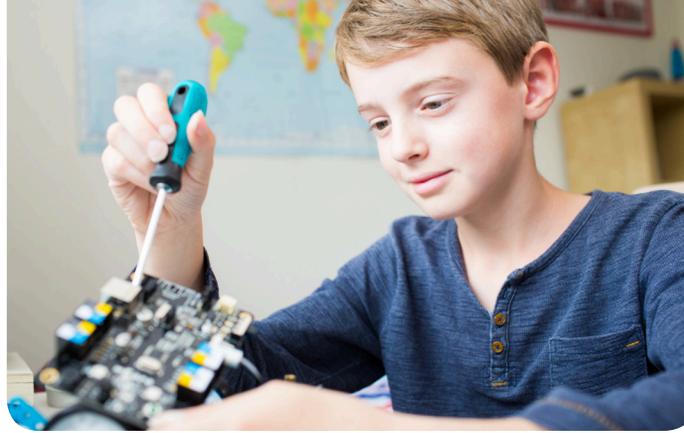


# ENTER Gr 6-7 Aspen Park Elementary



**Comox Valley Schools**  
A Community of Learners  
INNOVATIVE • INQUISITIVE • INCLUSIVE



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## Let's Talk Tech

The ENTER program (eCademy of New Technology, Engineering and Robotics) is an award winning blended learning program designed for kids who are sparked by tech talk. ENTER is a great option for kids who are naturally drawn to wanting to know how things work, what happens, and why. These imaginative learners typically enjoy interests that include computers, robotics, and engineering. ENTER uses science and technology as a vector through which the entire BC curriculum is delivered so that students can:

- Develop creative thought, independence and critical thinking
- Strengthen problem solving skills
- Experience social and emotional learning
- Work collaboratively with their peers
- Recognize their own value and the value of others
- Apply what they learn to real world issues and challenges

## Meaningful Connections

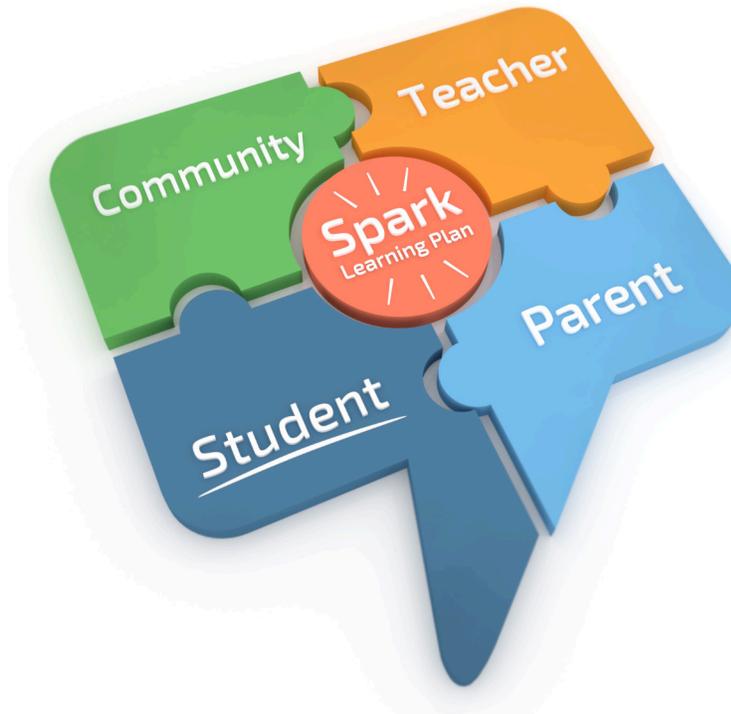
ENTER students share a unique sense of community and speak the same language in terms of their interests and passions. The interactive program engages students and motivates learning by appealing to their unique interests and including relevant content. ENTER is fully inclusive and students don't need to have a technical background to participate and thrive in the program. The format includes class discussions, group projects, and individual learning. A multiple learning partner approach provides a diverse peer group that builds confidence and rewards the process of collaboration.

## Building Community

The ENTER program is a learning partnership between students, teachers, parents, and administration. Parents are co-facilitators, providing a comfortable learning environment that supports access to resources and community opportunities. Parents and teachers work together to integrate community experiences to provide new learning opportunities. Student reviews are arranged at regular intervals to document progress, as required by the Ministry of Education. ENTER students can choose to join a District Robotics 71 team, which depending on competition results, may offer students opportunities to compete against other teams regionally, provincially and internationally.

## Diversity in Learning

Aspen Park Elementary's ENTER program is highly acclaimed and internationally recognized. Various learning cycles incorporate themes such as computer systems, robotics and digital game design, using technology as a catalyst for learning. Teachers guide students to explore new concepts and facilitate class discussions about big ideas. Students choose projects that will demonstrate their understanding of the idea and show how it applies to their world. But this program isn't just about tinkering with robots and playing with computers — it's a comprehensive academic program that engages your child through science and encourages independent learning and critical thought.



## Program of Choice

ENTER is a program of choice so enrollment fees apply and waiting lists do occur. Our blended learning program starts in September and is open to any students grade 6-7, regardless of educational background or experience with technology. Students receive three days a week of classroom instruction in the ENTER lab at Aspen Elementary School in Comox, and two days of blended learning at home. Based on a STEM focused curriculum (**science, technology, engineering and mathematics**) each learning cycle addresses specific concepts, and includes projects that are independent and collaborative.

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