

North Glenmore Elementary

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“Home of the Gators”



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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!

Jared Birkeland & Jill Voros
Principal Vice-Principal

SCHOOL FEES (PAY ONLINE)

Student fees are now available for payment. Outstanding fee statements will be sent home by the end of the month. .

Supplies	Cultural	TOTAL
\$30.00	\$10.00	<u>\$40.00</u>

To pay for fees, please go to our main website page and click on the ‘Online Payments’ button.



Thank you!

Student Verification Forms

Verification forms will be coming home soon. 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.



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. Note: volunteer record checks are only accepted if completed within the last 5 years.

Record checks completed by other organizations are not accepted. We strongly recommend you complete one right away, as the process can take a few weeks before it is finalized (we can’t permit volunteers in the school or on field trips until the finalized record check is received).

Please pick up your forms at the school office.



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



Staff List for 2016-2017

Name	Assignment	Room	Name	Assignment
Mrs. Nye	K	11	Mr. Birkeland	Principal
Mrs. Wright	K	9	Mrs. Voros*	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Sandvold	K	7	Mrs. Robinson	Administrative Assistant
Miss Ringguth	K/1	8	Mrs. D'Orazio	Office/Library Assistant
Mrs. Bassett-Smith	1	10	Mrs. Horning	Teacher/Librarian
Mrs. Palahniuk	1	6	Mrs. Lesiuk	Learning Assistant Teacher
Mrs. Semancik*	1/2	5	Mrs. Gatti	Learning Improvement Support
Mrs. Kohlen	2	12	Mrs. Wong	Music/Drama/PE Teacher
Miss Romano	2	16	Mrs. Weststrate	Music/Drama Teacher
Ms. Manduca	2/3	14	Mrs. Labrecque	Certified Education Assistant
Ms. Draper	3	17	Mrs. Bomford	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Hanson	3	15	Mrs. Vos	Certified Education Assistant
Mr. Owens	3/4	20	Ms. Dranchuk	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Mundie	4	21	Mrs. McLeod	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Letkeman	4	19	Mrs. Brent	Certified Education Assistant
Mr. Smith	5	Mod. 23	Mrs. Caig	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Harms	5	Mod. 22	Mrs. Whitham	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Bowen	6	3	Mrs. Roberts	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Davies	6	4	Mrs. Brown*	Certified Education Assistant
Mrs. Moffatt*	6	1	Mr. Glasscock	Day Custodian
			Mr. McQuary	Night Custodian
			Mrs. Snyders	Noon-Hour Supervisor
			Mrs. Tonn	Noon-Hour Supervisor
			Mrs. Hayes	Noon-Hour Supervisor
			Mrs. Perrett	Noon-Hour Supervisor
			Mr. Ikesaka	Noon-Hour Supervisor
			Mrs. Bondaroff	Noon-Hour Supervisor

****Welcome to our new 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 - 11:53am
Call to class	11:53am
Afternoon Classes	11:58am - 2:30pm
Recess	1:30pm - 1:45pm
Dismissal	2:30pm



Student Absences

Please call our 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.

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.



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.



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.

Medical Alert Students



All students with potentially life-threatening medical conditions and those who require medication at school should update their 2016-2017 documents on file at the school office as soon as possible.

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.

Insurance

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/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) were distributed to students on the first day of school. Extra copies are on the school community board outside the office.

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.



CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are asked to NOT bring electronic devices, games, iPods, cell phones to school - they are known to be the cause of great distraction, and there is always the concern that such costly items may go missing or get used in inappropriate ways creating FOIPOP issues. If parents feel their children need a cell phone at school, our policy is that these items must stay in backpacks and only come out for emergency reasons. The school cannot take responsibility for the safety of these items or any inappropriate actions that may occur with their use. If your family has a special reason that your child must have a phone available, please contact Mr. Birkeland or Mrs. Voros.



SEPTEMBER 2016

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR 2016-2017

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>

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 15th, 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@sd23.bc.ca.

Please note that courtesy seats are subject to cancellation at a week's notice should seats be needed for additional eligible riders as per SD No. 23 policy.

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

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Pages/default.aspx>



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.



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

The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause

Within School District Policy 425—Student Fees (see 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.

2016-2017 NORTH GLENMORE ELEMENTARY School Calendar

Days in session	190 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 30-Sep. 1)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	8
Schools open	Tuesday, September 6
Fall Home/School Conferences for NGE	October 5 & 6 (Early dismissal @ 12:30pm)
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 7
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 10
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 21
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Friday, November 11
Last school day before Winter vacation begins	Friday, December 16
Winter Vacation (schools closed)	Monday, December 19 – Friday, December 30
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 2
Schools re-opens after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 3
Spring Home/School Conferences for NGE	February 2 & 3 (Early dismissal @ 12:30pm)
Provincial Family Day	Monday, February 13
Teacher Professional Day (schools closed)	Friday, February 24
Last day before Spring vacation	Friday, March 17
Spring Vacation (school closed)	Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 31
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 3
Good Friday (school closed)	Friday, April 14
Easter Monday (school closed)	Monday, April 17
Non-Instructional Day (revised curriculum)	Friday, May 19
Victoria Day (school closed)	Monday, May 22
Last day of school for students	Thursday, June 29
Administration Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 30
Schools Close	Friday, June 30

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