



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

It has been wonderful to see so many parents coming in for parent/teacher conferences this week. If you haven't been able to schedule an appointment, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with all parents and can schedule an in-person conversation, a phone call, or a Zoom/Skype session.

The article below outlines the importance of building a bridge between home and school:

Studies consistently show that when families and schools form a strong team, students are more likely to succeed. They learn more and do better in school.

School has been underway for a few months, so it's a good time to think about the relationship you are building with the school. Answer yes or no to the questions below:

1. **Have you met** with your child's teacher at least once this year?
2. **Do you talk** with your child about school each day and review the information the school sends home?
3. **Do you monitor** schoolwork? If your child struggles with an assignment, do you ask the teacher how you can help at home?
4. **Do you make sure** your child gets to school on time each day?
5. **Have you reviewed** the school [Code of Conduct, Technology User Agreement, and other paperwork] together? Do you expect your child to follow school rules?

**How well are you doing?** If most of your answers were yes, you are building a strong school-family team. For each no answer, try that idea from the quiz.

*Source: Elementary School Parents  
December 2022  
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## Washroom Etiquette

We have noticed that the student washrooms are getting very messy each day. Toilets aren't flushed, urine is often on the floor in front of the boys' urinal, there are things in the toilets that should not be there (food and food wrappers, pens/pencils, etc.), and there is evidence that some students have been standing on the toilets and throwing wet paper-towel balls onto the ceiling. This has caused all sorts of issues and as we have had to close washroom stalls down during the day for cleaning, it reduces the number of toilets available for student use throughout the day. It also causes additional time to clean in the evenings when the custodial staff should be concentrating on cleaning the rest of the school properly. We are very concerned about the state of the washrooms and have been monitoring them throughout the day. We hope that you will help by reminding your children about responsible washroom use.

## **Inclement Weather and Clothing**

Our cold fall/winter weather is 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.



## **Snow**

We saw our first little blast of snow last week!! We wanted to send out a reminder about our expectations around sledding. If we have a significant amount of snow accumulate, we will allow students to slide down the hill to the field. We only allow this during recess and lunch breaks (not before or after school) and we only allow students to slide down on a sliding device and they must be wearing snow clothes (waterproof pants and coat, boots, gloves, etc.)! Our expectation is that snow has to cover the ground completely (no grass showing) in order to slide. We will set up a coned area for the students to slide down and expect them to wait until previous sliders have exited the area before sliding. We ask students to walk back up the hill on either side of the coned off area.

We do allow students to bring items to slide on, but please note that they are not accepted on the school bus and they are not stored inside the school. Teachers will be asking students to leave their sliding devices on the walkway outside the classroom during instructional time. Please make sure your child's sled is labelled clearly with their name!

Please also take caution and drive slowly in the lower parking area. There is a slight incline that tends to get slippery.

## **Winter Safety**

There are many things we can do to prepare for a safe fall and winter season. Our weather is certainly getting more extreme, and for many areas of our province, winter weather can be harsh. Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous, which is why it is important to plan ahead to stay safe and healthy. The article attached includes a comprehensive safety checklist. Please [click here](#) to view the tips from the National Center for Environmental Health.



## 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.

### **School District 69 is hiring school bus drivers.**

Come help us deliver the future!  
Minimum Class 2 License with Air Endorsement Required.  
For more information go to [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca)





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

Friday November 25 – Chinese Food

Friday December 2 – Thalassa

Friday December 16 – Pizza

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

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

### **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.



## 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 publically. 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.



### News from Your Library

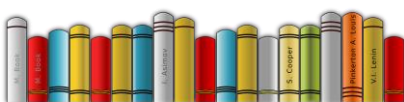
Welcome to another fabulous year of reading in our library learning commons!

**November District Food Drive:** Many of our District schools are working together this year on a District Food Drive, feeding families in our District. Your Leadership students ask you to bring in non-perishable food items, or a cash donation, to EES throughout the month of November. Our collection will be going to our local food bank. Thank you for supporting leadership programs in our schools, and helping feed our needy families this fall.

**Autumn Scholastic Book Fair Nov 16-22:** Books and stories bring us together! Book Fair will run from Nov 17 to 22 and teachers will be booking times to come and shop at the Fair during class times until Nov.22<sup>nd</sup>. Online shopping will also be available, the link will be sent out to teachers to share with families. Come have fun, buy a book and support your Library!

**Lost or Damaged Books:** Sometimes life happens, to our books too! If you have lost or damaged a library book, you can bring in a book that's in good shape and our students would like to read. **Thank you for bringing your books back!**

**Student Leadership:** Our student leaders are beginning to work in our school in many helpful ways: technology helpers, library pages, gym leaders, food and nutrition team, Blue bin group, Return It team, reading and math mentors. Thank you to our student leaders who work hard every day to make our school community a better place!



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:

**PQB News Story Contest (Deadline: Friday December 2, 2022)**

**SOS Fall 2022 Program Guide**

**Oceanside Community Track Fundraiser – Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<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#/>



SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

# FOOD FOR FAMILIES

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE**



**NOVEMBER  
1-30**

**BENEFITTING  
OCEANSIDE  
FAMILIES**

**GROCERY GIFT CARDS OR CASH ARE WELCOME**

This year, schools are coming together to support our community! Please make a donation of a non-perishable food item, grocery store gift card, or cash to your child's school by November 30th.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT 69 RESIDES  
ON THE TERRITORY OF THE QUALICUM AND SNAW-NAW-AS FIRST NATIONS

6 Sessions

**FIND OUT THE RISKS &  
WHAT PARENTS/CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW:**

Positives & negatives the internet provides  
Challenges for youth today  
Technology as a distraction  
Media over consumption  
Online predators  
Challenges for parents & caregivers  
How online information is collected & used  
Opportunities technology provides  
Data tracking & collection  
Privacy  
Personal online legal consequences  
Concerning signs to look for  
Sleep concerns  
Account management  
Exploitation  
Nudes & sexting



**ALL SD69  
PARENTS / GUARDIANS /  
CAREGIVERS / STAFF INVITED!!!**

(Intended for an adult audience - you do not need to sign up in advance to attend)

- ✓ A new Link & Password to each session will be added to the SD69 District Website (calendar) the week before the event
- ✓ A Recording of the session will be made available for 48 hours after each broadcast
- ✓ Attendees will be able to download The White Hatters FREE web book: *Parenting in an Online World*

Questions? Email: [sd69DPAC@gmail.com](mailto:sd69DPAC@gmail.com)

SD69 DPAC Welcomes

# The White Hatter

[www.thewhitehatter.ca](http://www.thewhitehatter.ca)

**Internet Safety & Digital Literacy!**

**Mark your Calendars!**

- 1 Thursday, September 22nd @ 7pm-9pm  
Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy
- 2 Thursday, October 6th @ 7pm-8:45pm  
Online Predation & Exploitation
- 3 Tuesday, October 18th @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Online Gaming - Concerns, Balance, Addiction & Opportunities
- 4 Thursday, November 3rd @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Online Pornography, Radicalization, Shaming, and Disinformation
- 5 Thursday, November 17th @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Supporting Youth Being Targeted by Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, Hacks, and Violence Online
- 6 Thursday, December 1st @ 7pm-8:30pm  
Teen Sexting, Nudes, Distribution of Intimate Images, and the Law



## EES Calendar of Events

<b>November</b>	16-22	Scholastic Book Fair (in the library) – runs until Nov.22
<b>December</b>	2	PAC Craft Night
	13	Grade 6 Immunizations
	15	WinterFest at EES
	16	Last day of school before the Winter Break
<b>January</b>	3	School Re-opens after Winter Break
	30	District Wide Planning Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>February</b>	17	Professional Development Day – <b>No School</b>
	20	BC FAMILY DAY – <b>No School</b>
<b>March</b>	17	Last day of school before Spring Break
<b>April</b>	3	School Re-opens after Spring Break
	7	GOOD FRIDAY – <b>No School</b>
	10	EASTER MONDAY – <b>No School</b>
	19	Scholastic Book Fair (In the library) – runs until Apr.25
<b>May</b>	18	Professional Development Day – <b>No School</b>
	19	Conferencing Adjustment Day – <b>No School</b>
	22	VICTORIA DAY – <b>No School</b>
<b>June</b>	29	Last day of school, ends 3 hours early