



GREENPAGES

*Closing out
2023*



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

And just like that, we are wrapping up 2023!

2023 has seen a few changes at Evergreen, including changes in Principal, teaching staff and students. It has also seen the beginning of so many new and flourishing relationships and connections.

In 2024, Evergreen will be focusing on deepening relationships with our local First Nations, the Cowichan Tribes and the Malahat Nation.

A great resource is the First People's map of B.C. that shares language, arts, and communities across the province. Two languages continue to live in and around Cobble Hill; Hul'q'umi'num' and SENĆOŦEN.

Looking back, we have so much to be grateful for in our school. We are grateful to come to work & learn on the unceded, ancestral lands of the Quw'utsun and MÁLEXEŁ people. Our school's campus, including the forest, field and gardens continue to be an opportunity to learn from this land.

We are grateful for the parent volunteers that continually show up for cleaning bees, maintenance, food literacy days, library helpers, board and committee meetings, among the plethora of opportunities to support our tight-knit school community. It is essential for the operations of our group 1 funded independent, non-profit society school.

We are grateful for all the fundraising efforts over the last year that have supported the school financially, but also serve to provide rich community events, such as the Halloween party, BBQs, or the forest fun fair last May.

We are grateful for the teachers and staff that choose Evergreen to be a part of their careers. Who show up every day excited to be a part of the children's learning journeys.

We are grateful to all the students who come to school, learn, play and connect with our community! This is the ultimate reason we are here.

*Festive
season*



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to December, dear Evergreeners!

The holiday season brings a special kind of magic, and as we dive into December, let's reflect on the warmth and togetherness that define this time of year. It's an opportune moment for our students to embody the values Evergreen holds dear: kindness, compassion, and the importance of fostering strong relationships within our community.

On behalf of the board, I extend heartfelt wishes for an amazing holiday season to all our Evergreen families. May your homes be filled with laughter, love, and the joy of shared moments.

Speaking of joy, we have an exciting event lined up for our students - the Pancake Brunch, provided by the parents! Get ready for a delicious morning where we, the parents, will whip up our favorite pancake creations. It's bound to be a delightful experience for all involved, and a particular favorite for the students. If you are available Thursday, December 18 in the morning, please reach out to Agata to support this fun event.

And let's not forget Coffee Mornings every other Thursday. Dates are on the calendar. Join us for a warm cup of coffee and the chance to connect with fellow parents, board members, and our esteemed Principal, Lucien. These mornings are a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the bonds within our Evergreen community. It is a time to share ideas, suggestions, feedback, and your thoughts.

As December unfolds, may your days be filled with the magic of the season. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements in January's newsletter, as we continue to nurture the growth and success of our Evergreen family.

On behalf of everyone on the board, I wish you a fantastic holiday season and a joyous New Year!

Warm regards,

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Director, Evergreen Independent School

*Calendar
&
Reminders*

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

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

- December 7 - Food Literacy Day
- December 7 - Jingle & Jive fundraiser
- December 13 - Pizza day
- December 14 - Activity day at Cowichan Tribes
- December 18 - Pancake brunch
- December 20 - Maker Faire
- December 21 - Solstice walk & fire
- December 21 - Board meeting
- December 22 - Festive morning, school closed from 12:30 for Winter Break
- January 8 - School open

COMMUNITY CORNER

TONIGHT (Dec 7) Join Us for Jingle & Jive: Festive Music Bingo Night! Get ready for a night of festive fun at Jingle & Jive, where we're turning the classic bingo game into a musical extravaganza, hosted by the one and only MC Bexstar! Details [HERE](#).

Cari Burdett hosts Backyard Sessions: nature connection & ancestral skills classes once a month on Sundays. Details are available [HERE](#).

*Jingle &
Jive*



GET TO KNOW US

Marita Fyall joins our school as the Spruce class co-teacher.

I was drawn to Evergreen Independent School's community focus, engaging environment and inclusive nature. I am looking forward to being part of this close knit community.

Prior to moving back to the Cowichan Valley, I spent 35 years teaching in the Similkameen Valley. During this time, I taught students in grades K-7 French and provided support services. I raised my family, skied, boated, traveled, had a farm and "wrestled" with the occasional rattlesnake and cactus patch. I even took a year off to immerse myself in French.

Now that I am back home, I enjoy forest walks, time by the sea and visits with family and friends.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

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

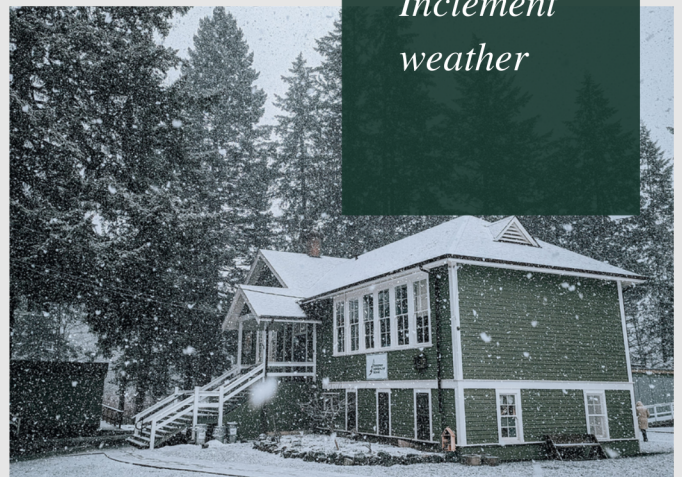
A reminder that *school closures* due to inclement weather are announced by 7am. We send out emails, update the website and our Facebook pages.

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.

*Welcome,
Marita!*



*Inclement
weather*





GOLDSTREAM PARK

