

Newsletter

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November

Saturday November 24th & 25th

PAC Photo Fundraiser

Tuesday November 27th

Redwood Park Fieldtrip K/1

12:25 – 2:00

Friday November 30th

Deck the Halls 1:00

December

Monday December 3rd

3-way conferences 2:30 – 4:30

Tuesday December 4th

Early Dismissal 1:25

3-way conferences 1:30 – 4:30

Wednesday December 5th

3-way conferences 2:30 – 4:30

Sunday December 9th

PAC Christmas Fair and Pancake

Breakfast 10:00 – 2:00

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

Thursday December 22nd

Winter Break Starts

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to all who came to our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 7. Thank you to Ms. Yu for the songs presented.

Thank you to the students for their wishes for peace in the world.



Deck the Halls



Parents/guardians are welcome to come join the students as we "Deck the Halls" (and the gym) on November 30 at 1:00 p.m. If you have gently used decorations, bring them to help brighten our halls for the holidays.

January 2019

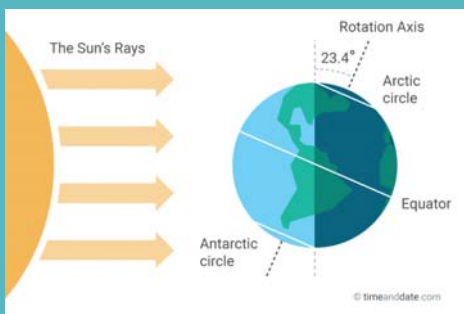
Monday January 7th

Schools Reopen



**Early
Dismissal
Day!**

1:25 Early Dismissal
December 4th



3-Way conferences and Early Dismissal

An important part of your child's learning process is discussing their learning success as well as setting goals for learning growth. You already receive regular learning snapshots on Fresh Grade. You will also receive a summary of their learning for the first term outlining their development in literacy and numeracy on December 14.

During the week of December 3 to 6th, teachers will be hosting 3-Way Conferences with parents/guardians and their children to establish learning goals for the second term. Tuesday, December 4 is an early dismissal at 1:25 p.m. We will also schedule meetings on Dec. 4, 5th, and 6th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Depending on the teacher the days will vary).

You will be able to **book a time by**
Calling the office at **604-541-1257**.

Winter Solstice Celebration

On Thursday, Dec. 20 at 4:30-5:30 p.m., we will be holding a lighting ceremony outdoors to banish the dark days of winter ahead. Students will sing and drum. Families will decorate natural ornaments. We will light up the trees. All families are welcome.

Christmas Sing A Long

On Friday, Dec. 21, the last day of school before the winter holidays, we welcome pajama-clad families to join us on blankets in the gym at 1:30 p.m. as we have a school community sing-a-long and holiday movie.

Garden/Wetland Update

Jesse Wildeman (Skye's dad) from A Rocha is looking into planting trees and bushes around the wetland. The students had their input and have chosen their favourites from a variety of native plants. We will take their suggestions into consideration as well as advice from Jesse about the kinds of plants that would grow best in our wetland. More information on the planting to come.

Ms. Leclerc and Ms. Stanger are currently applying to the district for a grant to get new garden beds. Our parent garden committee have also drafted a few ideas about how to beautify the area around where the beds will go. Gardening and "wetlanding" truly is a community venture!





**Outdoor
Learning
Experiences**

BLACK FRIDAY
IS HERE!

Mabel's Labels
FUNDRAISING



Black Friday is finally here! For six days, get 40% OFF six of the most popular durable and waterproof labels. From Tag Mates to Mini Custom Name Stickers, this is your best opportunity to stock up on all the labels your family needs for school, sports, camp and more. Hurry! Take advantage of these HUGE savings and support our fundraiser!

Visit:

campaigns.mabelslabels.com
and choose our fundraiser from the list.

Study

As many of you know, Ms. Stanger is conducting a research study on how children in kindergarten and grade one experience play in the outdoors. The staff are collecting observations on the children as they learn outdoors. Thank you to parents and children who agreed to participate in the study. More information on our findings will come in the spring!



Lost and Found

Thank you for your efforts to **label** and manage your child's outdoor clothing. Surprisingly, there really are not many missing items considering the amount of outdoor clothing the children at our school wear! That said, our lost and found bin in the undercover area is filling up. If your children are missing any clothing, come and check the bin. We will also be laying them out in the gym on November 30 for parents to see. After December 21, we will donate any unclaimed clothing to good will.

The PAC Fundraiser with Mabel's Labels is having a Black Friday sale so perhaps this would be a good time to order labels to label everything and avoid losing pieces of clothing!

Growth Mindset

The staff at EKOLogy are working at developing our students' growth mindset. We want students to learn enjoy tackling challenges and to understand that learning takes a *lot of effort*. Students are learning that they don't give up when things get difficult because they have *strategies to persevere*. They take risks and understand that mistakes are normal when people try hard things.

Parents can foster a growth mindset at home as well. You can start with how you praise children. Praising your child's efforts, rather than their products or their intelligence, develops the idea that effort leads to success in learning.

Try reframing praise using the following ideas:

Say This	Not That
<p>"I can see you worked so hard on this!"</p> <p>Say this because it shows your child you value their <u>effort</u>.</p>	<p>"You are so smart!"</p> <p>Do not say this because it makes children think of intelligence as a <u>fixed</u> quality</p>
<p>"It looks like that was too easy for you. Let's find you something challenging so your brain can grow."</p> <p>SAY THIS BECAUSE it teaches kids that <u>learning should be challenging</u> and if tasks are too easy then your brain isn't growing.</p>	<p>"That's right! You did that so quickly and easily; great job!"</p> <p>DO NOT SAY THIS BECAUSE praising tasks completed without much effort <u>pains effort in a negative light</u> and encourages a fixed mindset.</p>
<p>"That was really hard. Your effort has paid off! Next time you'll be ready for this kind of challenge!"</p> <p>SAY THIS BECAUSE reminding children of how they were able to overcome challenges by putting forth a lot of effort cultivates a growth mindset.</p>	<p>"That was really hard. I'm so glad it's over and you don't have to do that again."</p> <p>DO NOT SAY THIS BECAUSE there <u>will always be more challenges</u> in a person's life, and children should feel that they have the tools for what comes next.</p>
<p>Taken from: https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/growth-mindset-parenting</p>	

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BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA



News From Our PAC:

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO
COULD BE ONE OF SANTA'S TRUSTED
HELPERS HERE ON THE FRONT
LINES?!

S.O.S
URGENT
HELP!

AKA: WE NEED A SANTA for BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Please contact
eastkensingtonpac@gmail.com if you can help!

Holiday Photo Fundraiser

There are still spots left for you and your family to get Holiday family photos with Jennifer Betteridge this weekend. Don't miss out! Come to the office to book a time or call Sandra in the office and she can book it for you (604-541-1257).

Indoor Family Holiday Photo session - at East Kensington

- 20 Min Indoor posed photo session with neutral backdrop - 5-10 edited photos of your family
- Sharable and downloadable gallery in both web sized and full sized download options
- 20 Holiday Cards with your choice of Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas overlays

\$100 per session with \$30 of each session going to the Parent Advisory Committee for our school! Sign up at the office (or call to make an appointment).

Saturday November 24 & Sunday November 25

Gallery Delivery Date by December 3rd, 2018

To order an extra 20 holiday cards - add \$20

Here is a sample of Jennifer's beautiful work:



 Jennifer Betteridge
PHOTOGRAPHY



PAC Christmas Fair and Pancake Breakfast

Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, December 9. If families would like to pre-book for photos with Santa, you can sign up in the office.

We still need volunteers to make this event a success. Please contact Tracy at eastkensingtonpac@gmail.com or sign up in the office for any of the following vacant spots: General help 11-12, clean up from 2-3, chefs all shifts, admission table.

We will be having a **raffle, bake sale, craft tables for the children, a vendor market** with a large focus on handmade artisan products, and, of course, **photos with Santa**, done by our lovely parent and photographer Jennifer!

Some needed items:

-Do you have any small mason or baby food jars that you no longer need? Please bring them in to the green bin outside the office as soon as possible. As a school that is conscious of our environmental impact, we would first love to reuse/re-purpose as many as we can before going out to purchase new ones.

-Are you able to provide a couple of dozen nut free bake sale items? Please bring this in the morning of the event. Contact Leah at eastkensingtonpac@gmail.com with any questions.

We are looking for raffle items. Do you, or the business you work for, have anything you'd be able to donate? Please email the PAC @ eastkensingtonpac@gmail.com to let us know what you could donate.



Wreath Fundraiser!

The PAC will be selling beautiful, fresh undecorated wreaths for \$25. Orders will be due on December 3rd with delivery on December 5th.

More information and order forms will come home soon!