



## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT NGEPAC May 2015

### **Meet Our New Principal!**

A Great Gator Welcome to Jared Birkeland – coming with lots of experience as the Principal of South Kelowna Elementary and Chief Tomat Elementary. We're looking forward to having him join our team!

### **Bike to School / Work**

Bike to School Week is May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to ride, walk or board to school in order to support this City of Kelowna program that encourages healthy living and environmentally friendly transportation options. Classes will keep track of those students participating, who will be eligible for small prizes.

### **Track & Field**

Intermediate Track and Field is under way. The students are practicing in various events on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. The Apple Bowl meet is scheduled for Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - thanks to our parent helpers at school stations and those that have already signed up to lend a hand at the Apple Bowl (contact Gr. 6 Teacher, Mrs. Mouillierat, if you are available to help out). We will also be attending and sending qualifying students to the District event on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. More info to come.

### **NGE Traffic Flow and Parking**

Going great! Overall improvement continues. As we enter the busy final stretch of the school year, a reminder to drive slow and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists in the morning and after school. Would love to have more parent help – especially in the morning Kiss & Drop. Our incredible Dr. Knox Middle school volunteers continue to do an amazing job out there, but we do require a parent volunteer to supervise and support them. Volunteers can help even once every 2 weeks... just from 8:15-8:30am (15mins)... makes a huge difference.

### **Parent Volunteer Tea**

Our annual "thank-you" to our many wonderful volunteers is coming up Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>... we hope you can make it! Any one on the PAC Exec or attending this evening that missed an invitation? Our apologies for missing you... Please fill one out tonight ☺

### **Technology for K / Gr1**

The K and Gr 1 teachers and their students are thoroughly enjoying their new, PAC-funded technology to enhance the learning in their classrooms. The Sound Field Systems (along with iPod touch) are being used daily and are showing many benefits to our youngest learners. The home reading books have also been a big hit. A big thank you to the entire PAC for "tech-ing up" our school over the years!

North Glenmore PAC minutes May 12/15

Welcomed by Janine Cornett.

Present:

PAC Executive: Janine Cornett, Simone Wittenberg, Dianne Bondaroff, Robynn Robertson, Laura Overland, Crystal White, Jody Crumb, Clara Tonn

Parents: Cheriese Degear, Kathy Chin, Adam Romano, Patti Ostrickoff, Rhonda Langford, Amanda Martin, Nikki Price, Ady Simpson, Terry Farquhar.

Staff: Maeve Buckley, Jordan Kleckner, Bryce Owens.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Nikki Price and seconded by Rhonda Langford.

Administrator's Report

A great gator welcome to Jared Birkeland our new principal, he has been a principal for 9 years. He comes from South Kelowna Elementary and Chief Tomat Elementary.

Kindergarten orientation is this week. We have 70 kindergarten students registered. Approximately 53 in our catchment. Looking for 1 or 2 representatives from the PAC to welcome the new families to our school. Nikki Price and Dianne Bondaroff have volunteered to help with this.

Volunteer tea - May 20<sup>th</sup>

We hope you are able to join us. Student entertainment will be happening.

Bike/Walk School

Adam Romano has asked the city to help out with improvements and they are making a left hand turn from Union onto Snowsell. We are hoping that the turning lane doesn't mess up the crosswalk.

Track and Field

Apple Bowl day June 8<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't work to pair us up since we are such a big school. District track meet is June 10<sup>th</sup>. Each student can do 2 events and a relay for the district meet. Thanks to the parents that are volunteering with track and field.

Kiss and Drop

Thank you to our Dr. Knox Middle school students for helping out with Kiss and drop. Huge thanks to Nina Ferguson for helping get the volunteers from Dr. Knox. We need more adults. If you can help out, even just 1 every 2 weeks from 8:15-8:30 contact the office.

## Technology for K/1

The sound Field systems are being used daily. The home reading books have also been a big hit. A big thank you to the entire PAC for “tech”-ing up our school.

## Treasurer's Report

We are applying for our license for spring fair and our license for the gaming grant. Hot Lunch is going well and is just about to wrap up for the year.

## Fundraising

Spring fair. Sold 61 tickets so far. Spring fair classroom baskets are really low so far. We will send out another email blast reminding parents about donating.

## New Business

### Breakfast program

12 plus students using it. Started with toast and bagels, but now we are having porridge. All of our food has been donated. If you see a family that is struggling and needing help for any reason please let us know so we can put them on the program. Doesn't necessarily have to be financially. The fridge isn't working properly. The school has a fund where we pay half and they pay half. Fruit and veggie program might be able to give us some money. We need something for the interim.

### Next meeting

We are having a meeting on June 9 where we can introduce the new executive and maybe meet the new principal.

## Executive elections

President – good delegator, it works well if you can make it work with a friend who can be vice president. Robynn Robertson has been nominated. Motion approved.

Vice President – Simone Wittenberg. Motion approved.

Secretary – Kathy Chin. Motion approved.

Treasurer -Diane Bondaroff

Co-Treasurer – Rhonda Langford. Motion approved.

Fundraising – Nikki Price. Motion approved.

Special Events - We need someone to volunteer for this position. We will see if anyone comes forward at our next meeting in June.

Hot Lunch Program – Adam Romano, Simone Wittenberg

Room Coordinator

Nikki Price volunteered to help out with room parent coordinator.

Storage for spring fair stuff. We now have a fish pond plus quite a bit of other stuff. Could the school give us our own storage spot? Jordan Kleckner was going through stuff today and trying to purge some stuff that we aren't using. He will let us know if there is space.

Question asked about baseball gloves and if we could provide gloves for the students. Mr. Owens will look into how much gloves cost and let us know at the next meeting.