

# John T. Errington Elementary and The Errington Learning Centre



Mr. Mike Murray, Principal

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Dear Errington Community,

It's not you, it's me! You may have thought that you have missed newsletters - you have not. I have been posting news events, etc. on our school website. If you are feeling out of the loop, there are many sources where you can find out what is happening at school. These sources are: the whiteboard outside our office, the bulletin board out front of the school, the television monitor in our front lobby, classroom websites, our annual parent calendar (paper copies were sent out in September and are available in our school office) and of course, through notices that we send home. The school website is: <http://errington.sd38.bc.ca>.



## Welcome to the Errington PAC

Our PAC held their monthly meeting last week on Thursday, April 28th. At this meeting, the PAC approved the purchase of a new water bottle filling station - to help reduce our environmental footprint and to promote students drinking water. The PAC also approved the launch of our Playground Fundraising Drive that began earlier this week.

Elections for PAC Executive positions will take place at our next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 26th at 8:45am. If you are interested in an executive position or just want to find out more about our PAC, please make plans to attend.

# Staffing Changes

## Congratulations Mr. Daum!



Mr. Daum, our Grade 5/6 teacher has been promoted to Vice-Principal at General Currie Elementary beginning July 4, 2016. While he has only been with us a little while, his contributions to the students in his class and our school community have been many. On behalf of the school, I would like to express our thanks and wish him the very best in his new role.

## Best Wishes Mrs. Wells



Mrs. Wells, our Primary ELL and LIF will be finishing with us today, as she goes off on maternity leave. We wish her the very best as she starts her family. We look forward to her visiting us sometime in June. Mr. Alan Holt has been hired to take over for Mrs. Wells until the end of this school year. We are pleased to have him on staff and joining the Errington community.

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## Student Class Placements 2016 - 2017



In the spring of each year, schools begin their planning for the coming fall. We have preliminary staffing meetings with board office personnel and look at possible scenarios for organization. As our school population varies from year-to-year, it is not possible to organize classes until the first week of school in September.

At this time of year, we begin to collect information about students from many sources to help us determine the best placement for all the children at Errington. This includes: information about children's strengths and needs, their social relationships, their interests, their learning styles, and previous placements.

Students are placed into classes by the principal after consultation with teachers. Should parents wish to describe the learning situation they feel best suits their child, or other factors that might influence placement, we ask that **a letter** be directed to the school office. **Please do not request specific teaching personnel as teaching assignments for the coming year have not yet been made and are seldom confirmed before September.** All request letters are shared with the teaching staff. All letter requests should be into the school office no later than Friday, May 27th, 2016. Thank you.

# School Information



**Progress in International Reading Literacy Study**  
Errington is one of schools that has been selected to complete the PIRLS assessment this year. Our Grade 4 students will complete two assessments - one written and one online. The assessment will take place next week. Individual student scores will not be made available. Our assessment will be used as data to allow for the comparison of Canadian education with other countries.



## Connect-Ed

In support of our Learner Profile, our students have been participating in Connect-Ed sessions again this month. As a quick summary, our vision for your children is to have them connecting to self, nature and the world. While we work on these connections throughout the school year, Connect-Ed brings them to the forefront. Connect-Ed sessions / days are very popular with our students.

## Welcome to Kindergarten - Wednesday, May 18th, 9:00am - 10:30am



We are pleased to be welcoming a number of new students and their families to the Errington School Community. Our new students will have an opportunity to do some activities in the gym with our teachers, while the parents meet with Mr. Murray in the library. Mrs. Marie Thom, our District's Early Learning Teacher Consultant will also be here to work with our incoming Kindergarten students.

**New this year - we have a new Kindergarten Handbook for Errington parents.**

# Yellow Curbs - Update

Earlier this year, we had a number of our parents ticketed by the City of Richmond for stopping beside the yellow curbs in front of the school and along Herbert Road. Since then, we have been working with the City to come up with a solution that is safe for students and is safe for the general public. Over the summer, the section of curb shown in this photo (right) will be painted grey - meaning you can stop here and wait in the queue to pick up students. This is the **ONLY** place cars will be able to do this. If there is no space on this section of road to enter the queue, you **MUST KEEP DRIVING ON HERBERT ROAD**, and come back around when there is space. If you **STOP ON HERBERT ROAD** (where the yellow curbs are), you will be ticketed by the City.



## Staff Parking Lot - New Chain

You may have noticed if you have visited the school recently that we have installed chains on both ends of our staff parking lot. This was not an easy decision and was not done to appear unwelcoming. Over the last few years, we have been dealing with:

- staff not being able to find parking in order to report to work
- damage to staff vehicles while parked
- local driving schools using our parking lot for practice
- illegal parking for student drop-off and pick-up
- after student drop-off, many vehicles speeding through the parking lot

Our hope is that we will be able to make this area safe for students and staff. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



## Donations for New Playground

We are very excited to announce that we will be installing a new playground at Errington during the summer and students will be able to use it when they return to school. As this playground will be here to serve this community well into the future, we are asking for donations to reach our \$100,000 goal by the end of June. The more money we raise, the better the playground will be. If you would like to donate or know of someone who would like to donate, donation forms are available on our school website <http://errington.sd38.bc.ca> or from our school office.

## Important Dates from Now Until the End of June

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 10 - BC Fruit and Veggie Day, PIRLS Assessment begins (Grade 4), Children of the Street Presentation (Grade 6/7)

Wednesday, May 11 - Connect-Ed (Intermediate)

Thursday, May 12 - PIRLS assessment finishes (Grade 4)

**Tuesday, May 17 - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00pm - Richmond Teachers' Association Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, May 18 - Welcome to Kindergarten 9:00am, Connect-Ed (Intermediate)

Thursday, May 19 - Steveston-London Fun Day (Grade 7)

Friday, May 20 - School Panorama Photo, Hot Dog Day, Primary Connect-Ed

**Monday, May 23 - Victoria Day holiday**

Wednesday May 25 - Connect-Ed (Intermediate)

Thursday, May 26 - PAC Meeting, 8:45am, PAC Hot Lunch

Tuesday, May 31 - BC Fruit and Veggie Day

Friday, June 3 - Hot Dog Day

Friday, June 10 - Connect-Ed (Primary)

Thursday, June 16 - Interest-Based Field Trip (Intermediate) - Kayaking Deep Cove

Friday, June 17 - Sports Day - **early dismissal 1:30pm**

Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day

Thursday, June 23 - PAC Meeting, 8:45am

Friday, June 24 - Recognition Assembly, 9:00am, Report Cards home

Monday, June 27 - Farewell Assembly , 10:30am, Grade 7 Dance, 1:00pm

Tuesday, June 28 - Errington Theatre, 9:30am, **early dismissal 2:00pm, Summer Holidays**

**Tuesday, September 6 - Welcome Back to School**