



GREENPAGES

*40th
Anniversary*



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

40 years! It is incredible to work out of the old school house, and to hold space for all the children who have studied here since the original building opened in 1915. Evergreen bought the building in 2003 and it remains the heart of our little school 20 years later.

Much like any parent seeing their child step out into the world, our founders have “handed over the reins”, and while not involved in the day to day, their inspirations, values, dedication, wisdom, and commitment to education lives on in our board, families, staff and students.

Evergreen continues to grow and evolve, to change with the needs of today’s children and today’s curriculum, preparing children for the future, and yet Evergreen’s evolution is through the lens of the values on which the school was founded.

We are grateful to those who have come before us, those that have given so much to make Evergreen what it is today. Likewise, we are grateful to those that commit so much to continue this legacy - parents, board members, teachers, staff and community.

While we are here today to celebrate the last 40 years, we now look forward and commit to Evergreen’s vision of education for the next 40 years!

Independent school education offers choice to families in this community, and to meet student’s needs in our community setting. That takes a great deal effort and commitment. We are here, in service to this vision, collectively, and to that we can celebrate!

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to October!

As the leaves begin to change and the air becomes crisp, we are excited to bring you a month full of exciting activities and gatherings. Fall is in full swing, and we have a lineup of events that will surely get you into the spirit of the season.

On October 4th and 18th we will have Pizza Days, where the kids can indulge in delicious slices of pizza with their friends leaving parents with one less lunch box item to worry about. Big thank you to Kayla Burrell for organizing this.

On Thursday, October 5th, we will be hosting Food Literacy in the Salal room; featuring a theme of The Brain. Students will expand their knowledge and tantalize their taste buds as we explore the connection between food and cognitive health.

Don't miss our Coffee Mornings on Thursdays, October 5th and 19th, where you can enjoy a warm cup of coffee and engage in lively conversations with fellow parents, board members and our Principal Lucien.

Mark your calendars for our Halloween Event on Friday, October 27th. Get ready for a spook-tacular evening filled with costumes, a haunted house, a forest ghost seek/find (less haunted, more cute), and of course, some warm treats. Volunteer for this event via Sign Up Genius or directly contact Colleen for pie making, and Angie for decorating and hosting.

Students will collaborate in cooking on Thursday, October 19th for Harvest Soup Day. They will have the opportunity to create and savor a delicious soup made from fresh seasonal ingredients! If you are interested in volunteering for this event, which will be held in the Salal classroom, please let us know.

Last but not least, join us for a Cleaning Bee on October 21st as we come together to spruce up our surroundings and create a clean, cozy and welcoming environment in preparation for the upcoming winter months.

We hope you have a fantastic month filled with fall festivities and Halloween fun. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements in the upcoming newsletters!

Best regards,
Agata Atmore, Vice Chair

*Calendar
&
Reminders*

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

The school calendar can be found on our website under [Resources](#) (click link to go to calendar):

- October 4 - Pizza Day
- October 5 - Food Literacy Day, Coffee morning
- October 6 - Half day, school closes at 12:30
- October 9 - School closed for Thanksgiving
- October 13 - School open in lieu, Sharing Gala
- October 17 Harvest Soup Day
- October 18 - Pizza Day
- October 19 - Coffee morning
- October 21 - Cleaning Bee
- October 26 - Theme Activity Day
- October 27 - Haunted Pie Festival
- October - 30 Theme #2 - Indigenous Arts
- October 31 - Halloween costume parade
- November 1 - Pizza Day

COMMUNITY CORNER

Many of our students have had the joy of working with Rupert Scow last year. They learned about carving, indigenous art forms, story, colour and shape.

Rupert has been working to complete a totem pole that will be raised at The Hub, Cowichan Station this month, October 15th.

Those that are keen to learn more, please visit cowichanstation.org/raising-a-totem-pole-at-the-hub



*Totem
Pole
Raising*

A LETTER TO EVERGREEN

A letter from Kent Dykstra - FISABC

Good morning, Evergreen:

I learned that Evergreen has a 40th anniversary. Congratulations!

On behalf of the Associate Member Society of FISABC, I wish to convey congratulations to Evergreen Independent School on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. Evergreen is a shining example of why the independent school sector in BC is an important part of our education system. Independent schools are diverse, connected to their communities and allow choice for parents who are seeking a unique educational experience for their children. It takes a lot of work and perseverance to operate an independent school -- especially for 40 years -- and I salute the dedication of both current and former board members, teachers, and support staff. May you continue to serve your students and parents in the years ahead, and enrich BC's educational landscape as you do so.

Kent Dykstra - President, AMS of FISABC

UPDATES & REMINDERS

As we head into variable weather, please send students to school with appropriate clothing, including waterproofs.

Our lost & found is located downstairs in the library. Please check it regularly. To help us, please label your child's clothing.

Through the province's Feeding Futures School Food Program Funding, we will be continuing our program of having snacks available to all students in Leslie's office.

Phone directory will be printed and in family mail slots (library) by October 6th.





 **CAMP CREINA**





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