

EVERGREEN ECHO

SOARING TO GREATER HEIGHTS

EVERGREEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to the Evergreen Heights school community! With your support and generous donations, grade 7 students, with the help of the grade 6/7 class, were able to provide 360 items to Chrysalis House Women's Shelter and the Table Men's Shelter in Huntsville, and the Burk's Falls Food Bank. Many items went to local community members to ensure they had a merry Christmas, including a hot meal and gifts for family members. The packages delivered to the shelters were divided up and given to residents as part of their Christmas gifts. We are so fortunate to be part of such a caring community, and appreciate the leadership of our grade 7 students throughout this campaign.



Principal's Message



Happy New Year 2019!

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and fun-filled break, and took time to relax and re-energize.

Looking back at December, I congratulate all students and staff for an amazing Christmas concert. The talent, enthusiasm and joy in performing for you were evident in each of the class selections. We at Evergreen also thank our PAC members, the local Lions Club, Perry Township, Bullock's Independent Grocer and the many parents who donated time, gift items and financial support to make our Christmas bazaar and Christmas dinner such a resounding success.

Looking ahead to January and the upcoming year, we eagerly anticipate many new learning experiences, report cards, winter electives, and the start of cross-country ski club! I can't wait to see what our students do next! Happy January 2019!

Pamela Marshall Gray, Principal

KEEPING OUR EAGLES SAFE

Safe Arrivals

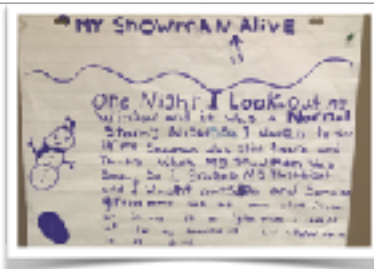
Help us keep your child safe. Please call the Safe Arrivals phone line when your child is absent: **(705) 636-9023**. A message can be left 24 hours at this number.

Spotlight: Hands

TheFamilyHelpNetwork.ca

Hands TheFamilyHelp Network.ca is an organization comprised of Child and Family Therapists, Youth Counsellors, Behaviour Therapists, Social Workers, Psychologists and many other health care professionals. They provide professional services in the areas of autism, child development, child and youth mental health, as well as adult developmental services, justice services and navigation supports. Hands can be reached online or by telephone at 1-800-668-8555.

For children and youth in crisis, please call them 24/7 at 1-844-287-9072.



Celebration of Learning at Evergreen!

Science North Visit

We were very fortunate to have Science North visit our school and invite us to participate in some engaging science experiments that taught us more about our 5 senses. We love hands on learning experiences!



Learning Continues During Inclement Weather Days

On days that buses are cancelled, our school is still open for learning. During these days, students participate in writer's workshop, math workshop, as well as other learning activities (e.g., physical education, social studies). During

one of these days in December and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, students in ELK and grade 1 participated in a read-aloud, listened to a peer share his wampum belt, and then used colours, images and symbols to represent their own lifelong promises (e.g., to be kind to others).

Collaborative Writing in the Junior Grades

Writers often collaborate with each other to generate ideas, write expressively and edit their work. The grade 5/6 class regularly co-author texts with a partner as part of a balanced literacy program. In December, students as a large group brainstormed ideas and titles for writing (focusing on holiday or winter themes), then collaborated in pairs to write a first draft. Students then had an opportunity to share their draft with their classmates during Author's Chair, during which their classmates mentioned elements of the writing they enjoyed, and suggested potential revisions or editing on which the authors might reflect.

Sports and Electives at Evergreen

Cross-country ski Club

The cross-country ski club will be starting in January. We are looking forward to getting outside and enjoying the winter weather. Junior/intermediate students will be able to ski on days 2 and 5 during the second recess break. We will put our training to the test when we participate in a classic race at Arrowhead Provincial Park on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019.

Those students who wish to use their own cross-country ski equipment are welcome to do so. Please ensure that all personal equipment is well marked with your child's name, and that you drop it off at the school as it cannot be transported on the school bus.

EQUIPMENT DONATIONS WELCOMED

Our cross-country equipment is stretched thin. If you or someone you know are able to donate any of the following equipment, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Poles, sizes 100 cm and 110 cm;
- Non-wax skis, preferably with an SNS binding system; and,
- SNS (binding system) profile boots sizes 36 to 40.

Winter Electives

Winter electives are approaching! Students in ELK-grade 3 will go skating at the Burk's Falls Arena. Grades 4-8 students will have the option to choose from outdoor activities at Tawingo Outdoor Education Centre or remaining at the school and participating in arts activities. A letter with more information will be coming home within the next two weeks.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

For anyone in our area with children born in 2015:

Please come to Evergreen Heights Education Centre to register your child for Early Learning Kindergarten (ELK) Fall 2019! We will be holding events as the year progresses in order to ensure a smooth transition for both you and your child to our school. Please come see us and let's get started!

FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (P.A.C.)

Thank you to everyone who helped with our events in December. This was much appreciated.



We are always looking for volunteers for our activities both during school hours and after school. If interested please email us at evergreenparentcouncil@gmail.com or visit us on our Facebook page!

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on January 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Grade 8 Pop Can Fundraiser

Please drop off empty, rinsed pop cans to Evergreen during school hours. All proceeds from the pop can collection will go directly to the grade 8 trip.

January 2019

- CALENDAR -

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
<p>Pizza orders for January 17th-February 7th are now online. Orders will close January 14th at midnight.</p>						
6	Day 1	7	Day 2	8	Day 3	9
	Library Day		AHSS Visit to Grade 8 Students	Grade 8 Information Night @ AHSS 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.		Hot Lunch: Pizza
10	Day 4	11	Day 5	12		
13	Day 1	14	Day 2	15	Day 3	16
	Library Day					Hot Lunch: Pizza
17	Day 4	18	Day 5	19		5/6 Triple Ball (@ SCPS and AHSS)
20	Day 1	21	Day 2	22	Day 3	23
	Library Day					Hot Lunch: Pizza
24	Day 4	25	Day 5	26		
27	Day 1	28	Day 2	29	Day 3	30
	Library Day				Grade 7 Immunizations	Hot Lunch: Pizza
31	<p><i>Please remember to bring in empty, rinsed pop cans for the grade 8 trip fundraiser!</i></p>					

Please note that dates and times for all activities are subject to change, and that new events may be added to the calendar.

Upcoming Events:

February 1st: PD Day

February 13th; March 6th: Junior/Intermediate Electives

February 18th: Board Holiday (Family Day)