

**Happy New Year GATORS!** We started term 2 with some wonderful snow to build with! Our



students were challenged to build the tallest snow structure... We had some great snowmen and snow forts! Please remind your children that sleds are not to be brought to school unless directed by classroom teachers for gym class. With 645 students, we are unable to safely supervise sledding during recess breaks. As we head into some colder weather, we have created a cold weather plan so it is very clear for all. Please see below. We are looking forward to a great term ahead. Parent



conferences are scheduled for February 8 & 9 and students will be dismissed at 12:30 on both of those days.

**NGE Cold Weather Plan:** It is critical that students arrive at school each day prepared for cold weather. Parents should check the local forecast for up-to-date weather information. Students must be dressed appropriately so that they remain safe and comfortable during the following times:

- Outside playtime before and after school
- Lunchtime playtime (30 Minutes)
- Afternoon recess (15 minutes)
- Fire/Evacuation Drills (at all temperatures)
- Bus breakdowns
- Unscheduled and scheduled outside breaks and learning experiences in the community

We do not have a school or district policy for cold weather procedures. However, we follow these guidelines at North Glenmore Elementary:

**BELOW FREEZING (-1 Celsius to -15 Celsius):** Students are expected to go outside for all play times. Please ensure your child has:

- Warm coat
- Gloves/Mittens
- Head/Ear covering
- Boots
- Neck warmer
- It is recommended that students also bring waterproof snow pants. Remember that students will be outside for the duration of the 30 minute lunch playtime and the 15 minute afternoon recess.

### **TEMPERATURE REACHES between -16 Celsius to -19 Celsius**

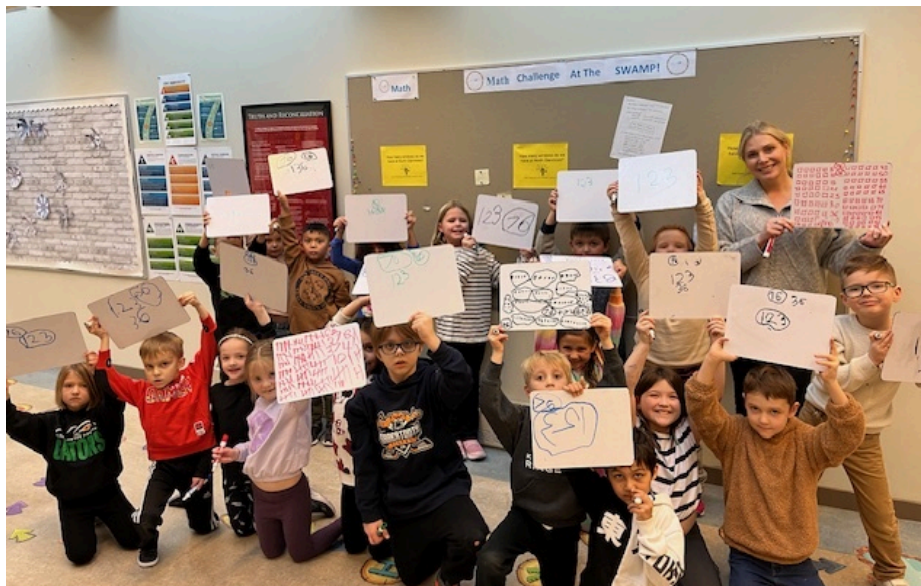
If the temperature reaches -16 Celsius to -19 Celsius and the wind is calm, students will go outside for a shortened recess (5 – 15 minutes). If the weather is windy and stormy, students will stay inside.

### **TEMPERATURE REACHES -20 Celsius or lower**

If the temperature reaches -20 Celsius, students will stay inside during lunch and recess.

**Navigating the Digital World:** Safer Schools Together is presenting family presentations in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare on “Social Media Awareness”. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers to navigate the digital world. Dates and times and information to register can be found at this link if interested:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>



### **Math Challenge**

Our current math challenge is: “How many windows do we have at North Glenmore?” We have been seeing some fantastic mathematical thinking, including Ms. Gervais’s class touring the school with whiteboards. They even remembered to count how many skylight windows we have in our

school. We have some amazing mathematicians here at NGE!

**Student Enrollment 2024-2025** - The SD23 Student enrollment for NEXT school year begins on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 am. This is for KINDERGARTEN and NEW students only. If you have a child that will turn 5 in 2024, please be sure to register. If you know of any children that live in our North Glenmore neighborhood, please let them know to register. Here is the enrollment link: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca/>

**Partners for Inclusive Education:** Don’t forget the next Partners for Inclusive Education online gathering is Monday, January 15 - details below.



**Partners for inclusive Education (PIE)** is a welcoming online space committed to supporting parents/guardians to learn more about the how students with neurodiversity, disability, support needs and/or diverse abilities are supported in their neighborhood school.

**Unplug & Play:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Unplug and Play, and Family Literacy Week is taking place from Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the Unplug and Play website [here](#).

**PAC UPDATES:** You are invited to the January PAC meeting on Tuesday, January 16 beginning at 6 pm in the school library! Hot lunch term 2 begins next Wednesday, January 17 and runs on Wednesdays until March 13, 2024.

**PAC Fundraising:** We are delighted to announce that we are over halfway to our \$20,000 fundraising goal; currently at an impressive \$10,924! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our initiatives thus far. Speaking of HEARTS... stay tuned for our next exciting

endeavor - the Valentine's Date Night Raffle! By participating, you not only stand a chance to win one of two fantastic prizes: a Parent Date Night Extravaganza or a delightful Family Night Out. All proceeds from the raffle will go directly to supporting educational initiatives and enhancing the learning experiences for our young minds. For any inquiries or further information, feel free to reach out to us at [nge.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:nge.fundraising@gmail.com).

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE



## Upcoming Important School Dates:

- Friday, January 12 - grade 6 pizza lunch
- Wednesday, January 17 - hot lunch begins for term 2
- Tuesday, January 30 - Cultural

Performance at NGE - Kutapira percussion

- Friday, February 2 - grade 6 pizza lunch
- February 8 & 9 - Parent Conferences 12:30 dismissal both days.



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