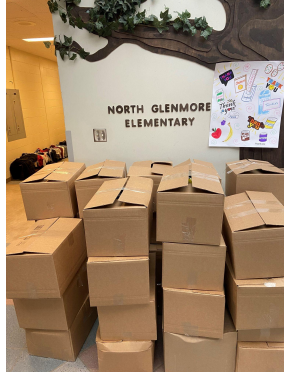


North Glenmore Elementary Gator News December 2022

Building a Caring Community



Grade 6 student Watercolour paintings by Tiger M & Alli N



North Glenmore has been a buzz these last few weeks with so many festive activities. Our annual food bank drive was a huge success! We had 1513 individual donations weighing a total of **1295** pounds which is more than DOUBLE our 2021 donations of 502 pounds! Thank you families for your generosity. Thank you to our student volunteers Aurora, Avaya & Kaelynn for their help in collecting and tallying our donations each morning last week. The primary class with the most donations was Cross' - grade ½ students who brought in 79 donations in total. Our intermediate class with the most donations was Erickson/Lewis' grade 6 class who brought in 120 donations. Many families will have food due to our GATOR generosity this holiday season. The food bank sends their gratitude to all of you!

Spirit Club: Our spirit club was busy arranging for some fun school spirit days this last month: on "Animal Day" our generous gators raised \$1000.20 for the SPCA. Pictured here are our spirit club members along with one of their teacher leaders Mrs. Kohlen and Keigan from the SPCA. Thank you to everyone for your generosity to this worthy cause. We also enjoyed "Holiday Wear" Spirit day on December 9th and this Friday, December 16 is "PJ day". Thank you for raising our spirits, Spirit Club!



Elder Ziprick is an Elder in Residence at North Glenmore in the Erickson/Lewis grade 6 classroom. They held a holiday celebration this week and Elder Ziprick shared some traditional Indigenous foods including salmon, bannock, venison, saskatoon berry (siya) and houshum (soap berry juice). What a wonderful way to learn more about local Indigenous culture and traditions! We are learning so much from you Elder Ziprick. limlemt



Holiday video creations: Thank you to our wonderful students for their outstanding performances, and to the teaching team (in particular Mrs. Weststrate and Mrs. Wong) for coordinating the production of class holiday videos for our families to enjoy. A big thank you to our editor Kyle Mcleod. A link to the Holiday Extravaganza will be shared with families later this week.



Beautiful Winter Water Colours by the grade ¾ students in Mrs. Hayes class



GRINCH Day in Mrs. Palahniuk's grade 1 classroom.

First Term Learning Summaries were completed and sent home earlier this week. Please connect with your learner's teacher regarding any questions that you may have regarding this first term assessment. We know how hard our Gators are working to improve their learning. We are all so proud of the growth they have shown in our first term of learning this school year.

Grade 6 Basketball season is underway. Thank you to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Voros for working with our student-athletes who love to play hoops!



FSA: Our Grade 4 Learning Cohort recently received their Ministry of Education Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) results. This provincial assessment helps inform and guide our practice supporting Literacy and Numeracy skill development here at NGE. Thank you to all the students who participated. The majority of our Gators are “On Track” or “Extending” with their learning! Well done grade 4’s!

School Community Student Learning Conversation: North Glenmore Elementary School has been invited to share some of the great learning that is happening at our school this year. Our learning story will be shared with members of the School Board and the School Board Trustees sometime later in term 2. Staff, student and PAC representatives will all be invited to be part of the learning conversation.



Parenting in a Digital World: Parenting is hard, and the rapid rise of technology and social media use in the lives of kids makes it harder. To help, BCPAC is extending complimentary access to download “Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent’s Guide from Safer Schools Together”. The guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children. Here is the link to the handbook: [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth Parent Guide](#)

BEST ROUTES to School: We continue to work with the City of Kelowna Safe Routes to School to support our community. The city has created an NGE handout for parents with some tips about getting children safely to school each day. Here is a link to our school’s handout and map: [Best-routes-to-school--North-Glenmore.pdf](#) (rdco.com). **We are having more and more parents parking in our BIKE lanes - across the street from the school. We remind parents that this is NOT A PARKING Spot! Please be mindful of our posted signs.** One thing to consider for the morning drop off when driving down Union from Wilden, is to try using Begbie instead of Union. This will help with the backup at the turning light from Union to Snowsell!

Lost and Found: All lost and found items from Term 1 have been on display outside of the main gym for the last few weeks. Students have been given many reminders to check the items for personal belongings. These items will be collected on Friday, December 16.

PAC DECEMBER UPDATES:

Our **PAC** elves have been busy this last month!



PAC hosted a **Holiday Market** in our gym on Saturday, November 19. What a wonderful way to bring our community together and start to get into the holiday spirit. The PAC was able to raise some money for our school with this fundraiser! Thank you to our community artisans who supported NGE by participating.

CREATED BY KIDS: The beautiful art pieces from our student winter art work went home on December 12. A big thank you to our PAC volunteers for taking time to help distribute hundreds of orders! Any orders not yet picked up have been given to your child's teacher.



Purdy's Chocolate: a special thank you to the volunteers helping with the Purdy's chocolate fundraiser for our grade 6 cohort. Also to our grade 6 teachers who did a lot of organizing of this chocolate. Any orders not yet picked up are in the office.



Yearbooks: NGE yearbooks are now available on the Hot Lunch Website! A beautiful 72 page spread featuring ALL grades! Purchase yours today using your hot lunch account! \$30.00 for Softcover, \$35.00 for Hardcover. Yearbooks will be sent home at the end of June.

50/50 Draw: The PAC would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the 50/50 cash prize fundraiser. The total jackpot was \$9795 and the winner brought home \$4897.50. We want to congratulate **Lysel O'Connor** who had the winning ticket #C-4916.



Painting for PAC: Please join us Wednesday, February 1st for a night of painting and socializing with other NGE families! Tickets are \$45 and include all materials, light snacks and refreshments. This is a family friendly event for NGE families only. Suggested for 8 years and older. All participants must have a ticket. Only 35 spots are available, please follow the link to purchase your ticket and hold your spot. Registration is open until January 20th. Follow this link to buy your ticket today!



<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/ngepaint>

PAC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! The PAC still has two executive positions available:

- Secretary (available immediately and easy peasy!)
- Treasurer (start date September 2023, bookkeeping knowledge/experience necessary)
- For details about the responsibilities for each position, please visit this link: [Roles, Responsibilities, and Accountability of PAC and DPAC Executives](#)
- If you would like to apply for either of these positions, please email Nge.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca

Term 2 Hot Lunch: Winter session is open for ordering. Final orders and balances must be paid in full by **January 6!**

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From all of us at North Glenmore, we are wishing you a safe and happy holiday season. May you all find time to connect with those who bring you laughter and joy and remind you what is truly important; family, friends and a caring community.

Mark Your Calendars:

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - schools reopen after winter break



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