



EES Newsletter

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

Farewell Message from Mrs. Morrison:

As we announced a few months ago, I will be leaving EES to expand my role of District Principal of Early Learning. My last day will be next Wednesday, January 31st.

It has been an absolute joy and honour to work with you, your children, and the EES staff for the past 6 years – with friends, neighbours, former students who have grown up and had children of their own, grandparents, newcomers, and long-time residents. I hold dear the positive connections made as we've shared triumphs and challenges together. I have truly enjoyed being part of this school community and feel very proud of what we have accomplished.

While I am looking forward to focusing on my district role, it will be hard to leave the day-to-day life at EES. I will make sure to visit when I am out and about and I look forward to seeing you around the community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My email address will remain the same (smorrison@sd69.bc.ca). I would like to welcome Ms. Lori Marshall, who will be joining Ms. Wong next week as the new leadership team at EES!

With much gratitude,
Mrs. Morrison

DJ Connor Takes the Stage at EES!

We have an electrifying event coming to EES this February 14th that's guaranteed to make hearts and bodies dance! We're thrilled to announce that the local sensation, 10-year-old, DJ Connor, will be spinning the beats and setting the stage on fire at EES for a special Valentine's Day Dance afternoon in our gym!



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DJ Connor in the
House

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Grade 8 Info
Sessions

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Winter Fun

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Dressing for the
Weather

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration is Open

Kindergarten registration is open! We are excited to welcome the incoming EES Wildcat cubs for the Fall of 2024!

To qualify for Kindergarten enrollment in September 2024, a child must become five years of age on or before December 31, 2024. Proof of Age for a student includes a birth certificate or passport. Check out the School District website registration page to see what else you might need.

Our district will be using the **MyEdBC online registration process for incoming Kindergarten students only.**

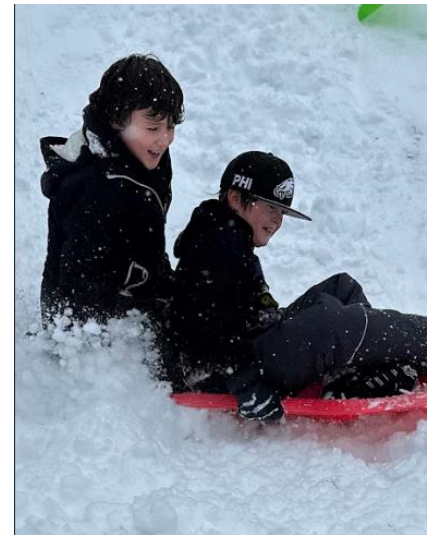
If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the EES office or contact us at (250) 248-8446.

All new students must register online with their catchment area school.

Information for those students wishing to attend a school outside their catchment can be found at link below.

If you know of any families who will need to be aware of this information, we ask you to please pass this along to them.

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Kreg.aspx#/=>



Snow Much Fun!

We had some wintery conditions last week. Fitting with the Season of Tum xutl, Cold Time. Students took advantage of the conditions and had a blast sliding down on our hill to the field. We warmed up in the afternoon with hot chocolate and warm baked cookies! Snowy days are the best!



Information Night for Grade 7s going to Secondary School 2024-25

Ballenas Secondary School and Kwalicum Secondary School are hosting their information nights for incoming Grade 8 students and families.



Ballenas Secondary School

Thursday, February 8th

6:30-8:00pm

Meet in the Auditorium @ 6:30pm for a special information session.

All Ballenas programs and departments will be on display throughout the school.



Kwalicum Secondary School

Thursday, February 15th

6:30-8:00pm

Meet in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

There will be an opportunity to:

- Learn about Kwalicum Secondary School and the Grade 8 program.
- Learn about the class selection and transition to high school process.
- Meet the administration and counselling team.
- Walk through the school.

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Social Media Awareness Sessions for Families

The Ministry of Education and Childcare have partnered with Safer Schools Together to offer family sessions.

[Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities](#)

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline

Click on this link to register:
<https://pages.saferchoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

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)
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#/>

RDN – REC Connect

RDN Recreation and Parks offers programs and services year-round.

Link: <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect>

Information for Families:

- [Family Accident Reimbursement Plan](#)

Legion Remembrance Day Contest

We are so proud of all our student contest participants for sharing what Remembrance Day means to them. EES wishes to recognize contest winners: Aaleyah – 1st place in Art, Anna – 2nd Place in Poetry, Olivia, Harmony and Sienna placed 3rd place in Art for their group entry!



KEY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Spirit Day - Throw Back Thursday
- 9 - KSS Jazz Band Concert
- 14 - Dance Party with DJ Connor
- 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



QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

During this time of season, inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. When snowfall or power outages have the potential to cause school closures, classes to be postponed, or School District bus services to be disrupted, alerts will be posted as quickly as possible on the district website (as power permits). The information will also be forwarded to local media outlets and conveyed through School Messenger*.

Before a decision is made about whether buses will be running, or schools will remain open or be closed, the Superintendent consults with the Director of Operations. These administrators take the current and forecasted weather into consideration, and are in communication with Highways Maintenance, our own crews, and other community members who can verify local conditions. District staff will be considering current road and weather conditions, and also whether schools have power. Freezing weather overnight may mean that conditions are hazardous for travel.

It is our intention to make decisions on whether or not buses or schools are operating by 6:15 am, and to have these decisions communicated to local media outlets by 6:30 am.

Parents/Guardians should continue to monitor their local media for any weather-related updates and the potential impact on school district operations (i.e. bus operations or school closures).

Parents/Guardians are also reminded to keep battery-operated radios handy and land line telephones plugged in to prepare for power outages. Since weather conditions can be very different in the various communities that make up our school district, we recommend parents/guardians exercise their judgement based on their own local circumstance when making the decision whether to send or drive their children to school. If a decision is made by the District to keep schools open but parents/guardians are concerned about safety issues, they are welcome to keep their children home.

***SchoolMessenger - Opt In/Out/Set Preferences**

Sign up for SchoolMessenger at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

or download one of the following apps on your phone:

Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/schoolmessenger-infocenter/id978894818>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolmessenger.recipient>

See also Administrative Procedure: Emergency Closure of Schools (Student) under Board Policy 708: Emergency Preparedness and Closures

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/Policies-and-Bylaws/Bylaws-Policies-and-Administrative-Procedures/700%20Student%20Services/708%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20and%20Closures.pdf>



Get ready for CELPIP

Come join free webinars aimed to help you learn about the CELPIP Test and component-specific skills and strategies.

Learn about the CELPIP Test for Canadian Permanent Residency and Citizenship in a collection of free online classes on zoom. Ask questions, get answers, receive component-specific exercises and get an in-depth understanding of the test.

Date	Time	Session
Tuesday, January 16, 2023	6:00 - 7:00 pm	CELPIP Get the Facts For test takers looking for an overview of the CELPIP Test
Wednesday, January 24, 2023	2:00 - 4:00 pm	CELPIP Listening For test takers looking for an overview of the listening component of the CELPIP Test
Wednesday, January 31, 2023	2:00 - 4:00 pm	CELPIP Reading For test takers looking for an overview of the reading component of the CELPIP Test
Wednesday, February 7, 2023	2:00 - 4:00 pm	CELPIP Writing For test takers looking for an overview of the writing component of the CELPIP Test
Wednesday, February 14, 2023	2:00 - 4:00 pm	CELPIP Speaking For test takers looking for an overview of the speaking component of the CELPIP Test

register online at: virl.bc.ca/calendar
Or scan the QR code

