



# Ekology News

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East Kensington Elementary

## In This Issue...



February has been a short month but a busy one. As we enter the last few weeks of school before spring break, I want to say thank you to everyone who has been so encouraging and positive to me as I learn the role of Vice-Principal.

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## Pink Shirt Day!



This Wednesday, February 26th is Pink Shirt Day. If you have ordered a pink shirt it will arrive home with your child tomorrow afternoon. The history of this campaign was started by two Nova Scotia students who stood up for another student that was being picked on for wearing a pink shirt to school. This started a nation wide campaign to encourage everyone to stand up and choose kindness and courage in the face of bullying.



*1 - A single act of kindness throws out roots, in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.*

-Amelia Earhart

## 3-way conferences



On March 2nd and 3rd, we will be holding 3-way conferences. March 3rd is an early dismissal day as well, students will be dismissed at 1:27pm.

Please call or email Ms. West in the office to set up a time to meet with your child and their teacher. Ms. Stahlstrom's class, you will have received an email regarding a student-led learning showcase in the class. Please email Ms. Stahlstrom directly to confirm that you will be attending this showcase of learning.

The 3-way conferences are a chance to sit down with your child and their teacher to go over the past term learning activities and to set goals for the final school term. It is important that you child come and

be a part of these conferences, as it gives them the chance to take leadership in their learning and allows them to showcase their knowledge and understanding to the parents and teachers together.

## Ekology is Growing!



Last week the district sent out the news of South Surrey's final decision on the catchment boundary consultation. In this letter it stated that East Kensington will go to grade 5 next school year. After speaking to a few parents, I soon realized this was still unclear what was happening with our program for the future years. Each year we will grow a division until East Kensington goes to a K-7 school. We will stay on the site we are in and will add 2 portables to accommodate this growth in the next 3 years. As of January 2021, East Kensington will no longer have catchment boundaries and will have a district wide registration in the form of a lottery system. I know the staff is excited to be able to move forward as a full K-7 school and to continue to build our amazing outdoor program. If you have any question regarding our growth plan please do not hesitate to email me personally at: [leslie\\_a@surreyschools.ca](mailto:leslie_a@surreyschools.ca)

## Important Dates



### **Upcoming Dates:**

**February 26: Pink Shirt Day**

**March 3: 3-way conferences**

**March 4: Early dismissal at 1:27/ 3-way conferences**

**March 12: Freshgrade: point of progression report going home**

**March 14-29: Spring Break**

**March 30: Back to School**

**April 3: Spirit Day-Wacky Hair Day**