



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 7, 2022

## Principal's Message

We have a number of things coming up, so please read through this newsletter and take note of the dates on the attached calendar. We have planned our "Meet the Teacher" evening next week and hope to see a great turnout! Please see important information below about the event on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Your child's teacher will be a significant person in his/her life this year, so it's a good idea for you to build a positive, strong bond. That way, you can work together, share information, and head off any problems that may come up. The "Meet the Teacher" open house next Thursday is an opportunity to drop by and see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. Teachers will not be discussing your child's progress at this time. If you have questions or comments regarding your child's development, please contact the teacher to make an appointment at a different time.



## Calendar Dates

A reminder that school is not in session on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day), Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> (Conferencing Adjustment Day) and Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (Provincial Professional Development Day). Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled in November. More information to come in the next newsletter.

## VOICES OF NATURE CONCERT – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Concert and Open House is scheduled for next Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:45pm-7:00pm!**

We are getting excited about the special events planned for the next week at EES!

Beginning on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, two professional musicians, Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright, will begin to practice with EES students. For the past month our students have learned 6 songs on the 'Voices of Nature' theme and have been organized into primary and intermediate groups, as well as whole school songs. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week, Holly and Kevin will work with the students to choreograph a concert on Thursday evening, just before the Open House/Meet the Teacher Night. Selected students will also work with Holly to use their own writing to introduce songs in the concert. Students interested in singing a "solo" will have an opportunity to audition on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

On Thursday afternoon (October 13<sup>th</sup>), students will be dismissed as usual at 1:58pm. Students need to return to their classrooms at **4:30pm** to prepare for the 4:45pm concert. We recognize parking will be a challenge. Here are some parking options:

- Park in the lower lot, in marked stalls and along the side of the road.
- Park on either side of Fairdowne Rd.
- Park along Middlegate Rd. or at the end of Koepernick Rd. and walk through the RDN trail
- Park along Grafton Avenue. A shuttle bus will be available between 4:15pm-4:45pm to pick people up along the road and drop off at the front of the school. Just park and wave down the SD69 bus as it moves between the intersection of Grafton/Leffler and the school. It will be available again between 6:30pm-7:00pm to return to your vehicle.

The concert will be about 45 minutes. Gym doors will open at 4:15pm. After the concert, we will ask the audience to exit using the gym doors that lead to the basketball court at the back of the school. Students will return to their classrooms where the open house/meet the teacher part of the evening will begin. Please use the exterior classroom doors to enter and exit in order to limit the foot traffic in the hallways. Other activities planned for the evening include: A BBQ/Concession, located by the bike racks at the front of the building.

A "Free Store" will be located outside Room 9 near the Rainbow Playground at the back of the school. Shoes, clothing, and toiletry items will be available at no cost...bring an empty bag and help yourself!

Students who are in both our Band programs are encouraged to bring parents back to the gym at 5:45pm for an activity with Ms. Siedlecki.

Here are some important points to note:

- **Participation:** If you know your child will NOT be participating in the Thursday evening concert, please let your teacher or the office know. We need this information for stage planning purposes.
- **Student Dress:** For the evening concert, students should dress in dark pants or skirt and a solid bright colour top (no logos on the front please); t-shirts are OK. You don't need to buy something new! Our goal is to create a rainbow of colour on stage. If you don't have an unmarked bright coloured shirt, we recommend turning the shirt inside out to reveal the solid colour.
- **Seating:** We plan to hold the concert in the EES Gym. Seating will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. If you or a guest have mobility issues, please contact the office and we will reserve a seat for you. There is a chance we could have the concert outside if the weather continues to stay warm. If this happens, the students will assemble on the hill to the field and chairs will be set up on the field, facing the school.
- **Concession:** On the evening of the concert, our PAC will be hosting a concession of mainly Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob, and other goodies by donation.
- **Photos/Videos:** 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.
- **Health Note:** As usual, please stay home if you or your child are sick. This is our first "big event" since December 2019 and we want everyone to stay healthy!

This will be the first time we have been able to gather our community together for a school-wide event since the winter concert in December, 2019! We believe that this will be a terrific experience for our students and would like to thank the EES Parents' Advisory Council for their financial support to make this special event possible. We would also like to thank the EES staff for teaching the song lyrics to our students and for showing flexibility and commitment to help make this all happen.

If you have any questions, please your child's teacher or the EES office. Thank you!



## Picture Day

Concept Photo re-takes are scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Halloween

As you know, Halloween is on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are planning some safe, fun activities for students to do at school on that day. Thank you to our Grade 6/7 leadership club students for planning such a great day for our school community.



We have decided to once again allow students to wear costumes if they wish! Students may wear a costume on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. If your child does not want to wear a costume, we encourage students to wear black and/or orange. We do have some costume guidelines that must be followed to ensure everyone has a safe and fun day:

- Masks are NOT to be worn outside on the playground or in the hallways and washrooms. Teachers will give direction on the expectations in classrooms.
- No heavy make-up.
- Leave all costume "weapons" at home (swords, knives, guns, etc.).
- Bring a change of clothes (some students have PE class and may be asked to change if the costume interferes with mobility).
- Due to ongoing concerns about "Creepy Clowning", we ask that students avoid costumes of this nature.
- We have learned of a concerning Netflix series called "Squid Games" that many students have been watching and trying to copy. Please make sure your child avoids costumes portraying extreme violence.



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

Friday October 14 – Thalassa

Friday October 28 – Sushi

Thursday November 10 – Thalassa

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/>

## **Student Information Forms**

If you haven't done so already, please remember to fill out and return the student information forms that were sent home in a package a few weeks ago. These are annually updated and are required in order to keep our records current. The package includes a sheet called "Student Verification Form" (white form) and a sheet called "Student Health and Emergency Information" (green form). Even if there are no changes to your child's information, we still need you to **sign** those forms and return to the school as soon as possible.

## **Just Be You Club**



Once again, we will be starting up a "Just Be You" club for interested students in Grades 4 to 7. The purpose of this club is to create a safe space for students to build awareness and acceptance, create friendships, and develop leadership skills within our school community. Our school counsellor (Ms. Fernandez) will be facilitating this group. They will be exploring various topics of interest to participants. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact Ms. Fernandez at the school (250-248-8446).

## **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.

## **Questions parents can ask students about their day**

Here is a useful link to an article to support parents when asking their questions about the school day; other than the same old question..... "How was your day?"

<https://herviewfromhome.com/50-questions-to-ask-your-kids-instead-of-asking-how-was-your-day/>

## **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 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 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.



## **Inclement Weather and Clothing**

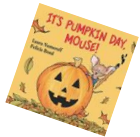
Although we have had sunny days, we know that soon the rainy weather will be upon us! It is extremely important for students to have appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor use, along with a pair of inside shoes to change into when inside the building. These shoes are also used for gym use. We 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



## News from Your Library

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

**Halloween Books:** We have our spooky books out and ready to take home! Come and check them out.



**Scarington:** Oct 31 is our Scarington event in the gym and costume day at EES! Our group of Grade 7 leaders will be decorating the gym and we'll welcome classes in to have fun at our spooky stations. Each student will take a treat bag home. **Happy Halloween!**

**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! We will be setting up our Book Fair on Wednesday Nov 16. Book Fair will run from Nov 17 to 22 and teachers will be booking times to come and shop at the Fair. We will be open after school on Monday Nov 21 from 2-3pm for Families to come and shop. Online shopping will be available, the link will be sent out to teachers to share with families. Come have fun, buy a book and support your Library!

**Legion Poster Contest:** If you are a fabulous writer or an amazing artist, our local Legion would like you to enter their contest! Click here <https://www.legion.ca/communities-youth/youth-education/remembrance-contests> or check with your teacher for more details.



Deadline is Nov 15.

**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:

### **SOS Fall 2022 Program Guide**

#### **Parksville Curling Club – Junior Curling (Ages: 10-18)**

<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#/>



SD #69 – Indigenous Education Program

# Newsletter

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School District 69 exists within the territories of Coast Salish People, and within the shared traditional territories of Snaw'naw'as and Qualicum First Nations.



**uy' skweyul!**

**Welcome back and we are looking forward to a great year ahead! Please watch for our newsletters**

School District 69 exists within the territories of Coast Salish People and within the shared traditional territories of Qualicum and Nanoose First Nations. For specifics on territorial acknowledgements at your school [CLICK HERE](#)

#### **Indigenous Education Staff**

##### **Indigenous Liaison Staff**

Linda Rabideau - Nanoose Bay Elementary  
Cheryl Beler - Ballenas Secondary  
Dallas Phillips - Kwalikum Secondary and CEAP  
Ros Shafi - Errington Elementary and Arrowview Elementary  
Carmen Forrest - Bowser Elementary and Qualicum Beach Elementary  
Rochelle Levins - Oceanside Elementary and Springwood Elementary  
Star Richardson – PASS, Bowser and CEAP Elementary

##### **Administrative Assistant**

Heather Redfern – Email: [hredfern@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:hredfern@sd69.bc.ca)

##### **hul'q'umin'um' language Staff**

Jessie Recalma

##### **Indigenous Curriculum Resource Teacher**

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##### **District Principal**

Rosie McLeod-Shannon – Email: [rmcleods@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:rmcleods@sd69.bc.ca)

>>> Our featured hul'q'umin'um' word for this newsletter is a word you can use much like the word goodbye.

huyéwulh - goodbye  
[Click Here](#) for pronunciation

\*Click the heading below to read the full story\*

#### **>>> Truth and Reconciliation Day**

Our Newsletter this month is focused on providing information and resources for Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30.



## Truth and Reconciliation Day>>>

### Reviewing the Calls to Action

#### Truth and Reconciliation

Although the entire document is about education, the calls to actions that highlight education are: Sections 6-12 and 62-65. Here is one example for you to reflect on:

62. We call upon the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to maintain an annual commitment to Aboriginal education issues, including:

i. Developing and implementing Kindergarten to Grade Twelve curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canadian history, and the history and legacy of residential schools.

### Resources

We encourage you to include books in your classroom and discuss residential schools in all grades. There are many great reading lists available, here is one with [suggestions](#).

Check out these websites for supporting learning on residential schools and the Class to Action:

[Project of Heart](#)

[Legacy of Hope](#)

[Carolyn Roberts](#)

**Witness Blanket Book** - By Carey Newman and Kirstie Hudson

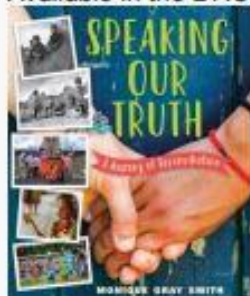
Available at [Strong Nations](#)



Artist Carey Newman created the Witness Blanket to make sure that history is never forgotten. The Blanket is a living work of art—a collection of hundreds of objects from those schools. It includes everything from photos, bricks, hockey skates, graduation certificates, dolls and piano keys to braids of hair. Behind every piece is a story. And behind every story is a residential school Survivor, including Carey's father. This book is a collection of truths about what happened at those schools, but it's also a beacon of hope and a step on the journey toward reconciliation. Recommended ages 9-12

**SPEAKING OUR TRUTH** – Monique Gray Smith

Available in the *DRC*



Canada's relationship with its Indigenous people has suffered as a result of both the residential school system and the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of those schools. Healing and repairing that relationship requires education, awareness and increased understanding of the legacy and the impacts still being felt by Survivors and their families. Guided by acclaimed Indigenous author Monique Gray Smith, readers will learn about the lives of Survivors and listen to allies who are putting the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into action.

FEATURING ERRINGTON RAISED  
**DAMONDE TSCHITTER**  
FROM THE SNOWED IN COMEDY TOUR



**COMEDY NIGHT**



**SHOW +  
DRINK + FOOD**  
**\$50**

**SHOW +  
DRINKS**  
**\$35**



**SHOW**  
**\$25**



**STAND-UP COMEDY**

October 15th Errington War Memorial Hall  
1390 Errington Rd, Errington, BC  
Doors open @ 6:30PM

**Presented by Errington Elementary**



Errington Fire Department

# OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Oct 15

10am - 3pm

Station # 1

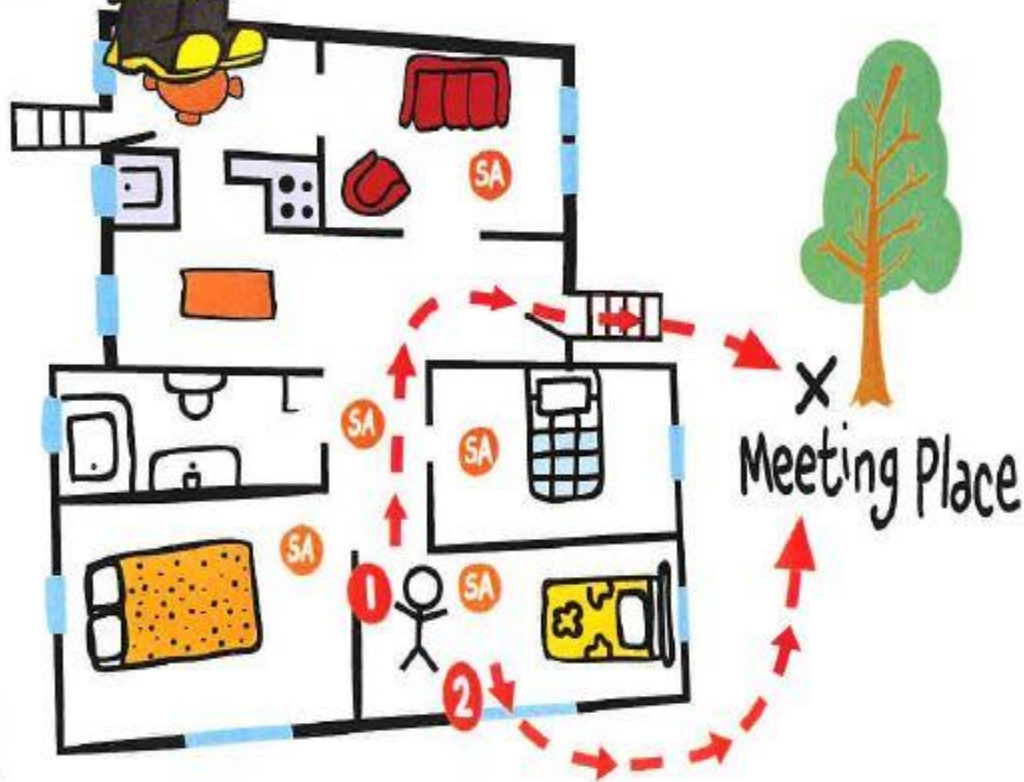
960 Errington Rd

250-248-5601

evfd.ca



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**Plan your escape.**



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[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org)

# ALL SOULS LANTERN WALK AND PUMPKIN TRAIL

FROM  
6:30 TO 7:30  
OCTOBER  
31



LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS  
AT THE SMALL HALL.

OCTOBER 19, 6:30 - 8:30PM

OCTOBER 23, 1 - 3PM

ADMISSION BY DONATION

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



ENTRY  
BY DONATION

BRING YOUR LANTERN CREATIONS  
TO JOIN THE WALK PROCESSION.

NO CANDLES PERMITTED.  
BATTERY LIGHTING ONLY.

## ERRINGTON COMMUNITY PARK

2022

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT PAY FOR THE REPAIR AND OPERATION OF THE ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL. THE HALL, THE OLD FIRE HALL AND THE COMMUNITY PARK ARE MAINTAINED BY THE ERRINGTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION, A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT SOCIETY AND REGISTERED CHARITY.

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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>October</b>	10	THANKSGIVING DAY – <b>No School</b>
	13	Meet the Teacher and Open House – 4:45pm to 7:00pm
	20	Conferencing Adjustment Day – <b>No School</b>
	21	Professional Development Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>November</b>	10	Remembrance Day Assembly – Time to be determined
	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – <b>No School</b>
	7-18	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Exact dates and times to be determined soon
	16	Scholastic Book Fair (in the library) – runs until Nov.22
<b>December</b>	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