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Halloween Delights and November Reflections



As the crisp autumn leaves blanket our surroundings and the scent of pumpkin spice dances in the air, it can only mean one thing - Halloween was upon us! It was that bewitching time of the year when ghouls, ghosts, and little superheroes come together for a spine-tingling good time.

Our recent Costume Parade was a fantastic display of creativity and imagination! From pint-sized princesses to daring dinosaurs, 8-foot chickens and Wednesday Adams a plenty. The joy and magic of dressing up were palpable, and it warmed our hearts to see the laughter and excitement radiating through the school.

As we transition from the whimsical world of Halloween to the solemn tones of November, our focus shifts to Remembrance Day and the profound significance it holds. This month provides us with a valuable opportunity to teach our young ones about history, sacrifice, and the importance of being peacekeepers. As we pay homage to the brave veterans who have selflessly served our nations, let's instill in our students a deep appreciation for the lessons of the past. May this season of remembrance inspire in them a commitment to fostering peace, understanding, and gratitude for those who have dedicated their lives to securing a better future for us all.

Don't forget to set your clocks back as Daylight Savings Time bids us adieu for another year. As we gain that extra hour of sleep, let's use it as an opportunity to recharge and embrace the changing rhythms of the season.



Today, we're announcing that starting from February 1, 2024, Mrs. Morrison will be transitioning to a full-time role as the District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare. Mrs. Morrison is excited about this new opportunity, and we're pleased to share that Lori Marshall will be joining the EES team as the new Principal, also starting on February 1st. Ms. Marshall currently serves as the Principal of Kwalikum Secondary School, a position she has held for the past 9 years. Over the coming months, we will be collaborating with Ms. Marshall to ensure a smooth transition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We also welcome Ms. Sandra Hamilton, Music Teacher, to EES as she fills in for Lucienne Siedlecki while on leave.

Hello from Your Library!

On Display: We have pulled many resources about Canadian military history, current issues and the role of Canadian peacekeepers. Did you know you can take a book out on your child's student card? Come on in and check it out!

Overdue and Lost Books: We'll be sending out notices next week to students. Please look at home and in class for books which are overdue - someone else wants to read them! If your book is lost, please bring a book of the same genre and good quality to replace it, thank you!

Fall Book Fair: Our Scholastic Book Fair runs Nov 23 to 28. PAC is holding a Movie Night on Friday Nov 24 and the Fair will be open, too! Come out and support our Library - there are many great Christmas gift ideas at the Fair. Online orders will also be available as of Nov 23.

SORA and Overdrive: Students can check out electronic books from the District's Digital Collection. Go to our school website at <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES>, scroll down and click on PORTAL, then login with your student ID and password. Click on SORA/OVERDRIVE and check out a book! SORA is available as a free app for your phone and iPad, too :)



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Grade 6 Immunizations

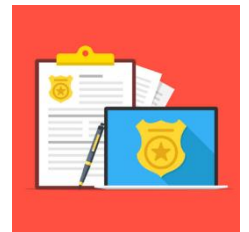
Immunization consent packages for Grade 6 students have been sent home. Please follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school as soon as possible. Students in Grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent/guardian/representative.

Island Health will be onsite for Grade 6 vaccinations on November 6, 2023.

Contact Oceanside Public Health Unit at (250) 947-8242

Online Police Record Checks Available for Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are an invaluable asset to our school community, enriching the educational experience for both students and staff alike.



In an effort to streamline the volunteer process, we're excited to announce that online police record checks are now available, making it easier for parents to actively engage in the school community.

Link:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: TL929DWR8C



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFO

Fall Back
**November 5, 2023
 at 2:00 am**

- Set your clocks back one hour.
- Check and replace smoke detector batteries.

KEY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 9 - Remembrance Day
 Assembly for students
- 10 - Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
- 13 - Statutory Holiday (no school)
- 14 - Pro-D Day (no school)
- 15 - Photo Retakes

DECEMBER

- 1 - District Wide Planning Day (no school)
- 22 - Last day of school before Winter Break

JANUARY

- 8 - School Reopens after Winter Break

FEBRUARY

- 19 - BC Family Day (no school)

MARCH

- 1 - Pro-D Day (no school)
- 15 - Last day of school before Spring Break

APRIL

- 2 - School reopens after Spring Break
- 29 - Pro-D Day (no school)

MAY

- 17 - Conferencing Adjustment Day (no school)
- 20 - Victoria Day (no school)

JUNE

- 27 - Final day of school - early dismissal

Daily Hot Lunch has started at EES

We are excited that our daily hot lunch program started this Wednesday. Our daily hot lunch provides students with several options throughout the week. This is in addition to the hot lunch options provided through PAC. Our PAC will continue to offer Hot Lunch on specific Fridays. Order for both programs will be done through Munch-a-Lunch, however, it will be through separate accounts.

Munch-a-lunch is **open** and ready for ordering for both lunch programs.

Please note that the ability to order lunches is a week prior to the date of the lunch.

EES Lunch Program (daily lunch)	EES PAC Hot Lunches (select Fridays only)
Errington School Meals If you already have a PAC account use: ADD Errington School	PAC Hot Lunches

Community Programs & Events

We get numerous advertisements for community programs and opportunities to include in newsletters. Please click on the link below to view the events/programs offered within the community - access is via the Qualicum School District Community Page:

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/>

Information for Families:

- [Family Accident Reimbursement Plan](#)



BALLENAS SECONDARY SCHOOL

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Wed, Nov 22

Come join us for family game night! This FREE event is fun for the whole family, complete with games, concession, music and more. All proceeds improve the education and nutrition of kids in Guatemala.

**GAMES | MUSIC
CONCESSION**

5:00-7:00PM | Nov 22nd

135 Pym St N, Parksville



Yath ósum
Always growing
Grandissons ensemble

Public Notice

Qualicum School District Considers Disposition of Property

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) is considering the disposition of property located at 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs, British Columbia (known as the former French Creek Elementary School). Specific details of the property are Lot A, District Lot 143, Nanoose District, Plan 15661.

Prior to making any final decision with respect to the disposition of this property, the Board is seeking community input as to the best use for this land and invites written comments from the public **on or before November 30, 2023**.

Comments:

Written comments can be mailed to:

ATT: Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer
School District 69 (Qualicum)
PO Box 430
Parksville, BC V9P 2G5

Or

Emailed to: ramos@sd69.bc.ca

Or

Dropped off to the School Board Office,
2nd floor; 100 Jensen Avenue E.; Parksville, BC