assistant)
- Brianne Hodgson (Educational Assistant)
- Sue Kozielecki (Learning Support Teacher)
- Karen Richards (Educational Assistant)
- Nicole Snazel (Early Childhood Educator)
- Paul Wright (Learning Support Teacher)



School Supplies

Detailed information about school supplies will be sent home with student report cards tomorrow. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 have a fee and teachers will purchase supplies. Students in Grades 4-7 have 2 options: either purchase their own supplies from the list provided OR order supplies through a local company. You may order online through Teacher's File at: <http://packs.teachersfile.ca>

Supply lists will also be posted on our EES website. Students will NOT need their school supplies on the first 2 days of school (September 5th and 6th). Please wait until Thursday, September 7th to send supplies to school.



Reconnecting Start in September

Please note that on the first day of school (Tuesday, September 5th), we will start at the usual time **(8:10am)** and students are dismissed **3 hours earlier** than usual **(10:56 am)**. School buses will also run 3 hours earlier than usual on that day.

Next year at Errington Elementary will once again begin the school year with a reconnecting start, which means that for the first days of school (September 5th and September 6th) students will return to the classroom they were in this year. For this time, we have planned both classroom-based and whole school learning activities. On Thursday, September 7th students will move to their new classroom. We believe that this gradual transition lowers the anxiety that for some students is associated with the beginning of a new school year. In addition, delaying the class formation process gives us a chance to create classes based on actual September enrolment, which significantly reduces the chance of a class re-organization once the school year has begun. Students will bring home a note to indicate which class they will go to for the year. If your child's current teacher will no longer be working at Errington Elementary School next school year, we will have a teacher with those students for the first few days. Students new to Errington Elementary will meet in the library on the first day of school. From there, they will be placed into temporary classes with their peer group for the first two days. Students who start Kindergarten this coming September will have a gradual entry. New Kindergarten students WILL NOT attend on Tuesday, September 5th and Wednesday, September 6th. They will be assigned days and will receive a letter from the school with this information.

EES Calendar of Events

September	5	School starts for Grades 1-7 students at EES. Dismissal is 3 hours earlier than usual (10:56am). Kindergarten students have a gradual entry plan that will be emailed in July.
	21	Tentative date for Open House/Meet the Teacher
	29	Photo Day
	30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October	2	Statutory Holiday (no school)
	9	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
	20	Provincial Pro-D Day (no school)
November	10	Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
	11	Remembrance Day
	13	Statutory Holiday (no school)
	14	Pro-D Day (no school)
December	1	District-Wide Planning Day (no school)
	22	Last day before winter break
January	8	Schools Re-open after winter break
February	19	BC Family Day (no school)
March	1	Pro-D Day (no school)
	15	Last day before spring break
April	2	Schools Re-open after spring break/Easter
	29	Pro-D Day (no school)
May	17	Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
	20	Victoria Day (no school)
June	27	Last day for Elementary students. Dismissal is 3 hours earlier than usual (10:56am)