

North Glenmore Elementary

"Home of the Gators"



Winter
2021



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New Reporting Practices

This year NGE will be Piloting a new 4-point scale which is in alignment with the Provincial and District reporting practices to begin next fall. As we shift to these new reporting practices, our goal is to provide students and their families with, timely and ongoing descriptive feedback throughout the term. This will be shared with parents through either digital or paper portfolios. At the end of each term you will receive a learning summary which will include teacher and student reflection on social responsibility and work ethic. Our goal is to support student learning of the competencies they need to be successful in life so they have a better understanding of their own learning styles. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher or contact the office.

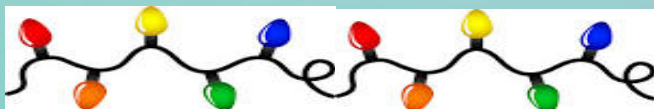
Level of Competency (in relation to grade level standards)			
Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
			
Student is beginning to demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of big ideas, curricular competencies, and content. "I am just getting started; I need ongoing support with my learning."	Student demonstrates some understanding and knowledge of big ideas, curricular competencies, and content. "I understand some of what I am learning; I am beginning to do more on my own; I often need support with my learning."	Student consistently demonstrates a very good understanding and knowledge of big ideas, curricular competencies, and content. "I can do it mostly on my own; I sometimes need support with my learning."	Student demonstrates a complete understanding and can apply and transfer knowledge of big ideas, curricular competencies, and content. "I can do it on my own; I go above and beyond with my learning."

NGE is pleased to present... Winter Wonderland 2022



Once again students are busy preparing for some Holiday Magic. Each class will be sharing a special performance with parents/guardians. A link will be forwarded to you by the school during the last week before the break. Please watch for this email, and feel

free to share this link with extended family and friends. Thank you for remembering to not post on social media. We wish all of you a safe and happy holiday filled with magic!



We have two NGE Spirit Days in December...

Thursday, December 16th is "Holiday Wear" Day. Dress in your favourite holiday clothes. Get decked out in your hippest holiday shirt or sweater. Or get comfy cozy in your holiday onesies. Maybe you want to wear your fancy dress. Or perhaps add a Santa hat or reindeer antlers and holiday socks too!

On Friday, December 17th, we're inviting students and staff to sleep in a bit longer. Don't worry about picking out an outfit...just come to school in your coziest sleepwear jammies! Why? It's "Pajama Day" of course! Wear your pajamas to school, Gators! A great way to start off your Christmas holiday.

Parent Information Session: NGE Reporting Practices

For more information about our new learning summary as well as district and provincial changes to reporting, please take time to watch the following information session that was presented on November 23, 2021.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12iL8ALuFHkKwmtgMnL2gqTaSzc68zi0/view?usp=sharing>

Kelowna Food Bank



Classrooms will be collecting non-perishable food and personal care, to be donated to our local foodbank.

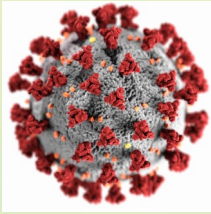
The Most Needed Items Right Now Are:

- Canned Fish/Meats (e.g. tuna, ham, turkey)
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned or Dry Soups
- Mac & Cheese
- Meals in a Can (e.g. Pork n' Beans or Stew)
- Pasta Sauces
- Pasta/Rice
- Baby Basics – Formula, Baby Food, Diapers & Wipes

Donations will be collected by classrooms between Dec. 6th and 15th. Thank you for supporting the less fortunate this holiday season!

COVID Updates

With the recent increase in covid cases in the Central Okanagan it brings to the forefront how thankful we are to our NGE staff who continue to make learning a priority as we work through this pandemic. Their diligence and courage throughout this pandemic with the added stress and worry that ensuring every one stays healthy and follows our important safety measures is **commendable**. We also want to thank our parents who are supporting our mask mandate by sending your children with their own masks each day. We certainly have gone through boxes and boxes of paper masks for those students who forget (some daily), and sadly, this is not helpful for our environment. We encourage families to help children to bring and wear their masks each day unless alternative arrangements have been made with the school.



Food & Clothing Drive for Merritt Families:

Thank you NGE families for your generous gifts of food, water and clothing for those who have been displaced by the Merritt flooding. We had an overwhelming response. Pictured here are some grade 6 students who helped load the donations to be delivered to the School Board Office!



Partners for Inclusive Education

Partners for Inclusive Education strives for open communication about inclusive education. This effort requires education, teamwork, and empathy to maximize "wrap around support" and celebrate the differences that make our children individuals. **The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education** can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources: (http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/PIE_info.pdf).



The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Monday, December 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Zoom (contact the Superintendent's Office for Zoom details)

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of each month.



We've had a busy Autumn in the library at North Glenmore!

So far this year, we have purchased and catalogued over 300 new books for our NGE students. We have added a lot of new titles to our graphic novel collection, and have replaced many of our old, out of date non-fiction books. If your child has a favourite series or topic of interest, let Mrs. Horning know and we may be able to add it to our collection.



In October, we began our annual Battle of the Books program. Students in grades 3-6 were invited to join and begin reading the NINE books selected for their grade. In January, we will begin weekly meetings to discuss the books and answer quiz questions. Then in April we will send a school team to compete with other elementary schools in our zone. If your child is interested in joining, there is still plenty of time! They just need to come to the library and get a battle of the books bookmark and then choose a book to start!

If your child forgets to bring their library books on their regular library day, please note that we do have open library exchange times during afternoon recess on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Books can be signed out for up to three weeks before they are overdue. If your child needs more time with a book, we can always renew it! Students **will** be able to sign out books over the Christmas break.

One request from us in the library: please encourage your child to keep their library books away from their lunches and water bottles. We have had many books damaged by open lunchboxes and loose water bottle lids. We try to save as many damaged books as possible, but books that have food damage are often beyond repair as they become a health hazard due to mold and mildew.

Mrs. D'Orazio and Mrs. Horning wish all of you a very happy holiday season!

Student Leadership Opportunities @ NGE

Our senior students now have the opportunity to have some leadership experiences at NGE:

1. **GATOR Games Leaders:** Nearly 80 grade 4-6 students were recently trained to be games leaders on the playground
2. **Lunch Monitors:** Grade 5 & 6 students will be helping out in the K/1 classrooms (while following COVID protocols)

Thank you to these leaders for volunteering their time to build their leadership skills.



NGE "Kiss & Drop" system... Morning & Afternoon

- The kiss and drop is designed for you to drop your children off at school **WITHOUT** getting out of your car (if your child needs more help to get into the school, you need to find parking elsewhere)
- Vehicles must pull up as far forward as possible when entering the drop-off zone
- Children must exit out of the right side of the vehicle to avoid unsafe parking lot traffic
- We ask that children are ready to go with bags in hand (or beside them on the seat)



The school parking lot is for NGE staff only.

Winter Reminders



- ☆ **It is getting cold outside...** Thank you parents for helping prepare your child for play time outside every day. Students need to dress warmly for their daily outdoor play breaks. Snow pants are encouraged and students should have a pair of dry shoes for indoor wear. Winter boots should not be worn in the classroom
- ☆ Generally speaking, unless the temperature drops below -15°C , students go outside for lunch and afternoon recess breaks. On some cold and windy occasions, we may shorten the play time during the lunch hour. We always hope to give children outside play time but within reason.
- ☆ Thank you for helping to remind your children about our snow expectations: At NGE we **BUILD** with snow we don't **THROW** it! Throwing snow, kicking slush and "face washing" are prohibited on the school grounds, walk routes and bus routes. Take the time to help your child understand that following this rule will make our community a safer place. **Thank you parents for your continued support! Let's all have a safe and happy winter!**



Snowy Trees by grade 1 & 2 students in Mrs. Gervais Class



3 D Snow Villages by grade 1 students in Mrs. Bassett-Smith's Class



Digital Wellness - Bits & Bytes

Bite-sized learning ideas and resources to help families learn to live well in a digital world. Those who subscribe (below) will receive short online articles with resources, information, and helpful ideas to support you and your family in growing your collective Digital Wellness knowledge and skills.

We officially launch in January 2022. All subscribers will receive Digital Wellness related articles via email every ~2 weeks with helpful tips, ideas, resources, and more

To learn more about our Digital Wellness journey, as well as [helpful resources for families](https://www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness), please visit our website at www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness

Pumpkin Patch



A big thanks to Don-o-Ray Farms for supporting our Kindergarten and Grade 1 pumpkin patch for the second year. The pumpkin patch also provided a great leadership opportunity for our Grade 6 students who oversaw hiding the pumpkins. Thanks Don-O-Ray farms for the unique pumpkins this year!



NGE Battery Recycling Program

Several pounds of batteries have been recycled this year through the North Glenmore Battery Recycling program. Way to go Gators!! It is important to recycle batteries so the toxic metal used in them does not end up contaminating our environment. Please bring your used batteries in the drop box in the office and they will be taken to the Battery Doctor for recycling and disposal. (No car batteries please).

PAC Updates

Fun Lunch Program

A few things to note for the New Year:

- Winter Fun Lunch online ordering begins Monday, December 6th
- Order Cut off is Friday, January 7th. All orders must be placed and paid in full or they cannot be submitted

If your child is sick on the day of Fun Lunch and you wish to pick it up, please email **ngehot-lunch@gmail.com** in the morning and arrange to pick up your child's meal between 11 & 2pm. We are unable to store lunches overnight. All leftover meals will be donated.

Thank You for supporting NGE Gators!
NGE PAC

PAC Meeting

There is no PAC meeting in December; we want our parent community to enjoy this festive and busy season. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 18th at 7pm via Zoom. To request the link in order to join the meeting, please email the PAC at: nge.pac@sd23.bc.ca. All parents and guardians are welcome! Please join us and learn about plans for our school.

PAC Updates:

Thank you so much for your Purdy's orders! **We sold \$13,437.50 worth of goodies with a profit of \$3,527.35!**

We received our shipment earlier than expected, and we are offering earlier pick-ups! PLEASE come get your order as soon as you can!

Purdy's Pick-up

Adventure Junction Early Learning Centre
102 Snowsell St. N.

Friday, Dec. 3rd - 2:30-5:00

Monday, Dec. 6th - 2:30-5:00

Happy Holidays to All!

From your NGE Staff

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday

See you on Tuesday, January 4, 2022