



GREENPAGES

Welcome to
2024!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the Winter term! It has been so wonderful to greet each student this week, and connect with parents and families.

After a successful Fall term, I am looking forward to connecting with the community over the next months to deepen our students experiences. There are many opportunities coming up to engage with, and support our school. We have the General Meeting where one parent from each family is present, a work/cleaning bee, open houses, Winter soup day, Greek food literacy day, theme activity day, community ski day and so much more!

Having time to reflect on our community over the winter months reminded me to share an overview of the school's structure again. For me at least, it is important to review this so that I am able to stand into my work, both as the principal, and also as a parent!

Society members - The parents, caregivers, and guardians who make up the diverse families at EIS, represent the roots, reaching out for nutrients to sustain the tree (organization).

Elected board - executive and at large - Represent the main themes and ideas brought by the society. The deep, strong roots to feed the trunk and ground the tree. They keep us connected to the past, our school biography, while striving to support the school as it moves into the future. The board holds the responsibility for the financial plan, policy and processes, and the vision & values of the school.

Board chair - Guides the board and is the link between the society and the educational realm via the Principal. Oversees the board work, creating a safe space for our society to create the vision & values for our students.

Principal & Admin - Oversees the educational realm of the school with close links to the board and chair. Provides for the needs of the staff and students while upholding the requirements of the Independent School act, and MECC policy.

Teachers and EAs - Are the connection to the student life, bringing the vision & values, BC curriculum, our themes, virtues and school culture to life.

Students - Are the reason we are all here - to enliven and draw out from within them their innate gifts, guided by the vision & values as set out by the society and board.



School Structure

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

All the best to the Evergreen Community for a Happy New Year!

The turn over of the calendar has us looking forward to many fun and exciting events yet to come this year as well as looking ahead to next year and beyond.

Our January General meeting will take place on Wednesday January 17th at 7:00pm in Spruce classroom. We will be discussing parent run committees and upcoming events, one parent from each family is expected to attend.

The best advertising tool we have is recommendations from our families, sharing why you and your family love evergreen and how it has benefited your children, can ensure we have strong enrollment for next year.

Our first open house of the year will take place Feb 5th, 6-8 pm and 6th, 9-11 am, please invite anyone you know looking at options for JK to grade 7.

Our Annual ski trip to Mt. Washington will take place on Friday Feb 17th, all society members, their families, friends and Alumni are welcome to attend.

Skiers and boarders of all abilities will enjoy this fun filled day, families can also make arrangements to go tubing or snowshoeing.

In February the board will be meeting to revise our strategic plan, all society members are welcome to attend and share their ideas for Evergreen's future. Date to be announced.

It's official the international timber framers guild is coming to Evergreen! The guild will be building our new accessible playspace and ramp to the main building in July. There will be lots of opportunities for the community to support this project so stay tuned as this exciting project comes to life.



EVERGREEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
PRE-K TO GRADE 7

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, February 5 6-8 pm &
Tuesday, February 6 9-11 am

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Open House

*Calendar
&
Reminders*

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

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

- January 11 - Board meeting
- January 16 - Skating
- January 17 - General Meeting for all society
- January 25 - Science activity day
- January 31 - Greek food literacy day
- February 3 - Work Bee/Cleaning Bee
- February 5 - Open house 6-8 pm
- February 6 - Open house 9-11 am
- February 13 - Winter Soup day
- February 15 - Theme Activity day
- February 16 - Community Ski Day

COMMUNITY CORNER

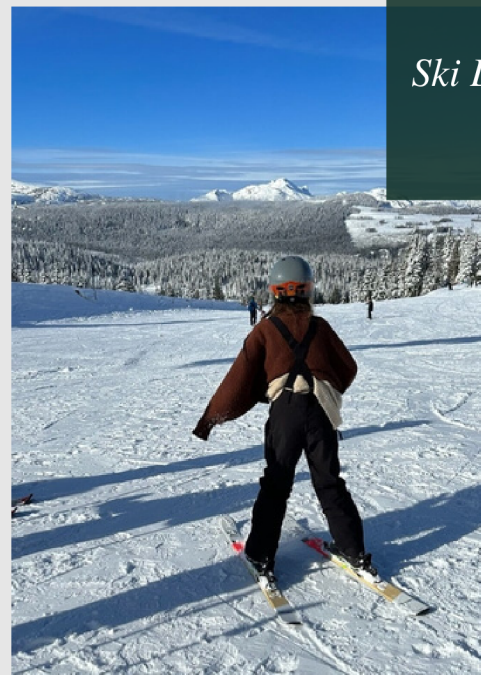
Thank you! Coastal Community Credit Union for their significant donation to our school to deepen our work with students by working with external OTs and SLPs.

Community Ski Day - Friday, February 16

This is an opportunity for families, students, siblings, alumni, and friends of Evergreen to spend a day together up at Mt Washington.

Scotch Broom Workshops with Ingrid! A set of workshops where we learn and play with making coil baskets out of scotch broom. Details on [Eventbrite](#)

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



Ski Day!

GET TO KNOW US

Hello Evergreen community!

My name is Jon Parker and I am a new Education Assistant at Evergreen. I have recently completed schooling to become an EA and was lucky enough to have a practicum at Evergreen. I was able to get to know a lot of the children over the four weeks I was there and am very excited to start working in the Arbutus room.

A fun fact about me is that I just returned from a trip to the Philippines with my family of 5. We had lots of adventures, and we were lucky enough to swim with turtles!



Welcome,
Jon!

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.



*Inclement
weather*



 COOKOUT





 **MAKER FAIRE**





 PANCAKE BRUNCH

