

John T. Errington Elementary and The Errington Learning Centre



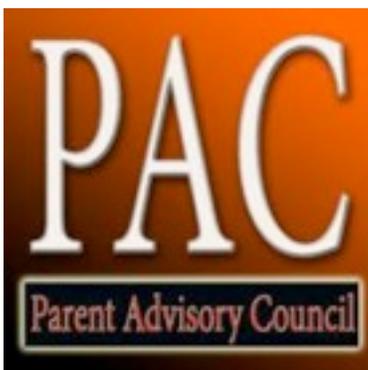
Mr. Mike Murray, Principal

Mrs. Debbie Tablotney, Trustee

November 1, 2015 Newsletter 1

Dear Errington Community,

No you have not missed anything - this is the first official newsletter of the year. It has been a very busy start to the school year - a good busy. We welcomed many new students and new staff to our school community. This year, Errington started the school year with the highest enrollment that we have seen in years! We currently have 237 students, including our 9 students at the Errington Learning Centre. Errington's popularity as a school is reflected in the very few spaces that we have available for new students - including those moving into our neighbourhood. As always, please do not hesitate to come in and meet with us with your questions



Welcome to the Errington PAC

Our PAC had their first two meetings of the 2015 - 2016 school year. At this meeting, there was valuable discussion around planning activities for the year. Mr. Murray spoke to parents about staffing, class placements, school closures, new curriculum and school goals.

At our October meeting, the PAC approved the purchase of a new sound system for our gym and made a donation to the BC DARE Society (that runs the Grade 5 DARE program).

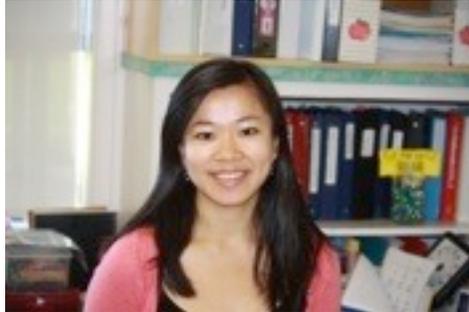
All parents with children who attend Errington are members of the PAC and are encouraged to attend PAC meetings. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 26th at 8:45am.

Staffing Information

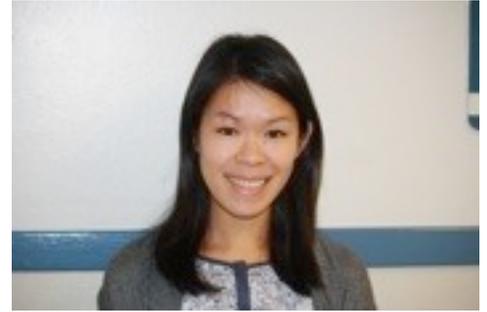
New Staff Members



Mr. Chris Daum - Division 3 Teacher



Miss Jeannette Poon - Division 4 Teacher



Miss Jenica Lee - Resource / ELL



Mrs. Lindsay Wells- Resource / ELL



Mrs. Alex Finlayson - Division 9 Teacher



Mrs. Deb Teramura- Division 8 Teacher



Mrs. Robyn Perrin - Educational Asst.



Ms. Kiran Jagpal - Educational Asst.



Mrs. Rhona Challand- Educational Asst.



Miss. Megan Kouwenhoven - Educational Asst.



Ms. Marianne Go - Strong Start



Mrs. Raquel Cornelsen - Educational Asst.

School Information



Newsletters Are Sent Electronically

This is the only newsletter that you will receive a paper copy of this year. In an effort to go green, save money, and to ensure that you receive information, we send all newsletters home electronically. At the end of this newsletter, please complete the Newsletter Slip and return it to the school. We recreate our email list each year and delete all previous email addresses, as we have many students who graduate and many who leave the school. As email addresses may not contain names, it is almost impossible to make updates. If you miss or do not receive a newsletter, you can also find them on our school website.



CREATING THE FUTURE ONE LEARNER AT A TIME

Parent Calendar 2015 - 2016

Our annual school calendar was sent home early in October. This resource is provided to help give you some important information regarding our school year. Early warning numbers, conferences, holidays and food days are some of the things that are included. Please take time to read the bottom sections each month as this information is also very important.

Interest-Based Field Trips



This is something **NEW** we are going to try this year and is in addition to class planned field trips. As part of our ConnectEd and working toward tailoring our curriculum and activities to meet the needs of our students, we are going to offer some “**Interest-Based Field Trips**”. Rather than a teacher taking their whole class on a field trip, the teacher picks the destination or activity, sends home a permission slip to students (eg. all Grade 4 - 7 students). The first 30 students to return the form to the teacher go on the field. The rest of the students stay at school and have a typical school day. The teacher going on the field trip has their class covered.

Strong Start

Errington's Strong Start Centre opened on Monday, September 14th. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Marianne Go as the coordinator for this year. Mrs. Reanne Sandhu is off on maternity leave for the year. We wish her well.

Strong Start is for families with preschool aged children (birth - five years). The program is open to everyone - registration on your first visit is required.

Strong Start is not a child-care provider - parents are expected to be actively involved with their children while visiting any Strong Start centre.

If you have attended any of our Strong Start sessions in the past, you know that this program is often full. We suggest that families visit once or twice a week and arrive early to guarantee participation.



HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday

12:30pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00am - 11:30am



New Security Measures at Errington

You may have noticed if you have visited the school recently that the doors of the school may have been locked. The school district is updating security at all of its facilities in Richmond and our school was just completed. All door locks are now automated and require key-scan identification to enter the building. With the exception of the front door, all other doors will be locked throughout the school day. The front door locks at 4:00pm

Getting Ready For the Big One!



The Great Shake Out took place at 10:15am on October 15th (10th month, 15th day). Our school, along with hundreds of other schools across the province, practised what to do in the event of an earthquake. As part of educating our students about what to do in the event of an emergency, we practice fire drills 6 times per year, earthquake drills 3 times each year and 1 lockdown drill annually.

Additional Information



Remembrance Day Assembly - Tuesday, November 10th, 10:45am

Our annual Remembrance Day assembly will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:45am. We take time on November 11th (11th month, 11th day, 11th hour) to remember and honour all of the brave men and women who served or serve our country currently. Please feel free to come and join our ceremony - Lest We Forget.



A Great Man, A Great Cause, A Great Tribute

Terry Fox, one of Canada's most well-known heroes, died 34 years ago from cancer. His dream to conquer cancer is still alive today which was proved by our school community's overwhelming response to our annual fundraising drive. Fueled by the opportunity to throw a pie at your teacher, or cut Mr. Jackson's hair, our community raised almost \$2700 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. It was such a great event that even the Richmond News came to cover our story. If you did not get a chance to see it (or the photos) please visit <http://www.richmond-news.com/community/in-your-face-teachers-1.2079388>



New School Website Coming

If you have visited our school website recently you will know it is in pretty rough shape - most elementary schools in the District are similar. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been receiving inservice and the District has purchased a new program for us to improve our websites and make them easier to update. Our new website will launch late in November 2015. We will send you a notice when it becomes live.

Places You Can Go For Information

There are many sources where parents and students can go, or check to find out information and upcoming events. They are shown below.



Student Planner



Notices



Outdoor Information Board



Parent Calendar



Week at a Glance - Front Lobby



Monitor - Front Lobby



Email



School Website

I Want Your Newsletter!

As stated on Page 3 and as in previous years, we will be sending home all of our newsletters by email. If you miss or do not receive a newsletter, you can also find them on our school website.

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