

# North Glenmore

Elementary

September  
2021

“Home of the Gators”



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## Welcome Back

It has been another great start up at North Glenmore this fall! We have a over 630 students this year and are welcoming more than 150 NEW families. As we start our second year in this global pandemic, we thank those who dedicated so many extra hours to ensure we are off to a safe and smooth start. These continue to be extraordinary circumstances and we ask you all to do your best to work together in a kind and respectful way even when we have different opinions. We are all here to support your children to learn the most they can and we need to work together to make sure this happens. We will continue to encourage community members to wear masks when on school grounds and ask that students remain off of our playground directly before and after school so that we can keep everyone safe. Thank you for kindly working together to help our students keep safe.



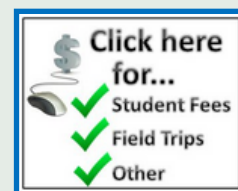
**Sue Stevenson & Jill Voros**  
Principal Vice-Principal

## 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 = \$35.00 Cultural Fees = \$10  
Total = \$45

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



## Communicating Student Learning Changes

This year our school teaching team is working together to improve the way we communicate student learning. Teachers will be posting samples of your child's work to showcase **growth over time**. NGE will still have three formal reporting summaries that will be sent home in December, March and June, but FreshGrade (or an alternative digital platform) will be used to share the most up to date assessments, observations and highlights of your child's learning journey. At the 3 formal reporting periods, a **learning summary** will be sent home that will include highlights of your child's growth on a 3 or 4 point scale. Since the District is moving from FreshGrade Classic to the newer version, called FreshGrade Connect, they have put together a short video to help familiarize parents with the new app. Click the link to view: <https://youtu.be/3ZEuYLMKMFU>. Please note that this new application is taking some time to get up and running this year so we ask your patience as teachers set up their accounts and begin sending home learning information this fall. There will also be a consent form that all families must complete that you will receive from your classroom teacher. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## Student Verification Forms



Verification forms will be coming home soon. They must be filled out at the beginning of each year for **every** child in order to confirm or provide new contact information. If this information should change throughout the school year, please contact the office to update.

## 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 2021-2022



Name	Assignment	Name	Assignment
Mrs. Wright	K	Ms. Stevenson	Principal
Ms. Schulz	K	Mrs. Voros	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Sandvold	K	Mrs. Yost*	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Nye	K	Mrs. D'Orazio	Office/Library Assistant
Mrs. Hildebrant*	1	<b>Name</b> <b>Assignment</b>	
Mrs. Palahniuk	1	Mrs. Horning	Teacher/Librarian
Ms. Ringguth	1	Mrs. Lesiuk	Learning Assistant Teacher
Mrs. Bassett-Smith	1	Mrs. Gatti	English Language Learner Teacher
Mrs. Gervais*	1/2	Mrs. Wong	Music/Drama/PE Teacher
Mrs. Cross	2	Mrs. Weststrate	Music/Drama Teacher
Ms. Renner	2	Mrs. Brown	Resource Teacher
Mrs. Maticchuk	2	Mrs. Elia*	Resource Teacher
Mrs. Kohlen	2/3	Mary Louise Minkus	Speech/Language Pathologist
Ms. Hanson	3	Ms. Brett	ADST Teacher
Mrs. Martin*	3	Ms. Shaw*	Counsellor
Mrs. Hamilton-Smith*	3	Ms. Bates	ARC Clinician
Mrs. Burton	3	<b>Certified Educational Assistants</b>	
Mrs. Letkeman	3/4	Ms. Audy	Ms. MacFarlane
Mrs. Mundie	4	Ms. Belding*	Ms. Maguire*
Mrs. Moffatt	4	Mrs. Bomford	Mrs. McLeod
Mrs. McLellan*	4/5	Mrs. Brown	Ms. Reid*
Mrs. Bowen	5	Mrs. Bubela	Ms. Regin*
Mrs. Davies	5	Ms. Cannan*	Ms. Ribalkin
Mr. Smith	5/6	Miss Devries	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Harms	5/6	Mrs. Dranchuk	Mrs. Tonn
Mr. Woodhurst	6	Mrs. Ikesaka	Ms. Walraven*
Mrs. Winford	6	Mrs. Labrecque	

Mrs. Kuhn*	Daytime Custodian
Mr. Rantucci	Evening Custodian
Mr. Akurienne	Evening Custodian

<b>Noon-Hour Supervisors</b>	
Mrs. Hayes	Mrs. Zecchel
Mrs. Langford	Mrs. You
Mrs. Bondaroff	Mrs. Halston
Mrs. Jenn	

**\* Welcome to our new Gator Staff!**

**NGE Terry Fox Run****Monday Sept 27th**

Bring a "toonie for Terry" and we will all do our best to "Try for Terry" during our run on Monday.

**National Truth and Reconciliation Day**

STAT-September 30th

Reconciliation Week educational activities September 27-October 1  
**WEAR ORANGE** T-shirts any day next week!

**Noon Hour Supervisor Applications**

If you are interested in becoming a spare noon hour supervisor at NGE, 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.

**YEARBOOK COORDINATOR NEEDED**—the PAC is also looking for a year book coordinator. If you are interested, please email [nge.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:nge.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca)  
**School Travel Planning Program:** if you have not done so already, remember to fill in the survey and be entered to win a BIKE for your child. Here is the survey link: <https://getinvolved.kelowna.ca/school-travel->

**KISS & DROP**

A reminder that there is **NO parking** available anywhere on school property at NGE. We have a KISS and Drop lane to use. We ask that you do NOT leave your vehicle. Please only drop children off and go. Remember that both the upper and lower parking lots are for staff parking only at NGE. Parents can use the morning Drop Zone for quick drop only or park along approved side streets. Our City Bylaw enforcement will be ticketing.

**Please DO NOT PARK on SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME****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.

**Accident Insurance**

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>.

**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 FOIPA issues. If parents feel their children need a cell phone at school, our policy is that these items must be turned off, 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 your child's teacher or the Administration.

**The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process**

Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools 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 homepage ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)).

**The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause**

Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://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". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve 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.**

## SCHOOL SECURITY

We would like to remind our parents of a number of security precautions in place at North Glenmore Elementary during the COVID pandemic to ensure the safety of our students and staff:

- Doors will remain locked throughout the day and visitors must call the office for access.
- Parents, guardians, and visitors are **only allowed to enter the building if invited by the school administration** and if safety protocols are followed.
- **Visitors with an appointment are asked to:** Wear a mask, move to the hand-washing station to wash hands, report to the office, sign in and wear a visitor's badge.
- All outside doors remain locked during the day. If students are arriving late to school the office should be contacted and an adult will come to let them into the building.
- The courtyard door remains locked during the day and is opened only before school, after school, recess and lunch to allow for student access. Parents must enter and exit through our main front door.
- School ground supervision takes place in the morning (8:15 - 8:30), at lunch (11:00 - 12:00), and during both afternoon recess breaks (1:10-1:25 & 1:30 - 1:45) as well as after school (2:30 - 2:45).
- We ask that community members, parents & children not use our playground before school and after school until 2:45 pm. During school hours, adults on the playground will be reminded by our NGE staff & Noon Hour Supervisors and asked to return to use the playground after 2:45.
- Students waiting for parent pick-up during the day will wait inside the school. Parents can call the office upon arrival.
  - Students will sign in and out from the office.
- Safety procedures (fire drill, earthquake drill, lock-down drill) are practiced regularly.
- The School Code of Conduct is posted on the NGE Website and was recently updated with a technology component.
- Parents are asked NOT to use our student washrooms - please ask at the office to use our adult washrooms.
- All students are reminded that if they see an adult in the washroom, even a known parent, they should leave, return to class, and report the event to their teacher.

***Thank you for helping to support our safe school environment!***



### The 3Rs at NGE

- ☆ Respect for SELF
- ☆ Respect for OTHERS
- ☆ Respect for COMMUNITY

### NGE G.A.T.O.R.S. are:

- Generous
- Academic
- Trustworthy
- Organized
- Respectful
- Safe

### LABEL YOUR ITEMS/ LOST and FOUND

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.

NOTE: Iron-on labels are recommended for clothing. Your PAC is coordinating a fundraiser for labels through [Mabels Labels](https://www.mabelslabels.com). Visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)



### 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!

The School District #23 Overarching Theme for 2021-2022 is **HOPE.**

We will be working with each of our Gator Learners to help them find meaningful ways to achieve their hopes and dreams with a positive Growth Mindset! We are going to have a great year Gators!

MY HOPE FOR THIS YEAR IS...

