

North Glenmore Elementary

"Home of the Gators"



January
2021

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Registration of New Students for September 2021

Please Note: If your child is currently attending North Glenmore this year, it is not necessary to re-register for next year, the students automatically roll over to the next grade. NGE Grade 6 students will automatically be rolled over to Dr. Knox.

Online Registration for Kindergarten and new students for September 2021 begins on **Monday, February 1st at 7:00 am**, and runs until **Friday, March 12th, 2021**.

If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who has a Kindergarten aged child, please let them know they should register within this time frame.

See insert (last page) & website for more info



Happy New Year

We hope all of our NGE families enjoyed a happy, healthy holiday! We're ready to start the New Year with another successful term of learning. A special "thanks" to all of our parents for your continued support. Looking forward to a great second term!

Home/School Conferences

We look forward to meeting with you at our upcoming home/school conferences in February:

Wednesday, February 3rd

Thursday, February 4th

Both these days will be **early dismissal days for students @ 12:30 pm** (busses will run accordingly).

We will once again be using an online booking process for our conferences.

The feedback we

received back in October was that the process worked quite smoothly for parents to select which dates/times worked best in their schedules. Teachers will be inviting parents to Zoom meetings as we did in Term 1.



Notices with more information will be coming home soon!

Student Absences



It is important use the School Messenger app or call the school, 250-870-5128 and press "1", to let the office know about your child's absence even if you have advised the teacher. Please refrain from emailing, as the teacher may be absent and/or does not always read their emails in the morning.

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices



Students should 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. Students have been asked to leave them at home. The school cannot take responsibility for the safety of these items or any inappropriate actions that may occur with their use. Due to privacy concerns, these items should never be used to take pictures at school. If your family has a special reason that your child must have a phone available, please contact Mrs. Stevenson or Mrs. Voros directly.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME SHOULD BE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

Helpful Hints:

- **Family designated meeting spot (in case you are late for pick-up)** . Students are supervised until 2:45pm. After this time, students who have not been picked up should come to the office to call home.
- **Review after school arrangements before school starts.** Play dates **must** be made from home before school begins. Please do not have the office arrange play dates for you.
- **Student Agendas are a great tool for clear communication.**

Thank you to our families that have already established a routine for after school. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

School-Based Team Meetings: What are They? Why Do We Have them?

The purpose of a **School-Based Team Meeting** is an opportunity to discuss issues that arise for a student and, as a team, brainstorm solutions.

When the school observes academic, behavioural or social issues that continue to be a concern for a student, a decision is often made to schedule a School-Based Team meeting to further support that student. The parents are included as a part of the team and are invited to join the meeting whenever possible (parents are generally contacted by phone by the classroom teacher.) The school team consists of the classroom teacher, the Learning Assistance Teacher (who is usually the facilitator), one or two members of the school administration, the school counsellor and any other support services involved with the student, such as the Speech and Language Pathologist.

Our goal, as a team, is to help the student be more successful. Support strategies are identified and an Action Plan is developed. A further meeting may be scheduled to review the plan.

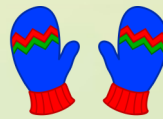
This is an important partnership and process that helps students understand that home and school are working together to support them in their education.



Food Drive

Thank you so much to our NGE families for your contributions of non-perishable food items. This year, we were thrilled to donate what we collected to the Kelowna Food Bank.

We are so pleased to have had the opportunity to make a difference for the people in our community who are in need of our support. THANK YOU



Winter Reminders.....

Parents please discuss these matters with your child(ren):

1. The "no snowball" rule is in effect. While throwing snow seems like a perfectly natural activity, the potential exists for injury to others. We continue to remind students that throwing snow at school, or to and from school may lead to suspension.
2. Students should be dressed warmly so they can fully participate in the fresh outdoors. It is a good idea to send along some extra clothing during the wet/slushy season.
Please label your child's clothes
3. When the weather warms then returns to cold, we find a lot of ice on our fields! We continually caution students (and parents) to stay away from icy patches and walk along the cleared pathways.
4. During particularly icy days, use of the Adventure Playground equipment will be cancelled. A reminder that running on the Adventure Playground is NOT safe at any time and is not allowed.
6. Snow "tunnelling" is not allowed due to the possibility of "cave-ins."



Winter Weather Is Here!!!

Slippery winter sidewalks create a hazard for children making their way to and from school.

This is one of the reasons that our local municipalities have bylaws and policies requiring residents to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, walkways, and stairways bordering their property after each snowfall. We would ask that all community members that live in areas where students travel to and from school be on the lookout for slip hazards, and help make the commute to school a safe one.



Traffic and Parking Reminders

With a new year upon us, we'd like to remind everyone about some important traffic and parking reminders.

Traffic/Driving:

- (1) Please be sure to drive 30km/hr when in our school zone and be aware of all pedestrians. Children sometimes forget the road safety rules and your diligence around the school is greatly appreciated.
- (2) When using our morning Kiss & Drop (i.e. Drop Zone), be sure to pull up to the end of the zone to let your child/children out of your vehicle. Please move forward in the zone as space becomes available.

Parking:

Both the upper and lower parking lots are **staff only**. With our significant increase in enrollment over the years, we now have more staff than parking spaces available. Parents can park all along Snowsell in areas that are marked for permitted parking.

We thank you for your diligence, patience and care when driving and parking around our school.



Off the Shelf

Battle of the Books

On January 18th, we will be starting our regular meetings for Battle of the Books. This is an optional program for students in grades 3-6, so meetings will be taking place during the lunch recess times (outside of class time). All meetings will occur in the library. Because the meetings will involve mixing of cohorts, students will be **strongly encouraged to wear a mask** while in the library. Disposable masks will be available for students who do not have their own. We will also be requiring students to socially distance while the meeting is taking place.

The schedule will be as follows:

Mondays: 11:00 - 11:20 GRADE FOUR

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Tuesdays: 11:00 - 11:20 GRADE FIVE

Wednesday: 11:00 - 11:20 GRADE SIX

Overdue and Lost Books:

You may have received a notice for overdue books. Please note that we do not charge a fine for overdue books. These notices are simply a reminder for your child to take a look around and find any books that may be hiding at home! If a book is lost or damaged, we will send a bill for the replacement cost.



PAC Meeting



The next PAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00pm** via Zoom.

All parents are invited to attend. We hope you'll join us!



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



Nut Free Information

NGE is a Nut Aware School. Our young children with these allergies are still developing their skills to manage their condition and are not fully capable of doing so until they are closer to their teenage years.

To support our Nut Awareness at NGE, Parents are asked to:

- Carefully read food labels of items being sent to school
- Encourage your children to not share their lunch with others
- Connect with your child's teacher if you are sending treats and are unsure of student allergies in the class
- Label any food items that are using nut-alternatives (ex. Pea-Butter)

Thank you!



HUMAN
EARLY LEARNING
PARTNERSHIP



THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

Central Okanagan Public Schools 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 Middle Years Development Instrument (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.

Grade 5 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:
February 1st and February 26th, 2021.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

If you don't want your child to participate please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.



TD Bank Grade 1 Book Give Away

Once again the TD Bank Group has generously sponsored the Grade 1 Book Give Away. Each grade 1 student in the Central Okanagan School District will receive a copy of the book "Maira's Birthday" by Robert Munsch, to take home and enjoy with family. This popular classic features a little girl who invites the whole school to her birthday party, the message of inclusion and unity is one that is important now more than ever. In a world of Covid-19 where children may feel isolated and alone, a story of children in celebration is a hopeful reminder of what is really important to us: being together. Thank you TD Bank Group and enjoy your free book grade 1's.



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2021 - 2022 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Online applications begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 am,

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to support parents that require assistance

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

HOW TO APPLY

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Go directly to a school on February 1st or later to complete the online application.
Assistance will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.*

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school either in person or by email by Friday, March 12, 2021.

1. Birth certificate or other government issued proof of age and citizenship
2. Proof of B.C. Residency
 - a. BC driver's license of parent/legal guardian AND
 - b. BC CARE card of parent/legal guardian OR
 - c. Other supporting documentation - <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/schoolenrollment/>
3. Proof of Student's Living Address
 - a. Property ownership, lease or rental agreement OR recent utility bill

AFTER Thursday, September 2, 2021

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2021 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2021. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.