

East Kensington Elementary is excited to introduce EKOLogy!
(East Kensington Outdoor Learning K – 7)



East Kensington Elementary is taking their classrooms out into nature and you are invited!

EKOLogy will take advantage of the elementary school's rural environment, which will offer a unique setting for all K-7 students to explore and learn.

Using the opportunities provided by new provincial curriculum, the school will engage in a thematic approach to learning. Students will experience extended outdoor, place-based, inquiry activities that infuse the First Peoples Principles of Learning and Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives. Students will also engage in opportunities for environmental stewardship both locally and globally. These experiences will be designed to nurture social emotional learning, self-regulation and positive relationships.

Learning will take place both outdoors and inside the classroom. Students will spend a significant amount of time outdoors, rain or shine!

This new initiative is scheduled to start in September 2017, with registration beginning in January. **The program is open to students Kindergarten to grade 7.** Admission to this exciting new learning opportunity will follow REGULATION 9320.1: REGISTRATION AND PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS.

EKOLogy will be a "first-of-its-kind" for Surrey, though similar thematic approaches are currently running in the Abbotsford and North Vancouver school districts. Nature-based outdoor education has been on the rise across the globe, with growing popularity in Europe and Australia.

To learn more about our program or how to register, please call the school at 604-541-1257, check the website at <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/eastkensington/Pages/default.aspx> or attend our open house scheduled for December 7, 6:30 pm at DEC (District Education Centre)