



ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back! I hope you enjoyed the summer break with your children. As we commence another school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents, and a special welcome to those who are new to Errington Elementary. Thank you to all staff for their efforts to help promote a successful start-up. It was really nice to reconnect with the students this week and we look forward to the exciting months ahead – learning, growing, and staying healthy together.

As the students settle into their new classrooms, please remember that we are a team that supports your child – celebrating the good things that happen and working through the challenges together. We value the student-teacher-parent relationships we have as an important part of our learning community. We know that various situations or concerns come up from time to time throughout the year. Please contact your child's teacher if you have a question or concern. It is recommended that you leave a note, email, or phone message for your child's teacher to set up a suitable time. It is challenging to have meaningful and/or sensitive conversations at the busy drop-off and pick-up times.

EES Bell Schedule 2022-2023

8:10 am	Instruction begins	
9:45am	Morning Recess begins	
10:05am	Morning Recess ends	
11:35am-11:50am	Eating Period	
11:50am	Lunch Recess begins	
12:20pm	End of playtime, Instruction resumes	
1:58pm	Dismissal	
2:13pm	Students not picked up report to office	

Drop-off and Pick-up

Please note that 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.



We would like to welcome the following people who have joined our staff:

- Kerri-Anne Barbosa (Educational Assistant)
- Laura Beaney (Educational Assistant)
- Jeff Cormier (Educational Assistant)
- Amy Davis (Educational Assistant)
- Serena Douglas (Educational Assistant)
- Sheila Groome (Educational Assistant)
- Alison Simonetti (Classroom Teacher)
- Tabitha Smith (Classroom Teacher)



Picture Day

Concept Photos will be here to take individual and class photos on October 3rd. Mark your calendars!



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

Thursday September 29 - Pizza

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/>

Meet the Teacher Night

Mark your calendars! We are excited to plan a very special open house and “Meet the Teacher” evening on Thursday, October 6th. This will be the first time we have been able to gather our community together for a school-wide event since the spring of 2020! Our event will begin at about 5:00pm. Stay tuned for more details!



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.

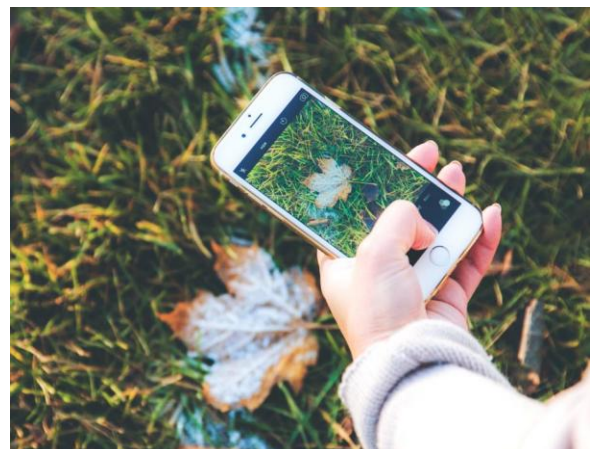
As always if you need any help navigating this system please feel free to call the office and they will be happy to help you.

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!

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.



EES Calendar of Events

September	26	Professional Development Day – No School
	29	Orange Shirt Day
	30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School
October		Terry Fox Run
	3	Photo Day
	6	Open House
	10	THANKSGIVING DAY – No School
	20	Conferencing Adjustment Day – No School
	21	Professional Development Day – No School
November	11	Recognition of REMEMBRANCE DAY – No School
December	17	Last day of school before the Winter Break
January	3	School Re-opens after Winter Break
	30	District Wide Planning Day – No School
February	17	Professional Development Day – No School
	20	BC FAMILY DAY – No School
March	17	Last day of school before Spring Break
April	3	School Re-opens after Spring Break
	7	GOOD FRIDAY – No School
	10	EASTER MONDAY – No School
May	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