

# North Glenmore Gator Gazette



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## Welcome Back

We are so pleased to see our North Glenmore families back at school! A special welcome to those of you who are new to our community. We hope you enjoyed a happy, healthy summer. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere "Thanks" to our staff who dedicated many extra hours preparing the school for a new year, and to our PAC Executive who are already hard at work planning special events. We're off to a great start!

Looking forward to a successful year!

Maeve Buckley, Principal &  
Jordan Kleckner, Vice-Principal



## Respecting our Environment NEWSLETTERS ON-LINE

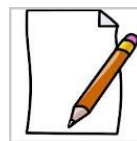
Our September start-up newsletter is the only paper copy we send home. We will continue to send home a paper calendar each month for posting, however the monthly newsletters will be posted on our website. We will send you a reminder each month through our email system. Please ensure your email address is correct on your Student Verification Form.

## Class Organization

**All class placements are tentative  
for the first week.**

Due to enrollment changes, students will not be placed into their new classes until the 2nd week of school. Students have returned to their last year's class, and are participating in a number of orientation activities this week.

## Student Verification Forms



Verification forms will be going home this week. They must be filled out at the beginning of each year by **every** family in order to confirm or provide new contact information. If this information should change throughout the school year, please contact the office to update.

## SCHOOL FEES NOW ON-LINE

School supplies will be available through the school for parents wishing to utilize the plan. These will be basic supplies and are sufficient to last a school year, if used with care. Cultural fees cover the cost of bringing in educational entertainment throughout the year. Agendas are available at a subsidized cost. Participation in any of these programs is optional. Any parent wishing assistance with fees, please contact our school office 250-762-3535.



	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Cultural</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Grades K - 1	\$30.00	\$10.00	n/a	\$40.00
Grades 2 - 6	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$5.00 (recommended)	\$45.00

To pay for school fees, please follow the steps attached to your son/daughter(s) school fees statement that is being sent home with them today.

**Pay your Student Fees online by September 30th and you will be entered into a draw to receive a FULL REFUND.**

### Staff List for 2013-2014

Name	Tentative Assignments	Room
Mrs. L. Scranton	K	11
Mrs. C. Nye	K	9
Mrs. S. Buskell	K	7
Mrs. S. Palahniuk	1	6
Mrs. M. Ringguth	1	8
Mrs. C. Bassett-Smith	1	10
Mrs. K. Kohlen	1/2	12
Mrs. J. Fenton	2	14
TBA *	2/3	16
Ms. K. Manduca	3	5
Ms. L. Draper	3	17
Mrs. S. Hanson	3	15
Ms. C. Knox	4	20
Ms. J. Amos	4	21
Mrs. H. Letkeman	4/5	19
Mr. S. Smith	5	Modular 23
Mrs. A. Harms	5/6	Modular 23
Mrs. S. Bowen	6	3
Mrs. L. Davies	6	4

Name	Assignment
Ms. M. Buckley	Principal
Mr. J. Kleckner	Vice-Principal
Mrs. R. Robinson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. C. D'Orazio	Office/Library Assistant
Mrs. S. Horning	Teacher/Librarian
Mrs. L. Lesiuk	Learning Assistant Teacher
Mrs. L. Kirschner	Learning Improvement Support
Ms. J. Collinson *	PE Teacher
Mrs. S. Weststrate	Music/Drama Teacher
Mrs. D. Labrecque	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. J. Bomford	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. A. Hilverda	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. J. Vos *	Certified Education Assistant
Ms. C. Acland *	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. L. Dranchuk	Certified Education Assistant
Mr. R. Miller	Day Custodian
Mrs. G. Yamniuk	Night Custodian
Mrs. C. Snyders	Noon-Hour Supervisor
Mrs. C. Tonn	Noon-Hour Supervisor
Mrs. K. Rexin	Noon-Hour Supervisor
Mrs. S. Hayes	Noon-Hour Supervisor

### Terry Fox Run 2013

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held Monday, September 16th at 12pm. Parents are encouraged to join us on our walk/run around the North Glenmore neighbourhood. Students will meet in the main gym or the multi-purpose room for a warm-up before we head out on our community run. The run ends with refreshments in the courtyard.

Students are encouraged to donate a loonie or toonie to help support the fight against cancer. Donations will be accepted in classrooms or at the office. Please help support this important cause. We hope that you can join us!

*\*Welcome to our new Gator Staff!*



### Volunteer & Criminal Record Checks

If you are planning to participate in activities in your child's classroom or help with fieldtrips, a Criminal Record Check **must** be completed. This is mandatory for all volunteers. Two pieces of identification are required and it takes a few weeks for approval. Criminal Record Checks must be done through the School District and there is no fee.

Pick up your forms at the school office.

### Medical Alert Students

All students with potentially life-threatening medical conditions and those who require medication at school should update their 2013-2014 documents on file at the school office as soon as possible.



### NUT ALLERGIES

We have had an increasing number of students with severe allergies to peanuts and nut products. We have several students with this life-threatening health issue. In some cases, even a tiny amount of accidental exposure to nuts can result in an anaphylactic response. Peanut and other nut butters pose a particular threat since they are sticky and traces can be transferred outside the classroom to common areas such as the library, the computer lab and the playground. In the interest of the health and safety of these children, we ask all families to avoid sending foods containing nuts to school.

Additionally, we have some students with other life-threatening allergies (e.g. dairy, eggs, sesame). Special letters may be sent home for these classes.

### Insurance

School District No. 23 does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. It is possible for parents and guardians to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance at a reasonable cost. Optional student accident insurance is underwritten by an independent insurance company.

Application forms for this optional student accident insurance are being sent home with your student along with this newsletter. We encourage our families to consider purchasing this insurance coverage. Payment for this insurance must be sent directly to the insurance company.

### Liability

The school does not assume responsibility for loss or damage to personal property brought to school. Valuable items such as collectors, electronics or specialty clothes and jewelry should be left at home. Bicycles should be securely locked. **Please label student belongings.** This helps us to return lost items to rightful owners. Iron-on labels are recommended for clothing. These can be purchased at most fabric stores.

### Welcome Back PAC Family Pizza Night

Coming up Friday, September 27th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Watch for an information notice coming home soon!



### Family Photos PAC Fundraiser

Family photos are scheduled for Sept 26-28. Our school photographer, Basil Cooper, takes fabulous photos of our Gator Families! A notice will be sent out closer to the date with more details on locations and times.

If you have any questions, contact Colleen McGregor at 250-801-3998.

### Maximum Learning Time

From time to time we all forget things. Should you find the need to drop off forgotten items for your child such as lunches, books, etc., please drop them in at the office rather than going to the classroom. We will page into the classroom at the next non-instructional break. Fewer interruptions mean maximum learning.

### Student Absences

It is important that you call the school office at 250-762-3535 when your child is going to be absent or late. Our answering machine is always on so you may leave a message even when the office is closed.



### Effective Behaviour Systems (EBS)

The first week of school, our primary and intermediate students will be circulating through teaching stations, learning the behaviour expectations of our school and reinforcing our Code of Conduct:

***Respect Yourself, Respect Others,  
Respect Your Environment***

## CULTURAL PERFORMANCES



School District #23 provides cultural performances throughout the school year. These performances are always entertaining, and include a learning component for students beyond appreciation for the arts. Parents are always welcome to attend - we will include the performances on our monthly calendars.

### PAC Meeting

Our first PAC meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm in the Library! Everyone welcome!

### Water Advisory



We are still under water advisory. We will supply bottled drinking water for students until further advised.

Please send a water bottle (with your child's name on the bottle) to school so we may reduce our paper cup use. Your child's teacher will make a plan for water consumption.

### Hot Lunch Program is Going On-Line!

A big **THANK YOU** to our new coordinators Colleen, Simone, and Kia—and a new team of volunteer helpers!

**Watch for information on how to order and pay on-line.**



We anticipate the new program to begin by the end of October.

### GATORS IN THE NEWS!



If your child has made a special achievement or participated in a special event outside of school (e.g. winning a tournament, a special dance performance) please let us know! We are happy to celebrate with your family by sharing your Gator News on our daily announcements!

## Kids and Reading Looking for Volunteers



North Glenmore Elementary is fortunate to be involved in the children's **"One to One"** literacy program. This program trains volunteers to work one-on-one with children who are struggling with their reading and who would not otherwise receive extra help in school.

The commitment is 1 ½ hours once a week. All tutoring is done at the school during regular school hours, under the supervision of our teaching staff. A training session in basic reading strategies is necessary and available.

We are always looking for volunteer readers for this valuable program. Please call our Learning Assistance Teacher, Mrs. Lesiuk at 250-762-3535 if you are interested.

### Family Life Education Information Session on September 11th at 7pm

Parents and guardians are invited to attend an evening information session to learn more about course content for Family Life Education classes that are offered to children in Grades 4 to 10. The information session will be held on September 11th at 7pm at the Hollywood Road Education Centre in meeting room 3 (1040 Hollywood Road, Kelowna).

Two District Family teachers will present material about the courses and answer parents' questions. Although the Family Life Education program is not new, these sessions are particularly helpful for parents who have recently moved to the District or whose children are transitioning from Gr 3 to 4.

Family Life Education classes address different topics in each grade level. In the younger grades, teachers professionally and factually discuss the physical changes that the children can expect as they approach puberty. In the higher grades, topics are expanded to include adolescent sexuality, decision making, and life-affecting issues commonly affecting young people.

**Jennifer Rabinovitch and Leanne Shephard**  
SD 23 Family Life Teachers, 250-470-8487

# 2013/2014 Local District School Calendar

Days in session	191
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 3
Home/School Conferences for NGE	October 3 & 4 (Early dismissal @ 12:30 pm)
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 14
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 25
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Monday, November 11
Last school day before Winter Vacation begins	Friday, December 20
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 6
Home/School Conferences for NGE	February 6 & 7 (Early dismissal @ 12:30 pm)
Provincial Family Day	Monday, February 10
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 21
Last school day before Spring vacation begins	Friday, March 14
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 31
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 18
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 21
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 19
Last Day of School for Students	Thursday, June 26
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 27
Schools close	Friday, June 27





## SEPTEMBER 2013 SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR 2013-2014

Parents, guardians, and students are reminded that students must be registered riders with bus passes in order to ride the school bus. Friends and clients of afterschool care are not eligible for school bus service at any time during the year unless they are registered riders. Alternate forms of transportation need to be arranged for after school social plans and daycare arrangements. In cases of financial hardship, application for subsidy shall be through your school Principal. This is a good time to review the safety rules for bus riders. These rules are posted on the transportation website at:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/SafetyRules>

Online applications (<http://ereg.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>) for courtesy riders submitted will be confirmed this month on a space available basis by our transportation office. The number of courtesy seats will depend on the number of seats remaining on each route after eligible riders have been accommodated. Priority is given to students based on the age and the distance between home and school within the catchment area.

Due to the volume of applications for courtesy riders, it may not be possible to contact each applicant individually. If you have not had a courtesy application confirmed by October 15, it may mean that there are not additional seats available. However, if you believe that there is space still available on a school bus passing through your neighbourhood, please contact Transportation at (250) 870-5151. Phone lines are open between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Please note that courtesy seats are subject to cancellation at a week's notice should seats be needed for additional eligible riders.

For more information about school bus transportation, please visit our website at:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>



### North Glenmore

#### \*Regular Bell Schedule



<u>Grades K - 6</u>	
Call to class	8:25am
Morning Classes	8:30am - 11:00am
Lunch Play Time	11:00am - 11:30am
Lunch Eating Time	11:30am - 11:52am
Call to class	11:52am
Afternoon Classes	11:57am - 2:30pm
Recess	1:30pm - 1:45pm
Dismissal	2:30pm

### Noon Hour Supervisor Applications

Parents often ask about the process to apply for a Noon Hour Supervisor position. If you may be interested in being considered for this position in the future, when openings arise, please ask at our school office for an application form.



Please note that this is a CUPE Union position. Applicants must provide references and go through an interview and selection process.