



# EES Newsletter

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

**Hello from  
Your Library**

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It's always an exciting time for us at Errington Elementary School when our students take on leadership roles and showcase their potential. Our senior leadership students have been hard at work interviewing junior leadership candidates for various positions within our school community. It's been incredible to watch these future leaders step up to the plate and take the initiative to support the next generation of student leaders.

What truly warms our hearts is the way our senior students have approached this responsibility with grace, wisdom, and encouragement. They're not just assessing skills and qualifications; they're also sharing their knowledge and experiences, guiding their younger peers towards success.

Seeing the genuine support and mentorship provided by our senior leaders is a testament to the strong sense of community and camaraderie that we cultivate at Errington Elementary School under the guidance of Ms. Janet Richards our Teacher Librarian. It's these moments that remind us of the power of positive role models and the potential for growth and development in our students.

Our student leaders are actively engaged in various essential aspects of our school community. They volunteer their time to serve as library pages who help with delivering technology carts where needed, returning books and shelving them. Student leaders also take on the role of end-of-day kindergarten helpers, offering help to our youngest learners in changing shoes and gathering their belongings to go home at the end of the day. Our student leaders play pivotal roles in the setup of technology and chairs for assemblies, ensuring that our school events run seamlessly. Their commitment to our weekly recycling program showcases their dedication to sustainability and responsible citizenship. These multifaceted contributions demonstrate the depth of their commitment to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment at EES.

## Hello from Your Library!

**On Display:** Come and check out our Halloween and Seasonal Rounds books. Did you know that families can take out books on their student's library card? Read On and Prosper!

**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!

**Student Leadership:** Our Leadership program is up and running. We've had more than 60 students apply for jobs within our school and are working on scheduling them into regular shifts. A very cool addition to our Leadership is our Nature Leaders program. Nature Leaders go on field trips or forest walks with classes and help students learn in the great outdoors. Our student leaders work all over our school and we are so thankful for them!



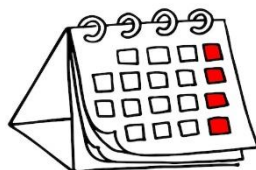
**SORA and Overdrive:** Students can check out electronic books from the District's Digital Collection. Go to our school website at <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/EES>, scroll down and click on PORTAL, then login with your student ID and password. Click on SORA/OVERDRIVE and check out a book! SORA is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

Ms. Richards and Mrs. Cook

## Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - October 25 & 26

Parent-teacher conferences will be hosted next Wednesday and Thursday at EES. These conferencing times are a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and collaborate to support their educational journey. To ensure that you get the most out of these meetings, please take a moment to sign up for your preferred appointment slot. Your active participation is instrumental in fostering a strong parent-teacher partnership and helping your child achieve their best. We look forward to productive and insightful discussions during the upcoming conferences and appreciate your commitment to your child's education.

To book an appointment, go to:  
<https://ees.parentconferences.net/admin/>



## Grade 6 Immunizations

Immunization consent packages for Grade 6 students will be sent home shortly. 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.

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

## 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.

# Emergency Preparedness & Drills

Unforeseen emergencies can strike without warning, often leaving us with minimal time to react to a significant disruption in both our personal lives and our communities. Schools, being prominent gathering places, bear a unique responsibility when it comes to emergency preparedness. Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff, as well as instilling confidence in parents as you entrust your child(ren) to our care. We have started practicing several scenarios with our students including fire, earthquake and lockdown drills so far.

Below are the dates and times of our scheduled drills for this school year. Please reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Month	Date	Time	Drill
October	10 (T)	11:35 AM	Fire Drill
	12 (Th)	9:30 AM	Lockdown transition to Fire Drill
	18 (W)	12:20 PM	Fire Drill (postponed)
	19 (Th)	10:10 AM	Big Shake Out-Earthquake with evacuation
November	7 (T)	8:20 AM	Shelter in Place transition to Hold and Secure
December	6 (W)	1:30 PM	Hold and Secure
January	16 (T)	12:20 PM	Shelter in Place
February	13 (T)	11:05 AM	Earthquake without evacuation
March	11 (M)	10:35 AM	Lockdown
April	9 (T)	11:25 AM	Fire Drill
	22 (M)	8:20 AM	Fire Drill
May	6 (M)	9:35 AM	Earthquake with evacuation
	21 (T)	9:15 AM	Fire Drill
June	TBD	TBD	Health and Safety Committee's choice

**Shelter in Place** is used when personal safety is considered to be in danger if anyone leaves the school. It is usually an environmental hazard or wildlife in the vicinity of the school.

- Exterior windows and doors locked.
- Free movement within the building.
- Remain inside until advised that conditions are safe

**Lockout** (also known as Hold and Secure) is used when it is necessary to secure a school because there is an emergency situation occurring outside the school. The exterior doors are locked and monitored to allow students and staff to enter but otherwise remain locked. Once inside, no one leaves the building.

- Exterior windows and doors locked and monitored.
- Students and staff may enter from outside.
- Classes function as normal.
- Remain inside until advised that conditions are safe

**Lockdown** is used to prevent intruders from entering occupied areas of a building or when it is necessary to isolate students and staff from danger outside or within the building. Situations include active shooters or dangerous intruders. Staff and students are restricted in their movement.

- Exterior windows and doors locked.
- Everyone inside
- All windows and doors locked.
- Lights off and everybody out of sight and silent.
- Ignore bells.
- Remain inside until advised by authorities that conditions are safe

# Canada Dental Benefit for Families



Have you heard about the Canada Dental Benefit?

The Canada Dental Benefit is designed to assist families with children under 12 whose adjusted family net income is less than \$90,000, and who do not have access to private dental insurance. This program enables eligible families to receive direct upfront payments of up to \$650 per child during each benefit period to cover oral health services.

The program is now accepting applications for the second benefit period, which aims to alleviate the out-of-pocket expenses related to dental care services incurred between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. This benefit offers crucial financial support, allowing families to begin addressing the basic dental care needs of their young children.

For more information on this plan, check out:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/dental-benefit.html>



## Daily Hot Lunch coming to EES

EES is excited to provide daily hot lunch options for students. 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)
<a href="#">Errington School Meals</a> If you already have a PAC account use: <a href="#">ADD Errington School</a>	<a href="#">PAC Hot Lunches</a>

## 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

### OCTOBER

- 20 - Pro-D Day (no school)
- 25 - Parent-Teacher Conference
- 26 - Parent-Teacher Conference
- 27 - Photo Day &  
Hot Lunch Day - Sushi

### 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



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## 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](mailto:ramos@sd69.bc.ca)

Or

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