

Newsletter
February 20th,
2019



February 2019

Friday February 22nd

Professional Development
Day

Schools Not in Session

Monday February 25th

Keery Park Walking Field Trip

Div. 2 & 3 - 12:30-2:25

Tuesday February 26th

Division 3 to A Rocha

Wednesday February 27th

Pink Shirt Day

Sierra Club Workshop

March 2019

Friday March 1st

Hot Lunch Day

Monday March 4th

Student Led-Conferences

Tuesday March 5th

Early Dismissal at 1:25

& Student Led-Conferences

Wednesday March 6th

Student Led-Conferences

Thursday March 7th

PAC Fundraising Pub Night

6:00 pm until late

Monday March 18th to 29th

SPRING BREAK

Schools not in session

April 2019

Monday April 1st



EKOLogy

EAST KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY

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Principal: Mr. Chris Baldry
Vice Principal: Ms. Keri Stanger

Wetland Planting

Tree **planting day** will be **Friday, March 1**. In the morning, Division 1 and volunteer parents will work with Jesse Wildeman and his interns to dig the pond extension. In the afternoon from 12:30 pm, parents are invited to help the whole school plant the trees and plants. Please **email your child's teacher** if you are **able to assist** in either digging the pond or planting. This is a great way to contribute to our school's outdoor environment and be a part of the school community.

Second Term 3-Way Conferences and Early Dismissal

During the week of **March 4-6**, teachers will again be hosting **3-Way Conferences** with parents/guardians and their children to establish learning goals for the final term. Tuesday, **March 5** is an **early dismissal** at 1:25 p.m. We will also schedule meetings on March 4th and 6th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Depending on the teacher, the days will vary). **Call the office to book a conference time:** 604-541-1257.

Schools Reopen

OWL Presentation

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Yesterday, we had Zac from OWL (Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society) give a presentation to the students in the gym. Zac told us facts about eagles, owls, hawks, osprey and turkey vultures. He talked about ways birds become hurt and need rehabilitation. He demonstrated how owls are able to fly silently by waving an owl wing and comparing with the louder sound of an eagle feather. But best of all, one at a time, Zac brought out Flinger, a roadside hawk native to Mexico, and Cricket, a boobook owl native to Australia. The children listened in rapt attention and the birds sat calmly on Zac's hand as he spoke. He talked about how damaging it is to bring non-native species into our country. He reminded us not to throw food onto roads as it might attract birds who might get hit by cars. The children loved this demonstration.

If you are interested, OWL allows the public to view the birds on weekends. For more information:

<https://www.owlrehab.org/>



Cricket

Boobook Owl (Female)

Date of Arrival: September 2015

Location Found: Smithers

Injury: Captive bred at another facility and non-native to Canada



Flinger

Roadside Hawk (Female)

Date of Arrival: June 1997

Location Found: Hope

Injury: Illegally kept and malnourished and non-native to Canada

School Logo

Our school community is in the process of redesigning our school logo. Students, staff and parents are invited to share ideas for the concept of the logo, and with the design expertise of Melanie Watts a parent of a student in Division 2, we will create a new logo that better reflects our outdoor program. The new logo will be used on our school letterhead, website, and school clothing.

The students in each class have already discussed the values they believe our school stands for as well as plants, animals or natural elements that represent these values.

We now invite interested **parents to provide their input!** Tell us what you think our EKOLogy School stands for: What do we **value** in educating children, the outdoors, the natural world? What natural element, plant or animal best **symbolizes** what we value?

The staff will take the ideas from students and parents to look for common themes. We will present our concept to Melanie who will use the ideas to draft a logo. The parents and students will vote on the final design and the colours. Then Melanie will complete the logo to be ready for publishing.

Submit your **logo input by February 28** to Keri Stanger by email: stanger_k@surreyschools.ca.

Pink Shirt Day



Pink shirt day is on Wednesday Feb. 27. According to the Pink shirt Day website <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about>:

“Over 75% of people say they’ve been bullied. Over 90% of bullying incidents have peer witnesses. But when those peers intervene, most incidents are over within 10 seconds. Join us in taking a stand against bullying, and letting your peers know that it is not okay. Show kindness, empathy, and compassion, and speak out!”

Our staff and students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on Wednesday to show that we stand for kindness! If you ordered pink T-shirts, they will be delivered to your child on Monday, February 25th.

PAC News

	Mar 7th
PUB NIGHT	EKOlogy Program Fundraiser
	The Henry 5708 176 St Cloverdale
	\$25 6pm- Late
Silent Auction	
Entry includes: Burger, a beer & door prize entry	

Our **next Hot Lunch** is on March 1st for those that ordered.

Reminder about the **PAC Pub Night** on **Thursday, March 7**. Please return forms for tickets as soon as possible.

If you need an **order form**, they can be picked up **at the office**.