



GREENPAGES

*Turning
Inward*



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This time of year, between the harvest season & Thanksgiving festivals and the winter festivities, is a moment of turning our focus from the outward bounty of summer, the joy and exploration that summer light brings us, towards an inner, self-light.

As the leaves fall, bringing nutrients back to the earth, the plants begin to store nutrients for their seeds for the future. It's the time of year to plant bulbs while preparing the garden for winter. For me, part of this preparation is to begin thinking about my goals for the future, and to plant seeds of commitment into my work.

It is a time for inner reflection, for resting and finding a stillness that allows a deeper connection to what and who are important to me.

This inflection point in the year is always a moment for pause, to reflect on the start of the school year, and begin to look inward into myself. I enjoy finding quiet crafts to do with my children, moments of building gentle curiosity, moments of peace, reflection and tranquility. As it is darker at breakfast and dinner times, we rekindle our routine of lighting a candle on the meal table. We light the fire after school in our living room, and we find time to rest, read, paint, and play together.

The next few months tend to become busy, overbooked, and can be rushed. The excitement of winter break, festivals and holiday celebrations can tend towards a frenzied time for some. But returning to the gesture of a quiet focus, an intention to build peace into our day is what I keep in mind when planning these busy months. And so, after a long term, I encourage others to help their children find moments of rest, reflection and tranquility as the shorter, colder days arrive.

*Coming
Together*



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Thank you for all the parent work to get this school year up and running! Thank you for the work bees, food literacy days, board work, committees, parties and celebrations! The involvement from the parent community is the foundation for the student's success.

Parental involvement is critical to the success of any educational institution, and this holds particularly true for a small not for profit school like Evergreen. Parent volunteer work plays a large role in the mission and operations of the school, enhances the quality of education of students, and builds a strong sense of community. It can come in many forms, from work bee maintenance days, to fundraising, to board work.

By actively participating in volunteer work, parents can gain insight into their child's educational journey, understand the curriculum in more depth, and establish meaningful relationships with teachers and staff. Parents bring a wealth of diverse perspectives, experiences, and skills, that can greatly enrich the educational setting.

By positively engaging in school activities, parents are able to form relationships with one another, and can create their own supportive network. It fosters trust, collaboration, and mutual support, creating an environment where everyone can work towards a common goal; the success of every student and the continuation of Evergreen for future generations.

When parents volunteer at Evergreen, they demonstrate to their own children the importance of giving back to the community, and engaging in their education. It opens dialogue with their children about their school experiences and provides insights into their academic and social development.

Parent volunteering is of profound importance. It strengthens the bond between home and school, contributes to a supportive learning environment, and brings diverse perspectives and expertise together to build a stronger community.

Warmly,
Dave Gluck - Director

*Calendar
&
Reminders*

UPDATES & REMINDERS

As we head into variable weather, please send students to school with appropriate clothing, including waterproofs. This includes updating their **extra clothing** from summer to winter clothes!

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

If your student is **absent or late** (after 8:45), please check in with Leslie to let her know. This is an important part of keeping accurate student records.

Bottle Drive - Please bring in all you (and your neighbor's) empties before 1pm on Wednesday November 8 to support our school's fundraising targets!

Save the Date! Get ready to celebrate the season with us at **Evergreen's Holiday Party!**

Date: Thursday, December 7th

Mark your calendars for a night of festive fun, good company, and holiday cheer! More details to follow, so stay tuned for all the exciting updates. You won't want to miss this jolly event!

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

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

- November 2 - Coffee morning
- November 5 - Daylight Savings Time
- November 8 - Bottle Drive, burger hot lunch
- November 9 - Remembrance Day celebration, Photo retake day
- November 13 - NO SCHOOL
- November 15 - Pizza day
- November 16 - coffee morning, board meeting
- November 17 - SCHOOL OPEN
- November 22 - Report cards available to sign
- November 23 - Student-led conferences
- November 24 - non-instructional day, Student-led conferences
- November 28 - Skating
- November 30 - Goldstream Park trip
- December 6 - Burger hot lunch
- December 7 - Food Literacy Day



*Evergreen's
holiday
party*



 **FOOD LITERACY**





HAUNTED BASEMENT

