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Dear Edwin S. Richards Families,

November is here and snow is already in the forecast! Students performed well at the Clarke Theatre with Norman Foote in the Halloween Howl, and had great fun sharing their talent with the community. Now we are preparing for our Remembrance Day Assembly and the Christmas Concert, which is just around the corner. Here are some of items of interest for the month of November. Also, please find a November calendar attached which can be posted on your fridge for handy reference.

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to our students for participating in the Terry Fox Run this year. We surpassed last year's donation of \$357.00 and this year raised \$582.95 for Cancer Research. Thank you ESR students and families!

Cross Country

Thank you to Mr. McGrath, Mrs. Gariwa and Mrs. Adam for working with our cross-country runners. Our students ran well and demonstrated great sportsmanship during both events.

Basketball

Mr. Beckmann, Mrs. Gariwa, Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Falk are coaching our basketball teams at this time and are busy preparing for games.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, November 10th at 9:00 am. Parents are invited to attend, and any students involved in Scouting (beavers, cubs, scouts, etc.), Guiding (sparks, brownies, guides, etc.) or cadets are encouraged to wear their uniforms on that day.

Student-Led Conferences

Student led-conferences will take place on November 22nd from 2:30 – 7:30. You will notice several changes in our new report cards that reflect our new BC Curriculum. Please take the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and let them show you their classroom environment and their learning! Students take pride in their accomplishments and are eager to share what they have learned with their families.



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Book Fair

It's Book Fair time!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school from November 17th to the 22nd. It will be open each day after school and until 7:30 on Wednesday, November 22nd. Parents are also welcome to shop during the school day on Monday, November 20th while their children are in class.

Money raised at the book fair goes to adding more books to our Library and resources to our school. As much as 60% of our sales come back to the school as new resources.

In order to make our Book Fair a success, parent volunteers are needed. If you can help out, please sign up on the list hanging on the wall by the office.

Book Fair Hours

Friday, November 17	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday, November 20	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (and anytime during the school day for parents)
Tuesday, November 21	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, November 22	2:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Do you have little ones at home?

If you have a child attending Edwin S. Richards Arts Based Curriculum School and they have younger siblings at home, it is very important that you complete an Application Form for them to attend our school (this can be filled out as soon as your child has a Birth Certificate). As you know, all our classrooms are full and we have a new portable as well. Therefore, we encourage you to come to the Office with your child's Birth Certificate to fill out a School of Choice Wait List Application Form.

Ready, Set, Learn

Children who will be registering for Kindergarten next September are cordially invited to attend our Ready, Set, Learn event on Thursday, November 9th at 9:00 am. Come and check out the school, take a tour, and learn ways that you can help prepare your child for Kindergarten over the next few months. The event will take approximately one hour and your little one will leave with a new book to read.

Parking Lot

Our little green parking lot mascot was recently run over while standing guard on the crosswalk!

Please remember to take great care while driving in our parking lot. When dropping students off, please exit the parking lot so others can pull in behind you. The yellow curb is a no parking zone, so please do not leave your car or use that area as a place to wait for students to exit the building.

November Calendar:

The November calendar is a separate attachment which you can print off if you wish and hang somewhere for easy reference!

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PAC Meeting November 14th @ 6:45 pm

Please consider becoming a member of our PAC. Some of our PAC parents have children who are nearing the end of their elementary school career and will be leaving ESR soon. It is their hope that parents will become involved so that we may continue with many of the hot lunch and fundraising projects that are currently in place. Becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council is a great way to contribute. Children love to see parents in their school and becoming involved is a great way to support our school.

Outside Rainy Days

Living in a Coastal Rainforest means that we can experience many rainy days in succession during certain months of the year. Children need to be outside in the fresh air during rainy days just as they do when the weather is nice, so we will be outside on most days. *Please ensure your child arrives to school with clothing that is designed for play and the weather for those rainy 'West Coast' recesses and lunchtimes. Now that cooler temperatures will soon be here it is important to send your child(ren) to school with clothing designed to keep them warm and dry.*

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