

# North Glenmore Gator Gazette



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PICTURE DAY ...

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH  
RETAKES, NOVEMBER 3RD**

## **NGE Summit - Oct. 9th**

On **Friday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** (Pro-D Day - no school) we will be hosting our very first **NGE Appreciative Inquiry Summit!** Staff, parents and community partners will be invited to come together to celebrate our strengths and build our vision for the future! This event will be an exceptional opportunity for parents/guardians to learn about and shape the school your children attend each and every day.

**When:** Friday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> (8:30am – 2:30pm)

**Where:** NGE Gymnasium

We will be providing a **free**, on-site **child-care day camp**. Our partners at the Boys & Girls Club have planned a full day of fun activities for children needing child-care to enable parents to join us in our Summit. Children will also be provided a healthy lunch and snacks throughout the day.

Our **PAC** is sponsoring this event and will be **providing lunch** for all Summit participants. **Starbucks** has also kindly **donated coffee and treats** for the morning of the Summit.

### **Registration:**

To register (including selecting your lunch option and note if you have children that will be making use of our day camp) simply **CLICK HERE**.

### **NOTE:**

**Registration closes after Friday, Oct. 2nd to give us enough time to prepare for the event.**



## **Picture Day - Oct. 13th**

Bring your smiles :) Once again this year, your child's photo will be taken in front of the green screen (**Do not dress in green or teal**). This will allow for over 40 background options if you choose to order on-line. You still have the option of ordering the way we always have, with a choice of 5 background options.

The order forms will be sent home a couple weeks after picture day with instructions for ordering attached.



## **Homework & Practice Policy**



North Glenmore Elementary School has a homework & practice policy:

- to help foster academic achievement
- to assist students in developing routines of good work habits
- to assist students in developing a sense of responsibility that will be of benefit to them in their future years of schooling.

Home Practice can be assignments that are:

- based on skills and concepts learned in class that require additional practice (reading, writing, spelling or math facts)
- work not completed during regular allotted class time
- review of class work or studying for upcoming tests
- silent or shared reading.

Some students may receive increased opportunity for home practice based on the knowledge they demonstrated in class and how skilled they are at the task.

## **Homework & Practice Recommendations**

**Primary** (K-3) 15-30 minutes daily

**Intermediate** (Grades 4 - 6) 30-45 minutes daily



If the homework or practice load becomes frustrating, please contact the classroom teacher to discuss possible solutions. Your assistance in helping establish effective homework & practice habits is much appreciated and will be of great benefit to your child(ren).

## Drop Zone Program (the rebranded Kiss & Drop)

We are now entering our third year of our Kiss & Drop program, which has officially been rebranded as the "DROP ZONE" by our witty Dr. Knox Middle School Volunteers. Our Drop Zone system has provided safer traffic conditions and improved traffic flow during the peak periods of school entry (i.e. from 8:10-8:30am).

Reminders for those new to the system:

- Cones are placed along the outside of the drop-off zone (to ensure that vehicles only enter and exit at the ends of the lane)
- Vehicles must **pull up as far forward as possible** when entering the drop-off zone
- Parents **must** stay in their vehicles (if you need to get out, please use a parking spot along Snowsell)
- Children **must** wait for a volunteer to open their car door
- Children **must** exit out of the **right side** of the vehicle to avoid unsafe parking lot traffic
- Parent/Student volunteers will be at the END of the drop-off zone to let children out (this will ensure for smooth traffic flow)



Our program coordinator, Nikki Price and her team of fabulous parent volunteers, and dedicated Dr. Knox Middle School Student Volunteers have done an amazing job in getting our program up and running so smoothly.

In order to continue our success with this program, we need of more parent volunteers. Even helping out once every 2 weeks makes a huge difference! If you can help our team out, please contact the school and let us know!

### **Reminder: Upper & Lower Parking Lots = "Staff Only"**

A reminder that both the upper and lower parking lots are for staff parking only. Parents can use the morning Drop Zone or park along Snowsell St. North.



## Off the Shelf

Welcome to fall!

**Scholastic Book Fair** is going on this week in the library! We will be open during all of the student-led conference times. Feel free to drop by before or after you meet with your child's teacher! We are open on Thursday from 8:00am to 6pm, and Friday from 8am to 3pm.

**Battle of the Books** will be starting in October for students in grades 3 - 6. Listen for the announcements for our first meeting coming soon!

Canadian author, Shane Peacock will be visiting our school on October 7 to talk to all of our intermediate students. He will be sharing stories about the writing process and will be reading to us from some of his novels. He may even autograph some prize books for our students!

Later this month, we will be starting our annual **Fall Reading Club**. Student participants will receive a booklet to record their reading time. For every seven entries, students will receive a sticker. Once the booklet is completed, students will receive a prize. We will also do prize draws throughout the fall for participants. Students will receive more information in their classes.

**Birthday Book Draw:** Remember, if your child's birthday is this month, he/she can fill out the Birthday Book Draw form to be entered to win a free book.



### **We Day**

This special event takes place in Vancouver on October 21st, bringing together 18,000 youth from around B.C. NGE has been invited to send at least 10 Gr 6 leaders (and potentially more) to a day of inspirational speakers and entertainers. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of children in need, and to inspire and celebrate the youth movement for global change. These students will listen to special speakers, participate in activities, as well as learn how to motivate and encourage our community to help. Stay tuned as all of our Grade 6 leaders organize events for our school to help our community and the world. We look forward to having everyone at N.G.E. participating in making a difference and in a significant way!





## Home/School Conferences

Teachers look forward to meeting parents at our upcoming conferences to be held **October 1st & 2nd**. Teachers will send home confirmation of your family's scheduled day & time. Early dismissal takes place on these dates at 12:30, and busses will run accordingly.



## After School Plans & Play

- \* If your child's after school plans change from the regular routine, please inform your classroom teacher.
- \* If you stay and play on the school playground, please monitor your children and ensure they are using our equipment safety rules.
- \* Our 2:45 bell signals that supervision is over and students should be making their way home.
- \* For safety reasons, students still waiting for pick-up after the 2:45 bell must check in at the office.

## Update our E-Mail List!

If you haven't been receiving our school emails over the past month, please ensure that we have your current email on file at the office. Newsletters are now on-line - we will be emailing our families each month to remind them to check out our website for the monthly newsletter.



## Terry Fox Run

Thanks to all the families and student who participated in our 32nd annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Once again, our Grade 6 students did a great job of directing all of us on the 1km route.



A big thank you to all of the people who helped make this event a huge success. With the help of Mrs. Hanson's Grade 3 class, who collected "Toonies for Terry," the NGE community raised over \$800 for cancer research. WOW!

### 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 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 provide and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students 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.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our PAC meets for approximately one hour the second Tuesday of every month with the next meeting being held on **October 13th** in the library at 7:00 p.m. - babysitting is available. Our PAC provides many positive contributions to our school community. We hope you will attend to learn more about our school and how parents can help support their child's education.

## STUDENT FEES

A reminder that student fees for school supplies and cultural performances (Gr 2-6) are now due. If you need special consideration regarding fees, please don't hesitate to contact our office. The link for the online payment system for fees is on the front page of our website. You can click the link below to go directly there as well:

[\*\*STUDENT FEES ONLINE LINK\*\*](#)

## Fire Prevention Week - October 4th-10th, 2015



During Fire Prevention Week, families are encouraged to review fire safety procedures and plan an escape route at home in case of an emergency. This year's theme is "Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP!" - every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. Be sure to test yours every month. A special Fire Prevention pamphlet will go home with our primary students. In addition, each year, a Fire Chief for the Day is randomly selected from students in K-Gr. 3. The winning student will be joining winners from other schools at the Kelowna Firehall for a special evening of fun, food, games and prizes! Please take time during Fire Prevention Week to plan for a safe exit with everyone in your family.

## Litterless Lunches

We are now in our fourth year of our Litterless Lunch program and we are seeing amazing results and success with this eco-friendly initiative. As a school community we continue to see a drastic reduction in lunchtime litter (in and around the school), students being much more mindful when it comes to throwing out food, and a very clean and learner-friendly environment in all our classrooms. Our families are also seeing the benefit at home, as parents/guardians are more aware of what their children are and are not eating at school each day.

We are also seeing all students using a variety of excellent strategies to be successful with our program, including:

- \* Packing food items with little to no man-made waste products
- \* Cleaning out containers before packing them away
- \* Using reusable utensils ... and using reusable containers to store any waste or left over food products



*For more information and details on our program, please visit our website at:*  
[http://www.nge.sd23.bc.ca/parents/litterless\\_lunch\\_program/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nge.sd23.bc.ca/parents/litterless_lunch_program/Pages/default.aspx)



## Breakfast for Learning

Our school's nutrition program is proudly funded by Breakfast for Learning. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the

school day.

Breakfast for Learning is a national charity that is committed to helping children across Canada realize their full potential in life by ensuring that all children attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

As Canada's first charity focused on child nutrition, Breakfast for Learning has been helping support school based nutrition programs in every province and territory for almost 23 years.

In the 2014\15 school year, Breakfast for Learning funded 2,174 breakfast, lunch and snack programs, served 271,663 children and youth, and provided more than 44 million nourishing meals and snacks.

Since 1992, Breakfast for Learning has helped 3.6 million children enjoy over 554 million healthy meals and snacks. For more information, please visit [breakfastforlearning.ca](http://breakfastforlearning.ca).

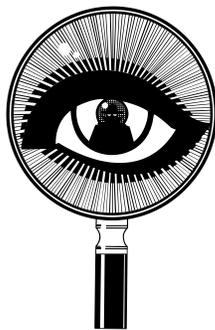
## Community News

### CHILDREN'S EYE CHECK-UP's....are free

at any local optometrist, up to age 18.

No referrals needed.

Please consider having your child's eyes checked on a regular ba-



### Family Activity Night

City of Kelowna Recreation is once again offering a series of Family Floor Hockey nights for the NGE community. Our first event will be **Friday, October 16th**.



More information coming home soon. Enjoy a great family time getting active!

### CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL

#### Babysitting Training & Home Alone Courses

Oct.17, Nov.14, Dec. 12

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