



# GREENPAGES

*Building  
Community*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Building community and celebrating the importance of strong relationships, includes teaching students to prioritize their loved ones and the well-being of those around them. We have a strong focus on social-emotional learning at Evergreen, from regular sharing circles, conflict resolution skills, embedded SEL curriculum, and support from SLPs working directly with students and classes.

Beyond the classroom, we recognize that maintaining and sharing our facilities is key to providing playful places for our local community. Families, groups, teams and more come to use the pavilion, forest, field, and playgrounds regularly, as well as the Castle Care after school care program.

Something new this year has been reaching out beyond our campus, and making connections with the Sacred Cedar Centre, situated on Cowichan Tribes land in Duncan. Evergreen is situated right in the heart of Cobble Hill, on unceded lands that have been lived upon for time immemorial by both the Hul'qumi'num & SENĆOŦEN speaking people, including Quw'utsun and MÁLEXEŁ people. This new outreach aims to build warm relationships that will allow our students to learn from those that know this land best.

Recently, all students in kindergarten to grade 7 spent the day at Sacred Cedar Centre. They sang, drummed, created cedar roses, learned about the garden and native species, and played Hul'qumi'num bingo to learn indigenous names for local fauna. It was such a beautiful day, with gentle learning. We have our next trip booked for May.

We are so grateful for this growing connection with Hwiemtun and his colleagues. Their skill, knowledge, kindness, warmth, and relationships with our students are incredibly valued.

*Community  
School*



Outdoor activity occurs every day, in the form of physical education, gardening, local hiking field trips, and community involvement projects like community clean ups or learning days with educators from Cowichan Tribes.

Having so much time outdoors stimulates a sense of wonder for the natural world, as well as fostering creativity and hands on learning experiences which often engage all their senses.

A uniquely tight-knit community, Evergreen is run on the efforts of its families, who contribute volunteer hours at board meetings, cleaning bees, fundraisers, and seasonal fairs throughout the year.

Dave  
Director of the Board

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Inclusive, holistic, and rich social-emotional learning is the mandate of Evergreen Independent School, a rare gem in the Cowichan Valley that aims to provide accessible independent education to local families.

Situated on several acres of land with a historic wooden school house (circa 1913) at its center, the grounds feature gardens, outdoor sand play areas, playgrounds, wooded areas, and a covered pavilion, creating a rich and varied environment where immersive outdoor learning and play is emphasized and an appreciation for the natural world and a sense of responsibility in preserving it is cultivated.



*2 acre  
campus*

*Calendar  
&  
Reminders*

## CALENDAR & REMINDERS

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

- April 5 - Sacred Cedar trip all day
- April 8 - Ready, Set, Learn!
- April 10 - Pizza day
- April 11 - Theme activity day
- April 17 - Earth Day at Cowichan Museum
- April 18 - Earth Activity Day
- April 18 - Board meeting
- April 20 - Cleaning/Work Bee
- April 24 - Pizza Day, Science Faire 3-5 pm
- April 25 - Science Day 8:30 - 9:30
- May 3 - Fun Faire set up
- May 4 - Teddy Bears, Treats & Treasures 11-4
- May 6 - Ready, Set, Learn! 9-11
- May 9 - Survival game

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### **Playful Places - Accessibility Ramp Project**

Anyone looking to get involved with this summer's major project, please review this [post](#).

### **May Faire - Teddy Bears, Treats & Treasures!**

Saturday, May 4 from 11-4.

Children's activities, live entertainment, vendors, plant sales, bake sale, and more await you! It's the perfect chance to shop for Mother's Day gifts while having a blast!

Don't miss out on this unforgettable day of family fun! See you there! details [here](#)

**Learning Different Educational Services**, promotes student learning and assists students in obtaining the skills necessary for them to learn with confidence and success, in a style and pace that works best for them. I've completed over 60 hours of Orton Gillingham training designed to help students struggling with literacy. I currently teach both Literacy and Numeracy skill development. If you want to learn more about ways your child could benefit, please email me (Tamara Service) at [LD.educationservice@gmail.com](mailto:LD.educationservice@gmail.com)



*Private  
Tutoring*

## IEP MEETINGS

*IEPs*



Families whose children have an IEP will need to book a meeting to review the IEP and set new goals. Each meeting is 50 minutes during which time we will review the goals and objectives, and potentially set new or updated learning goals and targets.

At evergreen, we strive to meet with each family that have children with IEPs at least twice per year. This deeply connects parents, teachers, EAs, SLPs, OTs and other team members to the child's learning journey.

## UPDATES & REMINDERS

Please remember to check in with Leslie if your child is late, needs to be picked up early, or is returning from an appointment, so we can record accurate attendance and ensure student safety.

Please check *lost & found*, downstairs in the library, there is quite the collection, especially of winter 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.

*Feeding  
Futures*

Supporting school food programs, so kids can focus on learning

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 **EVERGREEN CAMPUS**





 **FOOD LITERACY**

