

# North Glenmore Gator Gazette



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September 2014



## 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. Although off to a late start, we will do our best to make it a great start!

*Maeve Buckley &  
Principal*

*Jordan Kleckner  
Vice-Principal*

## NEWSLETTERS ON-LINE

### Respecting our Environment

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** (see page 4 in this newsletter)

## NGE Calendar of Events 2014-15



We have not attached our usual monthly calendar to this newsletter. With our late start this year, it is unfortunate that we have missed a number of our September events.

We are looking forward to getting back on track; however, it is possible that some future events may need to be cancelled or rescheduled due to short time-lines. Should this occur, we will be sure let our families know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continuing patience, flexibility and support!



## Class Organization All class placements are tentative for the first week.

Due to enrollment changes, students typically are not placed into their new classes until the 2nd week of school. Due to the late start, we will try to shorten this process if possible; however, if we do need to add a class, we will need several days to reorganize.

## SCHOOL FEES—PAY 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 250-870-5128.



	<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	\$45.00

(recommended)

To pay for school fees, please go to our website and click in the **ONLINE PAYMENTS** box on the front page to sign up and make payment.

## Staff List for 2014-2015

Name	Tentative Assignments	Room
Mrs. C. Nye	K	11
Mrs. C. Wright*	K	9
Mrs. G. Schulz*/ Mrs. S Buskell	K	7
Mrs. M. Ringguth	1	8
Mrs. C. Bassett-Smith	1	10
Mrs. S. Palahniuk	1	6
Mrs. K. Kohlen	2	12
Mrs. K. Manduca	2	14
Ms. L. Draper	2/3	17
Mrs. S. Hanson	3	15
Ms. L. Romano*	3	16
Mrs. H. Letkeman	4	12
Mrs. S. Croken(Ehman)*	4	20
Mrs. L. Mundie*	4	21
Mr. S. Smith	5	Mod. 23
Mrs. A. Harms	5	Mod. 22
Mr. B. Owens*	5/6	1
Mrs. S. Bowen	6	3
Mrs. C. Mouillierat*	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. H. Gatti*	Learning Improvement Support
Mrs. I. Wong*	Music/Drama/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
Mrs. L. McLeod	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. T. Brent	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. S. Caig*	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. E. Whitham*	Certified Education Assistant
Mr. D. Glasscock	Day Custodian
Mrs. G. Yamniuk	Night Custodian
Mrs. C. Snyders	Noon-Hour Supervisor
Mrs. C. Tonn	Noon-Hour Supervisor
Mrs. K. Rixin	Noon-Hours Supervisor
Mrs. S. Hayes	Noon-Hour Supervisor

***\*Welcome to our new or returning Gator Staff!***

### North Glenmore

### \*Regular Bell Schedule



Grades K - 6

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

### **Student Absences**



Please help us by calling the school office at 250-870-5128 when your child is going to be ABSENT or LATE. Our answering machine is on 24/7. Please leave your child's name, teacher and reason for absence. Should you not call in, we will make every effort to contact you at home or work to determine the whereabouts and safety of your child.

### Medical Alert Students

All students with potentially life-threatening medical conditions and those who require medication at school should update their 2014-2015 documents on file at the school office as soon as possible.



### NUT ALLERGIES

We have 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 (Central Okanagan) does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance at a reasonable cost.

Application forms for a program underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services (KIDS PLUS Accident Insurance) will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year.

### 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.

### 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***

### 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, and is paid for by the district. As of Sept. 2014, in order to ensure all checks are current, SD No. 23 will require parents to complete volunteer record checks during their eldest child's years in Kindergarten, Grades 4, 7 and 10. Record checks completed by other organizations are not accepted. We will automatically send record check forms home to parents of K & Gr 4. All other new parents can pick up the forms at our school office.



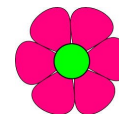
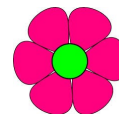
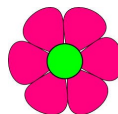
### GATORS IN THE NEWS!



If your child has accomplished 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!

### 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.



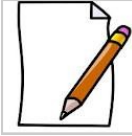
### Noon Hour Supervisor Applications

Parents often ask about the process to apply for a Noon Hour Supervisor position. If you are interested in becoming a spare supervisor 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.

## Student Verification Forms

Verification forms will be going home next 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.



## Kids and Reading Looking for Volunteers



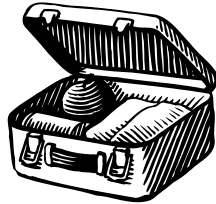
North Glenmore Elementary is fortunate to be involved in the children's "One to One" literacy program. This program trains volunteers to work one-on-one with children who are struggling with their reading and who would not otherwise receive extra help in school.

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 250-870-5128 if you are interested.

## Litterless Lunch

At North Glenmore we proudly take on the environmental challenge of implementing our own **Litterless Lunch Recycling Program**. We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes and food wrappers. In this way, we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch. Our students are excited about highlighting one of our school respect rules, Respecting Your Environment, by contributing to a Green School each and every day.



## GALLOPING GATORS!

We have a limited number of very friendly little Gators who are more than happy to join in on family adventures or trips!



If you would like a Galloping Gator to go along on a special occasion with your family, please send a note from home or call our office.

We greatly appreciate seeing what our Gators have been up to when they are galloping about, so if you have an opportunity to take a few photos (5-10), with our Gators, we will be happy to share them at one of our Celebration Assemblies.

Happy travels!

## 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.

## Water Advisory



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

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





## SEPTEMBER 2014 SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR 2014-2015

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/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Safety/Pages/default.aspx>

Online applications (<https://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 rides, it may not be possible to contact each applicant individually. If you have not had a courtesy application confirmed by October 15<sup>th</sup>, it may mean that there are no 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 9:00am and 1:00pm 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/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Pages/default.aspx>



### **The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process**

The School District Appeals Policy states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in School District No. 23 may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student".

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 - Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District's homepage [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)

### **The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause**

Within School District Policy 425—Student Fees (see [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship".

This clause in the policy provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual student and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay.

Please contact the school principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

# 2014/2015 Local District School Calendar

<b>NORTH GLENMORE ELEMENTARY 2014/2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR</b>	
Days in session	191
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
School opens	** Altered due to job action **
Home/School Conferences for NGE	October 2 & 3 (Early dismissal @ 12:30pm) ** These dates may need to be altered **
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 10
Thanksgiving Day (school closed)	Monday, October 13
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 24
Remembrance Day (school closed)	Tuesday, November 11
Last school day before Winter break	Friday, December 19
Winter vacation period (school closed)	Monday, December 22 - Friday, January 2
Schools reopen after Winter break	Monday, January 5
Home/School Conferences for NGE	February 5 & 6 (Early dismissal @ 12:30pm)
Provincial Family Day	Monday, February 9
Teacher Pro D/Support Staff In-Service	Friday, February 20
Last day before Spring vacation	Friday, March 13
Spring vacation period (school closed)	Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 27
School reopens after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday (school closed)	Friday, April 3
Easter Monday (school closed)	Monday, April 6
Victoria Day (school closed)	Monday, May 18
Last Day of School for Students	Thursday, June 25
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26
School closed	Friday, June 27
<b>HOME OF THE GATORS</b>	