

EVERGREEN ECHO

SOARING TO GREATER HEIGHTS

EVERGREEN IN THE COMMUNITY!

Many of our students and families spent the day on Saturday, March 23rd visiting with several Ontario authors at the *Celebration of Reading* event held at the Burk's Falls arena. We are so grateful to our local community libraries and to NNDSB librarian, Karen Upper, for making this event happen! We also thank the authors in attendance, who gave of their time to spend a day with our community families.



THIS IS ME! SURVEY

The NNDSB is launching our first Student Identify Survey to develop a better understanding of the diverse identities of our students. This survey goes live on April 29th, and letters to give information to families went home last week! Please see the survey site for more information: <https://www.nearnorthschools.ca/thisisme/>.



Principal's Message



April is here and with it spring showers - of rain and snow!

We do say goodbye to our winter activities, and eagerly anticipate the upcoming spring events, including grade 8 AHSS transition days, Spring Fling, and Farmers in the Playground.

As we move into the month of April, I'd like to remind everyone that the weather is variable, and students need to dress accordingly. Layers are great this time of year, as you can dress warmly in the morning when cold, and then wear a lighter layer as the day warms. April can also be a wet month, so I recommend students have extra clothes at school (e.g., extra socks, pants).

Have a wonderful April!

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: Canadian Mental Health Association - Muskoka/Parry Sound Branch

The CMHA Muskoka/Parry Sound Branch offers a variety of services to community members and families in the area of mental health. They are a non-profit organization committed to hope and recovery through integrated mental health and addiction services for the people of Muskoka-Parry Sound.

You can reach this association at the following website address: <https://mps.cmha.ca/>



Celebration of Learning at Evergreen!

Artist in Residence

During the first week of April, we were excited to welcome Christine Charette back to Evergreen for the Artist in Residence program. Ms. Charette was able to spend time in each of our classrooms, bringing with her opportunities to learn about treaty rights, indigenous music and drumming (primary), indigenous art and painting (junior) and cultural appreciation vs. cultural appropriation (intermediate).



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

For anyone in our area with children born in 2015:

Welcome to Kindergarten activities will begin in the month of April. All parents of registered students will receive invitations to these activities. If you have not already done so, please come to Evergreen Heights Education Centre to register your child for Early Learning Kindergarten (ELK) Fall 2019!



Our Welcome to Kindergarten evening will take place on April 17th between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 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!

Experiential Learning and Sports Events at Evergreen

Grade 5/6 and 7/8 Basketball

Grades 7 and 8 students participated in a regional basketball tournament hosted at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School on March 7th. Congratulations to the two teams who played with spirit and energy. The boys finished in third place overall; the girls played with heart and grit, and although they did not place, they won an exciting game against one of the winning teams.

On April 5th, grades 5 and 6 students participated in their regional basketball tournament, also at AHSS. The boys played well, winning three games resulting in a tie for first place in the tournament. The girls also played well and committed themselves to hard work, practice, and a winning attitude, which enabled them to play for one loss, one tie and two wins. Congratulations, Eagles!

Primary Visit to Matthew's Maple Syrup Farm

Primary students visited Matthew's Maple Syrup Farm at the end of March. They spent a great day learning the process of making maple syrup, and also tasting some maple treats.



Grade 7 Trip to Tim Horton's Memorial Camp

The grade 7 students across the East Region of the NNDSB have had a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills in an amazing setting at Tim Horton's Memorial Camp.



Students participated in various activities that challenged them individually such as archery, fostered communication and teamwork such as low ropes, the climbing wall, and various puzzles. Students also spent a great deal of time with one another allowing them to step out of their comfort zones and perform in open mic nights.

Since grade 7 students from 9 schools across the region come together for 8 days and 6 nights, relationships develop and grow. Our hope is that these relationships continue on and students feel more comfortable branching out when they reach high school!

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

P.A.C. Family Math Night

The previously announced Evergreen P.A.C. Family Math Night has been postponed. More details will be sent home regarding this night if a rescheduled date is planned.

Save the Date: Spring Fling

We will be hosting our annual Spring Fling on May 8th - here's hoping for spring weather! The theme this year will be "A Night of Mystery!" Save the date and further details will follow.



Next P.A.C. Meeting

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on April 16th at 7:00 p.m. You can reach us by email at evergreenparentcouncil@gmail.com or visit us on our Facebook page!

FROM YOUR GRADE 8 PARENT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you to the grade 8 students and parents who hosted an incredible roast beef dinner and silent auction on March 23rd. All proceeds will be donated to the grade 8 Toronto trip fund.

We'd also like to thank the following community members and business partners for their generous donation of time and items for the silent auction:

Kitchen Help:

Sharrie Zambri
Tina Reid

Silent Auction Items:

M&M Food Market Huntsville	Dairy Queen Huntsville	McDonald's Huntsville
Family Place Restaurant	Ideal Supply Huntsville	Midas Huntsville
Chuck's Roadhouse Huntsville	Muskoka Jewellery Design	Muskoka Rent-All
Muskoka Auto Parts Huntsville	Fetterley's Garage/ Gas	Boston Pizza Huntsville
Bulk Barn Huntsville	Wheat Free Delights	Dorothy Davis
Bullock's Your Independent Grocer	Erika's Bakery	Sarah Wright
David Ferrante	The Source	April Marshall
Brad Vowels	Becky Campese	Bernie & Mary Lu Sauv�
Vanda Way	MBRP	Lynn McIntosh
Home Depot Huntsville	Canadian Tire	

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Thank you to the Educational Assistants at Evergreen who oversee our Breakfast Club Program. This program runs each school day, and costs an average of \$420/month for food items, and \$40/month for supplies. Food and monetary donations are always welcomed, as well as those willing to volunteer to pick up groceries purchased by the breakfast program. Volunteers able to bake muffins using our kitchen are also welcome. Please contact the school office if you are able to offer any support.