

North Glenmore Elementary Gator News January 2023

Building a Caring Community



Colourful Flowers created by Grade 4/5 students in Mrs. Harms class

Welcome to The SWAMP for the 18 new students and their families that have joined us at NGE since the beginning of December.

Several classes were treated to a surprise visit from 4 members of the Kelowna Rockets earlier

this month. Jackson DeSouza, Elias Carmichael, Jari Kykkanen, and Dylan Whitman visited classrooms, read stories, listened to students read, and even played some floor hockey with some of our students. A wonderful opportunity for our students to see that

hockey players value education! Thank you Kelowna Rockets! You can see them pictured here with grade 4 students from the Acorn learning Community.



Term 2 is off to a great start with some amazing growth and learning at North Glenmore. Students are working on understanding their next steps in their learning journey along the learning progress continuum. For a deeper understanding of the District and Provincial 4 point continuum, here is a

link to a short video:

<https://youtu.be/j7xjvo26arQ>. Our first term Learning Summaries went home in December as one part of the ongoing support to help each of our learners thrive and better understand what they need to work on to improve their learning. Working closely with

Learning Progress Continuum (in relation to Curriculum Learning Standards)			
Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
			
Student is beginning to demonstrate an understanding and/or requires direct support to access learning. "I am beginning in my learning."	Student is demonstrating learning with growing consistency and independence and may require some direct support. "I am learning more on my own and need more practice".	Student demonstrates learning with consistency and independence. "I am learning fully on my own."	Student demonstrates learning with consistency, independence, and increasing depth and complexity. "I am learning fully on my own and applying myself further."

your child's teacher, and better understanding the ongoing descriptive feedback that is given to your child throughout the school year is one way to support growth and learning. Teachers are also looking forward to meeting with you during term 2 conferences on February 9 & 10. **Please note students will be dismissed at 12:30 instead of 2:30 on both of those days. There will be a 15 minute snack break and a 15 minute recess break on those days, so please make sure to send your child with a snack.** Conference sign up will be sent home later this week by individual classroom teachers. Watch for the invite to sign up.



If you come to the school for conferences, be sure to stop in to the gym to see our beautiful refurbished gym floor complete with school logo. A huge thank you to the SD23 Operations Department for their commitment to improving our school over the winter break. What a gift to have this shiny new floor we are all so proud of. Remember to use inside shoes when in the gym!

School Community Student Learning

Conversation: As part of our school plan for this year, we will be sharing our learning story with members of SD23 Senior Management team as well as our School Board Trustees during the North Glenmore School and Community Learning Conversation on Monday, February 27. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to have our students and staff show what they are learning while also highlighting the growth we have seen over the last few years. To help us highlight some of our stakeholder voices, we ask that you take a minute or two to share your thoughts on how your child is growing with their learning as well as what you think is going well at NGE. Here is a link to a 2 question survey for all NGE parents: <https://forms.gle/L8HtXdmrz5PpbEq56> We appreciate you taking time to share your thoughts!

In-line Skating @ NGE



We are excited to give our students the opportunity to learn some In-Line skating skills through the Alien In-Line program which will be running in the NGE gym from February 7 - 24. All students will have two, 55 minute sessions where they will learn important safety and technique skills. More details will be sent home in a letter to parents later this week. Students will be encouraged to bring a helmet to school if they have one (in-line skates, knee and elbow pads and helmets for those who need them will be provided as part of the program).



Gr 06 Basketball Teams

The grade 6 basketball league is well underway and many of our grade 6 athletes are learning how to play together as a team while developing their skills. A huge thank you to coaches Mrs. Voros and Mr. Smith for your commitment to early morning practices and helping our athletes grow and learn.

Celebration Assemblies

Each month Gators come together to celebrate some of the wonderful things we are learning in our classrooms. This month we had some wonderful fan and scarf dances by some of our youngest learners as well as some guitar tunes by some of our oldest learners. This month our Gator Spirit Club wanted to brighten up the month of January by having a colourful Rainbow Spirit Day. Each grade wore various colours of the rainbow to show school spirit. Thank you Gator Spirit Club!



Kindergarten & New Student Registration NOW open for 2023/24

If you have a child that is turning 5 years old in 2023, or if you are new to the area and interested in registering your child at NGE for the 2023/24 school year, registration is now open. Here is the link: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>



School Bus Transportation Registration for next school year is also OPEN.

Use this link to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2023-2024 school year: <https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca/application>

ADHD - Seminar with Dan Duncan - Are you interested in learning more about ADHD?

Local ADHD Expert, Dan Duncan is hosting some workshops that may be of interest to you. ADHD Inside Out is providing the following Discount Codes allowing any of our school's families to register for any live or pre-recorded seminar/webinar at 25% off the price. When registering, please use the coupon code "FAMILY25", to receive this discounted price **(expires June 30, 2023)** Here is a link to explore some of the seminars/webinars or to register: adhdinsideout.com/learning.

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is coming to NGE in February! School District 23 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The MDI is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of

children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/> **Parent FAQs:**

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

New City Park coming to the Glenmore Neighborhood

Senior NGE students were asked some questions about what features they would like to see in a new park that is being planned for our Glenmore neighbourhood in 2023. City planners met with several grade 5 & 6 NGE student representatives to hear their ideas. The Glenmore Recreation Park Master Plan is being revisited to ensure it best serves the current community and is responsive to trends and conditions that have occurred over time, and they want our feedback.

The schematic design is anticipated for completion in 2023 after public engagement, and construction is planned for 2024. Future amenities for Glenmore Recreation Park may include an artificial turf field, sport courts and a splash park. The City is encouraging parents and children to also get involved by participating in a survey, or a virtual open house! Visit getinvolved.kelowna.ca to learn more on how to have your say. Survey closes February 5!



Get in the game this summer with **UBCO Sport Camps!** Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development. These camps are a great way to introduce youth ages 5 to 17 to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp programming includes golf, basketball, volleyball, biking and more. Camps are set to run in July and August at UBC Okanagan. Follow this [link](#) or check out goheat.ca/camps to learn more and register today! Contact ubcoheat.summercamp@ubc.ca for additional information.

Intermediate Valentines Dance: Grade 4-6

February 16th, 4:30-6:30 PM In the Gymnasium

- Clean indoor shoes only
- Concession (Water \$1.00, Candy bag \$2.00, Popcorn & chips \$2.00)
- Prizes: Each student will receive a blank ticket to put their name on. We will draw 10 winners at random throughout the night
- Featuring live Dj. Dr.Knox Leadership 9

ENTRANCE DOORS CLOSED at 5:00 pm, no students are permitted to enter the dance past this time.

\$5.00/ Intermediate Student *If you have concerns about the cost, please reach out to PAC at Nge.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca to void your child's entry fee.* **Wristbands and prize raffle tickets will be sent home with students before the dance**

Order a wristband: nge.fundraiserorders.com **Same login info as Hot Lunch**

Not Registered?

Here's how to get started...

- Go to nge.fundraiserorders.com
- Click on "Click Here to Register"
- Enter Access Code **NGHL**
- Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails)
- Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom
- Follow the instructions to add each intermediate child in your family who attends **North Glenmore Elementary** Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"
- Proceed to order your dance wristband

PayPal:

We only accept hot lunch/fundraising order payments through PayPal (www.paypal.com). **No cheque or cash payments will be accepted at any time. **Please Note: Should you experience any issues with your PayPal account, you must contact PayPal directly to solve the issue.**

***** Wristband orders and payments are due WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH*****

Spring Fair:

June 9th, 4:00-7:00 pm RAIN OR SHINE

- 4 Bounce Castles
- Face Paint & Glitter Tattoos
- Sand Art
- Games and Activities
- Prizes
- Treat & Food trucks
- Raffle Baskets
- 50/50 Cash Draw

Looking for volunteers to run stations, help supervise and to help with clean-up.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094cadaa29a2f5c16-spring#/>

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.

Did you know you can upload photos directly to our yearbook builder?

Our coordinators welcome any content to use in the 2022/2023 book.

All photos upload MUST be of NGE students only (no older or younger siblings outside of NGE enrollment) and have been taken at the school.

<https://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/>

School Code: NGE

We do not need to know the student's name, so in the required field you can put any character to void that requirement. Please list the grade! That is helpful for us to determine the photo placement in the book.

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)

If you would like to apply for either of these positions,

please email Nge.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca For details about the responsibilities for each position,

please visit this link: [Roles, Responsibilities,](#)

[and Accountability of PAC and DPAC Executives](#)

Mark Your Calendars:

February 9 & 10 - 12:30 early dismissal for Conferences

February 7 - 24 - In-Line Skating instruction at NGE (send helmets/extra socks)

February 16 - Grades 4/5/6 Dance from 4:30 - 6:30

February 17 - Professional Day (no school for students)

February 20 - Family Day Long weekend (Schools Closed)

February is NATIONAL INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MONTH in the Central Okanagan *(we believe that Caring Communities are Inclusive Communities)*



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