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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

The Spring terms seems to go faster and faster every year. It will be September before we know it! If you have questions around what the Fall term will look like, please pop in and see me with at drop off or pick up. I will also be available Thursday mornings for coffee and a chat.

I have worked in schools for more than 15 years, and yet I am still inspired every single year, by every single student. I recently went home after a long day, made dinner for my family, and spent the entire dinner time sharing all the incredible, thoughtful, creative and imaginative science projects with my family. It was incredible to witness the curiosity and insight from our students, to experience their dedication to investigating, and teaching me about their research. While the students are the heartbeat of our school, the families, volunteers, teachers and administrators are tasked with creating the learning environment, curriculum and activities for our children to shine. Let's continue to work with our whole community to make this learning environment the best it can be to support students to be *their* best. It takes a village, and to that end, let's continue to guide this village to foster our school values:

Confident, Curious Learners: Encouraging a love of learning and the pursuit of knowledge, emphasizing the importance of being well-rounded, knowledgeable, and using creative problem-solving.

If you have ideas, offerings, suggestions, or feedback on how we can continue to provide the best for our students, please come have coffee with me! *Outdoor learning*



SHOWCASING OUR SCHOOL

Are you on Facebook and/or Instagram? We regularly use these platforms to showcase our students' work, events, reminders, and updates. Please follow us on Facebook & Instagram. For those that have children at the school, we have a parent facebook group where we post updates, reminders and other school related info. Come join our *Parent Facebook group*!

For our alumni, including alumni parents, we have an *Alumni Facebook group*, too!



A LOOK OUTSIDE THE CLASSROM

One of the joys of Evergreen is the opportunity to work and play with the students in new and different environments. A chance to see them learn, be curious, show new talents and skills, and to shine!

Evergreen students play and learn outdoors a minimum of 3 times a day, including recesses, PE, gardening, theme days, field trips and community clean up days. In April we spent an entire day playing and learning at Bright Angel, and in May we will be at Bamberton beach. Spruce class have a 3 day field trip to Salt Spring island, too.

These are among the ways we deepen our work with students in support of our core value: Promoting respect for our place of learning, campus, local community, and the environment, preserving the natural world for future generations.

Student Work, Reminders, & Updates



COMMUNITY CORNER

We are thrilled to host the Forest Fun Fair at Evergreen on May 5 and are excited to share the joy with these community vendors:

Hayes Glass Cowichan Valley Essential health & wellness Cobble Hill soaps Folklore chocolates Bris beads 4 paws CL designs Going Wild Wild n Kraie Designs Karen's Crafts Woodburning by Laurie Workshops with Ingrid **Rustic Annie** Flor & Canto Popsicles Kim's Gingerbread **Tender Paws** Martha Aguero Busy Bees bead works Augustine's The Delicate Flower truck Becca's beadworks **CSAG**

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

The school calendar can be found on our website under <u>*Parent Resources*</u> (click link to go to calendar):

- May 5 Forest Fun Fair 2-7 pm
- May 9-25 IEP & SSP meetings
- May 9 All school draw & share
- May 11 Survival game
- May 15 Ready, Set, Learn
- May 16 Sharing Gala
- May 22 No school
- May 23 Evergreen Society AGM
- May 24 Bottle Drive
- May 26 Bamberton Beach day
- May 29-31 Spruce Salt Spring trip
- May 31 Food Lit day (TBD)
- June 5 Theme choosing circle
- June 6 Egg drop!

Vendors at the <u>fair</u>







UPDATES

ECE

We have several upcoming events for our community to engage with. Firstly, on May 5 we welcome the community celebrate to the Evergreen Forest Fun Fair. 2 pm - 7 pm. Details can be found *here*.

Ready, Set, Learn: Bring your young children to get to know more about Evergreen's kindergarten program. We will have music, crafts, stories and snacks!

Ready, Set, Learn #2 Monday May 15, 9-11 am More details can be found *here*.

Bamberton beach day: Friday, May 26. Drop off & pick up will be at the beach.

Spruce Salt Spring trip: Monday - Wednesday, May 29-31.

GET TO KNOW US

If you want to say hi to me I mostly hang out in the sandbox area. I am the ECE teacher in Cedar class and have been at Evergreen almost 5 years. Spending time with 3 and 4 year olds is my passion; observing them begin to learn about who they are, and what they like to do inspires me to create a playful safe environment where they can play, imagine and become curious learners.

Yes I did go bungee jumping! Last May my dad passed away and I went to his celebration of life in New Zealand, where I lived until I came to Canada at age 22. I just happened to be in Queenstown which is where bungee jumping originated from and with a little persuasion from

my niece I did it. Outside of Evergreen, I enjoy hiking, swimming, and paddleboarding in the summer. I serve in my church community in the nursery and I'm a member of a group that connects and plays games with some of the indigenous children and their families that live in the Boys rd community in Duncan. Catching a sunset, seeing a waterfall and hearing the ocean waves crash onto the rocks is my happy place.















FITHEME DAY

