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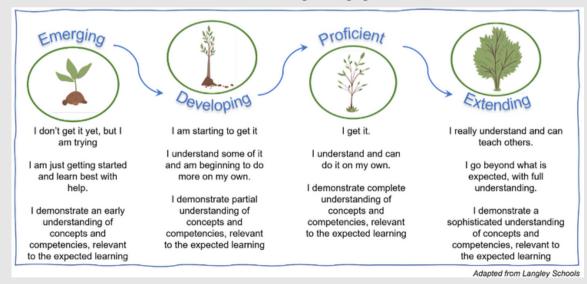
As this is the last newsletter of the 2022-2023 school year, I want to take a moment to thank each and every student, parent, volunteer, teacher, Education Assistant, staff, and community. Thank you for curating a learning environment that is inclusive, striving, joyful, and curious.

Stepping into this role in January was a surprise and a gift. Reflecting back, I am grateful to Elissa for her leadership, especially for all her tireless work in preparation for our MECC inspection in the Fall. Elissa continues to be an advocate for Evergreen and for inclusive education, and she continues to be an inspiration!

Our final theme for the school year will be Reflections; a time to reflect on all our successes, learning, events, and the people that made it all happen. We hope that families can bring healthy reflections on the school year to their dinner tables, hikes, and beach days, to create the space for reflecting.

Teachers will also be reflecting, and will be busy writing report cards over the next few week. It is a good time to review the province's guidelines available to parents and caregivers <u>HERE</u>.

If you have questions on the new competency scales, please pop in and have a chat.





SHOWCASING OUR SCHOOL

Are you on Facebook and/or Instagram? We regularly use these platforms to showcase our students' work, events, reminders, and updates. Please follow us on Facebook & Instagram. For those that have children at the school, we have a parent facebook group where we post updates, reminders and other school related info. Come join our *Parent Facebook group*!

For our alumni, including alumni parents, we have have an *Alumni Facebook group*, too!



GROWING OUR SCHOOL CULTURE

Brené Brown has shared so much of her incredible work on trust, including her <u>BRAVING</u> (link) Trust work. In particular, I want to share how over the last months I have been witness to our community working through change in a professional way. At times it has been difficult, at times it has been rewarding. At other times it has been inspiring. When we work together with generosity, integrity and accountability, we work to create the space we want our children to learn in.

Please continue to speak, share, inspire, challenge and grow with us while respecting other ideas and initiatives.

Brene Brown has a short (~10 min) <u>video</u> on her BRAVING inventory you might enjoy.





COMMUNITY CORNER

Summer camps season is upon us - and we'd like to share an exciting opportunity for Evergreeners and the broader community.

Minecraft to Bushcraft week long camps hosted at Evergreen! This camp will involve sime building in Minecraft, and time outdoors bushcrafting and building!

To find out more, and for registration information, please follow her Eventbright page <u>HERE</u>, and follow her facebook page <u>HERE</u>.

Other summer camp ideas can be found on the CVRD website <u>HERE</u>

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

The school calendar can be found on our website under *Parent Resources* (click link to go to calendar):

- June 5 Theme choosing circle
- June 6 Egg drop!
- June 8 Theme activity day
- June 9 Cobble Hill Hike ends at 12:00
- June 12 Final theme: Reflections
- June 16 Sports day ends at 12:00
- June 19 Graduation Dinner
- June 21 Report cars available
- June 23 Celebration day ends at 12:00
- June 23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- June 23 Beer & Burger at Arbutus Ridge





UPDATES

Evergreen Independent School is launching a community Accessibility survey to better understand the needs of our stakeholders to improve our inclusion practices. Please take a moment to complete <u>THIS</u> brief survey.

As part of our commitment to accessibility, we are also launching a new Accessibility Feedback Tool, an online form for submitting anonymous feedback about specific obstacles or barriers in our community. This can be found at <u>THIS</u> link.

Both of these forms are available in paper form, or in person as needed.

Later in June, these will be available on our website at evergreenbc.net/accessibility along with an Accessibility Plan based on your feedback.

GET TO KNOW US

I live in Cobble Hill with my husband and 2 teenage daughters, and as of this year both will be graduates of Evergreen to which I am thankful because their experiences here have set them up for success.

I originally began my career as an Early Childhood Educator which sparked my interest in supporting student learning. With various experiences in the field of education I have grown to have a particular interest in supporting students who access learning different from traditional methods. My passion to support neurodiverse learners has driven me to seek out more training. I am looking forward to taking my Orton Gillingham training this Summer and I'm excited to use this knowledge to support students with learning difficulties within our community.

My journey at Evergreen began 9 years ago where I have worn many hats including that of an educational assistant, classroom teacher, learning assistant teacher and as part of the inclusive education team. This year I had the privilege to support the development of our social emotional programming, another area of learning that I care deeply about. Delivering the Open Parachute lessons in each class has been a very fulfilling process.

I am thankful to have found such an inclusive child centered school to work in that is filled with like minded staff, passionate about whole child development and education.





