



EES Newsletter

November 2023
Issue #6

We are safe. We are respectful. We are responsible.

Spirit Day
Dates



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Honoring Heroes and Hitting the High Notes

As we reflect on the month of November, we are grateful for the beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony that took place recently. Despite a few technical hiccups that may have momentarily affected the clarity of our student MCs, the overall atmosphere was one of reverence and respect. Our students showed remarkable solemnity as they commemorated this important occasion, honouring those who have made sacrifices for our freedom.

On a lighter note, today marked an exciting event for our school community—the inaugural Karaoke Dance Party in the gym! Set to the catchy tunes of a Taylor Swift theme, our students showcased their talent, enthusiasm, and sense of fun. The gym was filled with laughter, music, and the joy of coming together as a school community. A special shout-out to our Grade 7 tech leaders who skillfully set up the equipment, ensuring a smooth and entertaining experience for all.



Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to many more memorable moments ahead.

Spirit Days @ EES

Thursday, November 23rd
"Wacky Tacky Day!" Creative and wild outfits- includes hair and hats.

Wednesday, December 20th
"Holiday Socks Day!" Wear your favourite holiday socks.

Thursday, January 25th
"Throw Back Thursday" Dress up from the 50s, 60s, 70's, 80s. etc.



Noticing and Dressing for the Weather

We are in the season of Yuxaytlthut, known as the "time before it gets cold", and our seasonal moon is tumk'waluxw, Dog Salmon Moon. It is a time when the rainy weather returns and the winds become unpredictable. The creeks and rivers rise enough for the Dog Salmon to spawn.

Our local Indigenous teachings inspire us to observe and understand the signs of changing weather. We encourage our students to be mindful of their surroundings and appreciate our interconnectedness to the environment. This awareness extends to their daily lives, especially as we experience the temperatures cooling.



Artist: Ocean Hyland
Qualicum First Nations

To adapt to the changing conditions, it's crucial for students to be well-prepared. We recommend suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities, along with inside shoes that double as gym shoes. As the temperatures drop, warm coats (with hoods), boots, hats, gloves, and umbrellas become essential components of their daily attire.

Despite the weather, our students continue to explore and play outdoors during recess and lunch breaks. We suggest students keep a spare change of clothing at school for unexpected situations. While we maintain a limited supply of spare clothing, having personal backups ensures that your child remains comfortable and ready for any weather-related surprises.

Fall Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair runs from 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. Please note that there is no virtual book fair this year.



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. Thank you to all our incredible parent volunteers for making a positive impact on the lives of our students!

Link:

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

Access Code: TL929DWR8C

From Kernels to Popcorners

As some of you may have noticed, the Kernels kiosk in Woodgrove Mall shut down recently. This was the source of our snack-sized popcorn bags that we have available for purchase on Wednesdays. Victoria's Kernels isn't able to ship large quantities at this time.

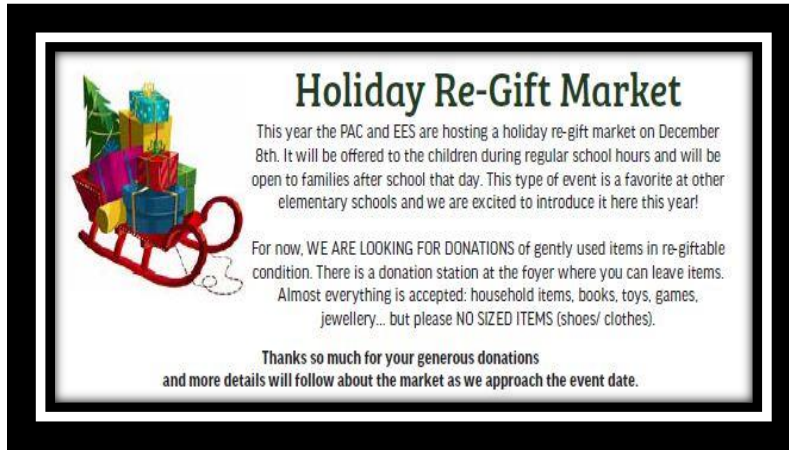
We will be changing over from Kernels popcorn bags to Popcorners.

For current and future cardholders, we will provide 2 bags per stamp.

To purchase single bags, the cost will be \$1.50

Three flavours are available:

- Sea Salt
- White Cheddar
- Sweet & Salty Kettle Corn Style



Daily Lunch available @ EES

Our daily lunch program is underway and while we have experienced some hiccups along the way in launching this new program, we are grateful to be able to provide meals at school for students.

Our dedicated PAC continues to offer Hot Lunch on specific Fridays. Ordering for both programs will be done through Munch-a-Lunch, however, it will be through separate accounts.

**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) |
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| 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](#)

KEY DATES

NOVEMBER

23 - Wacky Tacky Day - Spirit Day
 23-28 - Fall Book Fair in Library

DECEMBER

1 - District Wide Planning Day
 (no school)
 18 - Learning Updates go home
 20 - Holiday Socks Day - Spirit Day
 22 - Winter Wonderland Skating
 Last day of school before
 Winter Break

JANUARY

8 - School Reopens after Winter Break
 25 - Throw Back Thursday - Spirit Day

FEBRUARY

19 - BC Family Day (no school)
 28 - Pink Shirt Day + Assembly

MARCH

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

APRIL

2 - School reopens
 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



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