

# Newsletter

February 15, 2018



## FEBRUARY 2018

Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>

Pro-D Day - No  
school for students

Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>

Vesey's Bulbs  
Fundraiser Orders  
Due

Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>

Hot Lunch Orders Due

Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Garden Planning  
Meeting

Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Hot dog Hot Lunch

Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>

PAC Meeting  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM

## MARCH 2018

Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup>

Redwood Park Fieldtrip

Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Classes  
before Spring Break



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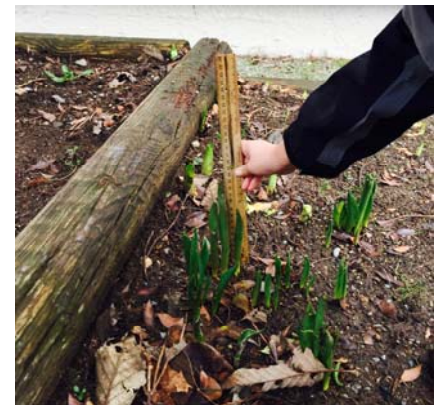
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Vice Principal: Ms. Keri Stanger

## Spring is on its way...

While we currently have snow on the ground (and there are hints that it may snow again this weekend!), I am seeing the welcome signs that spring is on its way. New birds are starting to visit the bird feeders. Buds are forming on the trees along our school ground perimeter. Daffodil, crocus, lily- of-the-valley and iris bulbs planted years ago are steadily growing upward in a way that I can't help but look hopefully toward the warmer days that will inevitably arrive. One of my biggest joys in sharing the outdoors with children is collectively noticing the changes in the seasons and finding comfort in the rhythms of the year. I feel so lucky to be able to do this every day at our school!

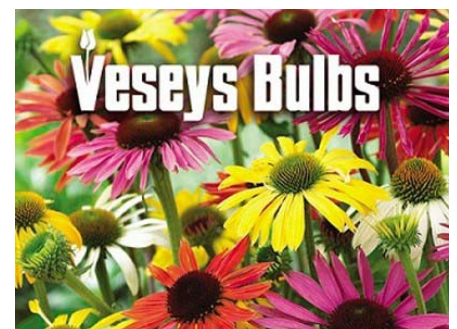


## New Gardens

Speaking of Spring, it is soon time to be thinking about planting our vegetable and herb gardens! Our Aboriginal enhancement worker would like to help us design an Indigenous healing garden as well. We need to make new garden beds for the school, however. The ones we have are falling apart, and we want to set up new ones in the back of the school where we can access water and set up a sprinkler timer for the summer months. I would like to meet with any parents interested in helping to plan the new garden site. All parents are welcome to come to a garden planning meeting on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 in the library.

## Bulb Fundraiser

This is a reminder that orders for the Bulb Fundraiser are due on February 21. This is a great chance to beautify your own garden! Consider buying some bulbs to plant at our school as well. The PAC and teachers will coordinate a planting day with the children.



APRIL 2018

Tuesday the 3rd  
School Reopens



## Redwood Park

Our first trip to Redwood Park was such a success! The children and the adults had a lovely time wandering amongst the trees, finding a special tree, and having a place to play freely in the woods. Thank you to everyone who was able to drive students and participate. Our second trip to Redwood Park is on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. A permission form will be sent home with your child next week.



## Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. On this day, we wear a pink shirt as a stand against bullying whether it takes the shape of ongoing harassment and mean acts, or making threats. On Pink Shirt Day, we encourage people to combat bullying by thinking twice before saying or doing something negative and spread kindness instead. Wearing a pink shirt on this day states that we do not tolerate bullying and that help is available to our students at all times.



## Label Outdoor Clothing

Several times this year, children have misplaced their outdoor gear or have taken home someone else's clothing by mistake. Please ensure that each piece of your child's clothing is labeled with their name.

## EKOLOGY

(East Kensington Outdoor Learning) Program