

North Glenmore Elementary

"Home of the Gators"



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Drop Zone Program

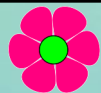
We are now entering our fifth year of our Drop Zone. This system has provided safer traffic conditions and improved traffic flow during the peak periods of school entry (i.e. from 8:10-8:30am).

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 in order not to back up traffic on Snowsell St.
- Parents **must** stay in their vehicles (if you need to get out, please use a parking spot along Snowsell St.)
- Children **must** exit out of the **right side** of the vehicle to avoid unsafe parking lot traffic
- A video reviewing drop-off procedures at NGE can be found on our website here:

http://www.nge.sd23.bc.ca/about_our_school/parking_dropoff/

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.



Parking at NGE

As a school community that is growing, we are all experiencing the difficulties that come with a lack of parking spaces in the morning.

This is just a reminder that **the school parking lot is for NGE staff only.**

If you are not able to use the Drop Zone and must park to drop-off or pick-up, **parking is available on either side of Snowsell Street.**

In addition to Snowsell parking the **Okanagan Jewish Community Centre**, across the street from the school, has graciously offered to let NGE families use all but 3 of their available parking spots during the busy before and after school times. Please be sure to **avoid the 3 parking spots clearly marked with "Day Care Clients Only. Violators will be towed"**. In addition, there is no parking in the area designated as a fire lane which will soon have signage reading **"Legally Required Emergency Fire Lane. NO Parking. Violators Will Be Towed."**

Drop-Off & Pick-Up of Students

Now that students and their families have had the opportunity to become familiar with before and after school routines and zones, we ask that parents follow the plan by dropping off and picking up their children offsite as much as possible.

- Parents of youngest children (Grade Ks, 1s, and in certain cases 2s) are asked to pick them up at the basketball court. Parents are asked to please stay behind the yellow line. This may mean having to find parking on Snowsell Drive or side streets
- Parents of older students are asked to make use of our 'kiss-and-drop' lane or to have a 'predetermined' meeting site to avoid any congestion. **Do not park and leave your vehicle in the 'kiss-and-drop'.** For more information regarding use of our 'kiss and drop' lane, please see our website here: [How to use the 'kiss-and-drop'](#).

If parents do need to be on school grounds, we ask that you please wear a mask (if you can) and physically distance from other children and adults

- If children are arriving late they will need to check-in with the office staff even if they are in a portable or modular. We ask parents to please **bring them to the front door** and call into the office (250-870-5128)
- If children are being picked up from school early, please **come to the front door** and call into the school to have them brought out to you. Students must connect with office staff to check-out from school
- In trying to minimize our contact points, please refrain from dropping off forgotten items for your child (e.g. water bottles) during the school day
- We do have teacher supervisors and administrators outside daily to answer questions and assist students with arrival and departure.

We appreciate your support as we implement the safety plan of the Ministry of Health and Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

To all parent/guardians for using the School Messenger app or calling the school, 250-870-5128 each day that your child is absent or going to be late. This saves so much time out of our day and we greatly appreciate it! It is also much more effective than relying on an email to the teacher, as the teacher may be absent, or not able to check their email until the school day is over.

Please note: NGE does not use the Early Dismissal/Early Departure option in School Messenger.

Student Absenteeism

Regular attendance is an important part of each student's success at school. We recognize that students who are ill need to be at home, however, we encourage parents to make arrangements for special appointments or family activities outside of school hours whenever possible.

In the case where parents plan holidays during the school year, please note that teachers may not be able to prepare materials ahead of time to accommodate student absences. Whenever possible, student work will be collected during an extended absence and the students will be expected to "catch-up" after their return. It is important to note that some learning activities cannot be "caught up" and may affect a student's overall standing.

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

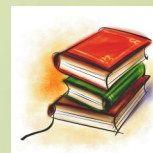
Intermediate (Grades 4 - 6) 30-45 minutes daily

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).

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 on-line and we will be emailing our families each month to remind them to check out our website for the monthly newsletter.

Off the Shelf



Library Safety Protocols

This year the library will run somewhat differently due to new Covid safety protocols that we have set up. Students will only be allowed to sign out TWO books. This is a change for our gr 2 – 6 students who were permitted 3 or 4 books in previous years. This change is because all library books must now be cleaned and sanitized once they are returned to the library. This adds a significant amount of work to the sign-in process, so we are limiting numbers of signouts for now.

Other safety protocols for the library include having all students and staff use hand sanitizer when they enter the library, and having all tables and touch points sanitized twice daily. If students look through a book, but don't sign it out, they must put it into the library wagon to be sanitized before it can go back on the shelf. All books that leave the library (even going to classrooms) will be wiped down with sanitizer before they are available for students to sign out again.

Overdue Books Reminder

We still have quite a few books that were lost or not returned due to the lockdown last spring. If your child still has library books from last year, please return them or pay for them as soon as possible. Students with more than two lost books or a library fine of more than \$25 will not be permitted to take books home until their account is cleared. (they will be able to sign out books to their classroom). If you think there is a problem with your child's library account, please contact Mrs. Horning, so we can double-check for you.

STUDENT FEES



A reminder that student fees for school supplies are now overdue. 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.

Thank you to our families who have already submitted payment for school fees!



Terry Fox Run



Thanks to all the students who participated in our 39th annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, Sept. 18th. The NGE community raised \$1684.18 for cancer research. WOW!

2020/2021 NORTH GLENMORE ELEMENTARY

School Calendar

Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
Fall Home/School Conferences for NGE (12:30pm dismissal)	TBA
Administrative Implementation Day (schools closed)	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day (schools closed)	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Wednesday, November 11
Last school day before Winter vacation begins	Friday, December 18
Winter Vacation (schools closed)	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Schools re-opens after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Spring Home/School Conferences for NGE (12:30pm dismissal)	TBA
Teacher Professional Day (schools closed)	Friday, February 12
Family Day (schools closed)	Monday, February 15
Last day before Spring vacation	Friday, March 12
Spring Vacation (school closed)	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 29
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 5
Victoria Day (school closed)	Monday, May 24
Last day of school for students	Tuesday, June 29
Administration Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30
School Closed	Wednesday, June 30

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NGE Battery Recycling Program

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 for recycling and disposal. *(No car batteries please).*



Parent Advisory Council

- Please join us! The PAC meets monthly, the third Tuesday of every month, at 7:00pm via Zoom. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 20th.
- Like us on Facebook and receive reminders about upcoming PAC and school activities:
<https://www.facebook.com/ngePAC/>

Litterless Lunches

We are now in our seventh 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.ngesd23.bc.ca/parents/litterless_lunch_program/Pages/default.aspx