

Newsletter

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EAST KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY

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December

Tuesday December 18th

Redwood Park Fieldtrip K/1
12:25 – 2:00

Thursday December 20th

Winter Solstice Celebration
4:30 – 5:30

Friday December 21st

Christmas Sing-A-Long
1:30 – 2:25

Saturday December 22nd

Winter Break Starts

January 2019

Monday January 7th

Schools Reopen

Wednesday January 9th

New Parent Information Meeting for
EKOlogy Program
6:30 – 7:30

Monday January 14th

Registration for 2019-2020
School Year Begins

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa was a great hit! The gym was packed with children dressed in their finest ready for their photos with Santa. We even had a visit from Mrs. Claus (Trustee McNally), who took time away from baking at the North Pole to make a special trip to our school to see all the good girls and boys. Thank you to *everyone* who helped out from set up and cooking, tickets, wreaths and raffle, to vendors, crafts and clean-up. Special thank you to Tracy Reid who organized the event and to Jennifer Betteridge who was our photographer. We have a wonderful family community who pitched in to make this event such a success!



Thank you Tracy!!



Food Bank Donations

At this time of year, people often look for ways to help those in need. In the past, we have collected food donations for the Surrey Food Bank. This year we will be accepting cash or cheque donations as the food bank is able to choose a greater quantity and variety of nutritional food with money donations. We will be accepting cash or cheques made out to the Surrey Food Bank in the tin in the office. We will deliver the money to the Surrey Food Bank over the holidays.



Welcoming the Winter Solstice Celebration

The next school community event is our Welcoming the Winter Solstice Celebration on Thursday, December 20 from 4:30-5:30 pm. We will have a lighting ceremony outdoors to banish the dark days of winter ahead. Students will sing and drum. Families will decorate natural ornaments and then we will light up the trees. Hot chocolate will be served to keep us warm. All families are welcome.





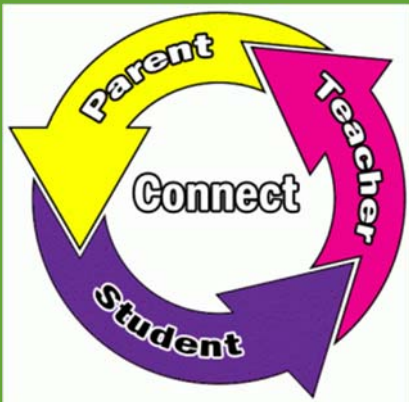
Pyjama Day and Christmas Sing A Long

Our final school event this season is our family sing-a-long on Friday, Dec. 21. Children may dress in their **pyjamas for the whole day**. We welcome pajama-clad families to bring blankets to sit on in the **gym at 1:30 pm** as we sing a few songs and watch a holiday movie!



Lost and Found

We have a growing collection of really nice outdoor wear in our Lost and Found bin in the undercover area. Please check through this bin if your child is missing any clothing items, water bottles, etc. We will donate all items left in the bin by December 21.



3-Way Conferences

Thank you for sharing in your child's learning process in the 3-way conferences last week. We look forward to working on the goals we set for your child's learning growth. You will receive a paper copy of the summary of learning for the first term this Friday. Continue to check your child's Fresh Grade portfolio for ongoing snapshots of their learning.

2019-2020 SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Registration
Information

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**East
Kensington
Outdoor
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Registration for all new students (Kindergarten to grade 5) for next year begins on Monday January 14th at 8:00 am. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Current families who have a child starting kindergarten in September of 2019 have priority registration during the week of January 7th to the 11th. After this date they will not have priority.

The following original documents are required at the school when registering:

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport);
2. Proof of guardianship (as shown on the child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document or guardianship order);
3. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card, enhanced driver's license or enhanced identification card);
4. Proof of residence (e.g., ordinarily resident) of parent/guardian in B.C.:
 - a. BC driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID or BC Care Card of parent/legal guardian; or
 - b. A combination of other supporting documentation such as ownership/long-term lease of dwelling, vehicle registration, employment records, Canadian income tax record, etc.
5. Proof of living address (purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.).

Documents which are helpful, but not required to register:

- Health documents (BC Care Card, immunization records, medical condition information);
- Educational background (report cards).

We welcome all new students and we are pleased to assist in any way we can. If you have further questions, please contact the school at (604) 541-1257.

School closure for the holidays.

Friday December 21st is the last day of school before Winter Vacation. Schools reopen on Monday January 7th.

We wish all our families a Happy, Healthy Christmas and we will see you back in January!!

More Green time, Less Screen Time

[Kids need more green time, less screen time, says new report | Vancouver Sun](#)

Here is a good article about the benefit of outdoor time in place of screen time for childhood development.

<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/kids-need-more-green-time-less-screen-time-says-new-report>

