



Evergreen Independent School

THE GREEN PAGES

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This monthly newsletter, generally released on the final Friday of the month, is coming to families a little early. This newsletter provides valuable information about upcoming events and activities, school-related reminders, and updates from the Board.

Important Message from the Board President

The 4-Day School Week

In response to the feedback received from families and staff, the board of directors has voted in favour to move the entire school to a 4-day school week for the 2022-2023 school year.

We are still working out the details of the calendar and the framework for Friday Out of School programming. To ensure we are providing necessary supports for all students, we will be sending out a brief survey for all families to complete.

We will have a brief question and answer period regarding the 4 day week during our upcoming general meeting, I kindly ask that questions be submitted prior to the meeting to boardchair@evergreenindependentschool.net.

If you have any specific concerns please feel free to reach out to Elissa or me.

Colleen O'Dell
Board Chair EIS

Upcoming Events

General Meeting

Our mid-year meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7:15 pm**. We will meet by Zoom (invitation to follow), and one member of every family is required to attend.

General Meetings are an opportunity and a responsibility. While this is an opportunity for families to be involved in decision making and remain updated on the operational status of the school, it is also a key requirement under the Societies Act. Please check your email for the invitation!

Open House

Our annual Open House will be held over two days:

- Monday, January 24, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 25, 10:00- 12:00 noon

The purpose of this event is to meet with prospective students and families, and answer questions. This year, staff will not be asked to attend as they would under normal circumstances. Instead, Administrative

staff and Board members will be on hand to give short tours. Tours continue the following morning from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. These will be delivered virtually.

Cleaning Bee

It is time, once again, for a Cleaning and Work Bee! Join us on **Saturday, January 22** between **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**; there is a long list of tasks to be completed, ranging from cleaning in individual classrooms, to larger construction and maintenance projects. Some tasks are small, others are grand, but every task is crucial to the overall functioning of our school.

Any questions can be directed to the Board, to Leslie at the front desk, or to Elissa.

All-School Skating

As you know, Evergreen Skating has been discontinued for the time being. Instead, we have booked two field trips for students from K-7, who will be traveling by bus. Junior Kindergarten students are welcome to attend with their parents, but Bianca and Lianne will remain at Evergreen with any students who do not skate.

The field trip dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, February 15, 12:30 - 1:30
- Tuesday, March 1, 12:30 - 1:30

Information and waivers will be sent out shortly!

Mt. Washington Ski Trip

The Evergreen annual *Mount Washington Ski and Snowboarding Trip* for school families and alumni is scheduled for **February 17th, 2021**. Information packages, including waivers, rental forms, have been sent by email, and printed for family mailboxes.

This is a Parent-supervised event, so be prepared to ski or snowboard with your child(ren). Staff and volunteers from the Field Trip Committee will be on hand to help connect students with their families, or answer any questions you may have.

Pizza Days

This Thursday is Pizza Day! Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organizing this student favourite

Reminders

School Closure Policy

It has been a wild year for weather, and it is a good time to review the School Closure Policy. Beyond weather, if ever there are too few staff available to provide safe care for students, or if significant numbers of students are away for a duration of time, temporary school closure may be recommended by the Ministry.

Standard process for school closure

- The Principal and Board Chair will make the decision regarding school closure by 6:30 am
- Announcement will be posted on the Evergreen website and Facebook Page
- Parents will be contacted by phone

If the school closes after the students arrive at school, parents will be contacted by phone to pick up their child. Students will be supervised at the school until such time that they can be picked up.

Dressing for the Weather

If it is safe to do so, Evergreen students like to be outside. Please send your student(s) with durable outdoor gear and spare clothes. All items should be labelled!

Masks

Kindly send your child with a mask; the school does carry a supply, but these are meant for parents or guests, or students who may have forgotten or lost one.