



Evergreen the GREENPAGES



What's in a Name?

While a name is important, perhaps the better question is, what is in a logo?

A logo is a symbol that tells a story. It describes to the rest of the world what our business is about, and speaks to our function and our values.

We have an Evergreen logo. Tried, tested and true, our logo simple tree framing the school name tells a story of and strength and quiet virtue. That is who Evergreen is to many of us. However, if you were to ask students, those likely aren't the things that come to mind.

If you look up to the top of this page, you'll see a logo of sorts, and one inspired by a student at Evergreen. Eleanor illustrated the things she loves most about Evergreen. You can see flowers and trees, sunshine, and children playing. With her permission, we thought we might try out this logo for our Greenpages!



In this edition...

April and May have been busy months!

In this edition, we look back on Earth Day, Science Theme Activity Day, field trips, the Science Fair, and our first-ever Movie Night in the Pavilion.

But first, we have a some staff announcements!

Message from the Board

The Evergreen Board of Directors is very pleased to be able to announce the following administrative assignments for the 2022–2023 school year.

Elissa Barron will be returning as our Principal, now on a 5 year contract. Elissa has done an exemplary job in her role as Principal since December, despite many challenges that have been thrown her way. Lianne Clarke will be taking over the reins as manager of our early childhood program when Bianca Lenting retires in June. Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Bianca from our early childhood education program but we are hopeful she will come back to visit as well as offer her skills as a photographer. Bianca has been a part of Evergreen since completing her practicum here in 2009. She worked as an educational assistant, and later started our early childhood education program in 2013. I still remember how excited she was to start the program and bring wooden toys from Holland for the classroom. Bianca has brought that loving joy to her classroom everyday since and she will be greatly missed but we wish her all the best in her next adventures.



A Message from Lianne

It is with both excitement and sadness that I'm getting to write this bio as I have been appointed the EIS Early Childhood Manager as of September 2022. I have had the privilege of working alongside Bianca for the last 3 years here at Evergreen, and this wonderful, invaluable experience I will take into my new role. My passion for working with young children grew from coming to Canada from my home in New Zealand as a nanny in 1987 to obtaining my ECE licence in 1999 and I have continued to work in this field for the last 20 years. I get such delight in observing 3 and 4 year olds play and learn in a fun safe environment.

When I came to EIS I knew I had found a very special place, where children have the freedom to explore their surroundings in their own unique way. Jumping into puddles, building volcanoes and making delicious sand food for the teachers is what sandbox play is all about. I am so thankful that like all of you, I discovered this wonderful community. As I step into my new role in September as the manager my goal is to continue to provide many opportunities where our preschoolers can create, investigate experience, and learn about their world around them. If you need a smile, come poke your head into the Cedar classroom, or join us in the sand box making delicious cakes and other appetizing creations.

A Message from Elissa

I want to thank the Evergreen Board, staff and society for this honour. I have believed in the value of the Evergreen philosophy since joining the community when my own children started Kindergarten in 2008. After several years of active involvement on numerous committees and on the Evergreen Board of Directors, I joined the staff as an Educational Assistant, then as the Inclusive Education Coordinator. and later as a teacher. As I continue to study, practice and learn, I am more convinced of the value of the Evergreen philosophy; that it takes a community to raise a child, and when that community values the health, wellbeing and individual journey of each student, greatness is possible.

If you have any questions for me, either about my background, my education or my administrative direction, I invite you to get in touch with me. I am available to meet in person, by appointment, or happy to receive emails at principal@evergreenindependentschool.net.

Field Trips

Pacific Northwest Raptors

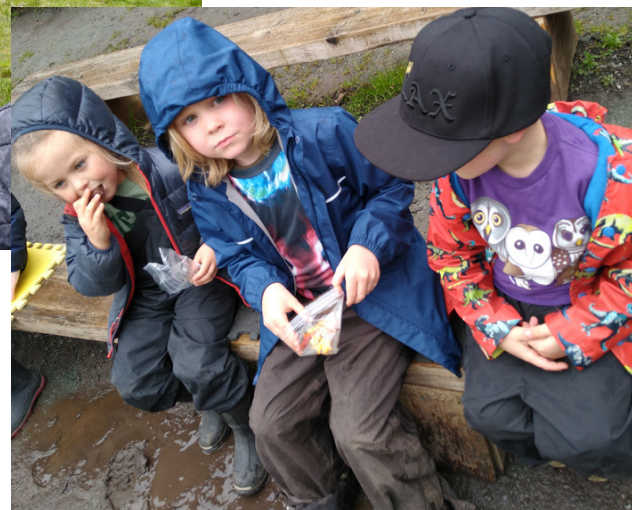
Field trips give our students access to a variety of exciting new learning opportunities and experiences.

We are thrilled to be back on the bus again, enjoying the gifts our valley has to offer.



Visiting the Raptor Center was a high point for many students and staff, despite the dreary weather!

Very few photos were taken, as we were too busy meeting the raptors and watching flying demonstrations.



This is not a picture from the Raptor Center, but looks a lot like Goblin, the Black Vulture, and one of favourite raptors from that trip!

Cowichan Bay Estuary



Pine and Fir classes participated in a program in Cowichan Bay. Students explored the multitude of creatures living in their tiny little plot of sand.



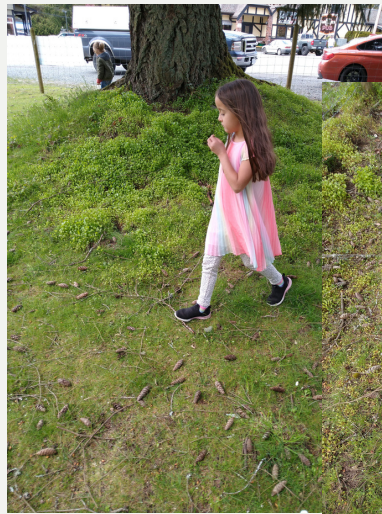
Field trips like these allow students to deepen their relationship with this place they call home, and to begin understanding themselves as stewards of the land and the ocean.



Events

Earth Day

At Evergreen, we value the natural world and strive to make a positive impact on the world around us. This Earth Day, A students celebrated by engaging in nature-based learning. From art out of doors to seed bombs, cleaning up the park, and making pledges to the earth, Evergreen students made the best use of their opportunities!



Theme Activity Day



Activity Days are an
Evergreen tradition.

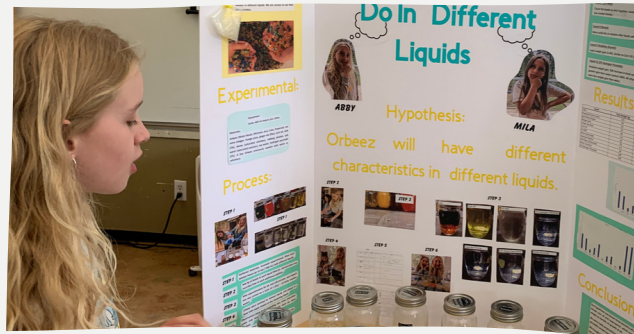
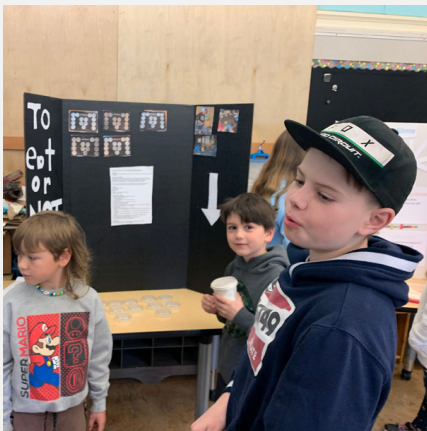
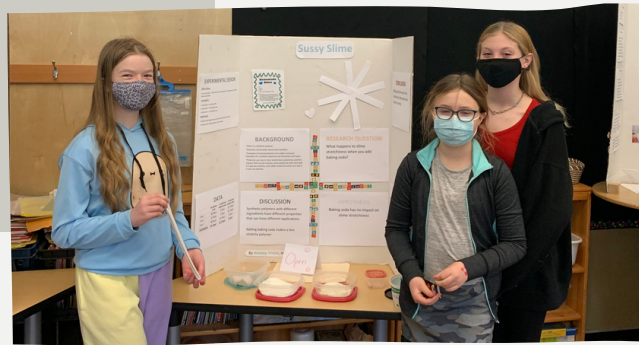
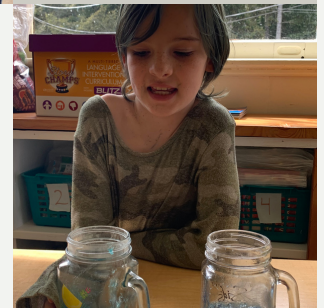
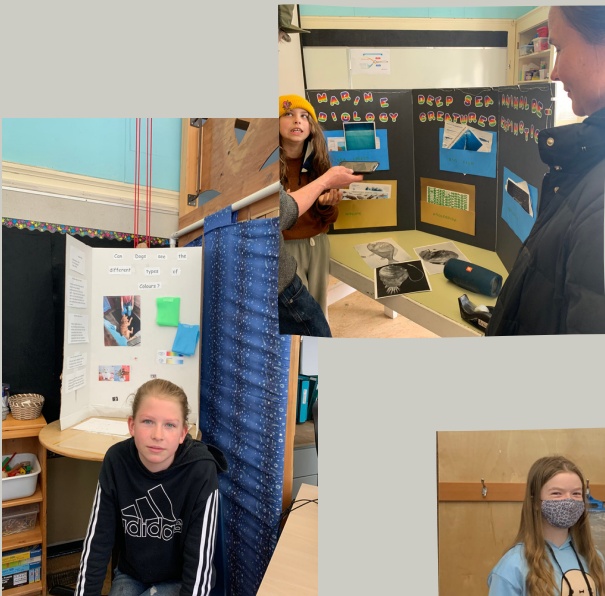
After a unit of themed
learning, such as
Indigenous Beginnings,
our most recent
theme...,



...teachers
organize a day of
activities that
celebrate and
recap some of
the learning
students have
engaged in.



Science Fair



Arbutus and Spruce students participated in Science Fair.

Students shared their projects on April 21-22 with family, friends, and other students.



Celebrating Community

Family Movie Night

Community truly is one of the key values of Evergreen. Traditionally, many annual events reflect that value. Through potlucks and picnics, camping trips, fundraisers and work bees, we see again and again that we are better together.



The past 3 years of separation have made it difficult to build the connected community that serves us all best.

Recognizing this, the Board wanted to find a way to gather some of our society together for some free, easy fun.

Evergreen Family Movie Night was born!

Thank you to the Board and the volunteers who made this wonderful night happen!



Upcoming Events



Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Thursday, June 2

Students are raising money for fieldtrips, and to support the playground project! Field trips include:

- Spruce year-end trip to Saltspring Island
- The Hangout & Fire Hall

Bring us your refundables before 9:00 am on Thursday, June 2. Early dropoffs can be stored in the Facilities Shed.

Move-a-Thon

Date to be Confirmed

Evergreen students can MOVE!

For this event, they will be moving for a cause. Once again, the students want to add to their Field Trip fund and help raise money for their new playground. More details will be coming home soon.



Evergreen Family Fun Fair



FAMILY FUN FAIR!

All proceeds towards our new inclusive play space

FREE GAMES

FOOD

Plant, Book,
Bake Sale

FAMILY
ACTIVITIES

Entry by Donation (suggested \$10/family)

May 29th • 11am - 4pm



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Just a little reminder that Sunday is the day!