

GATOR NEWS WEEKLY December 21, 2023



Grade 4, 5, and 6 students gave the gift of RESPECT this year!

Wright's Kindergarten students made Christmas Sweaters to help learn the Ss sound!



Moffat's grade 4's created a cup of GRATITUDE!

Our GATORS have been busy learning at the SWAMP! The holiday season brings out the creativity of our staff and students. As highlighted in these photos, classes continue to prioritize RESPECT and GRATITUDE as key virtues to support our learning here at NGE.

Counting Collections: As we continue to focus on building our growth mindsets around Numeracy, we invite you to practice counting collections over the holidays to keep math brains thriving. For example, spend some time counting things such as the number of pillows in your home, how many cookies in a box, how many ornaments on the tree, how many pieces of red Lego? We know that counting is a vital part of mathematical development for ALL learners and that as children become more comfortable with

counting, they extend counting sequences into the hundreds and beyond to learn the important foundational ideas about place value. Counting by 2s, 5s or 10s will help

solidify an understanding and an organization of numbers. Explaining thinking, for example, how you arrived at a number, is an integral part of counting collections and a skill we need to practice even over the holidays!



Grade 5 students have been crafting up a gaggle of gnomes this holiday season!

Counting Collection

Items needed: Another way you can support our numeracy focus this year is to start collecting items we can use in classrooms for counting. We are asking for donations of **sorted** items such as a bag of buttons, a bag of old keys, milk jug lids, bread tabs, coffee stir sticks, q-tips, pennies,

jigsaw puzzles (with missing pieces), bottle tabs, or corks. If you have collections of items, please send them to the school sorted in bags. The office will collect these items for use in classrooms to help support counting collection lessons.

NGE Holiday Concerts: Below is a link to view our 3 Winter Concerts if you were unable to attend in person last week. These links are for our families only. Please do not share these links beyond immediate family members. Thank you to our videographers Candice Erickson, Janet Litzenberger, and Humberto Morales. Here is the link with all 3 days represented: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG71HS4TUTb-iy4iKJ66ckpfNIZXLP87W&si=VYI-rw7bNQ_w38ng

Kelowna Rockets' Dylan Wightman Visits NGE: On December 19, some of our GATORS



had a quick visit from Rockets Forward Dylan Wightman. Wightman had a strong message; work hard in school so you can succeed in life. Thanks for visiting Dylan and good luck to the ROCKETS in your next home game on December 28!

Food Bank: Thank you GATOR Families... We had an outstanding food drive this holiday season

collecting 1370 food bank items which totaled 1174 pounds of food! Although we were just shy of our 1295 pound goal, this year, one pound of food is the equivalent of \$3.52 so we raised over \$4100 worth of food! We are grateful to all of you for digging into your cupboards and feeding families in need this holiday season! Merry Holidays

PAC Fundraising: A big thank you to everyone who participated in the North Glenmore Elementary PAC's Holiday 50/50. Your support is making a significant impact on our school initiatives. The jackpot soared to an impressive \$8,850.00, and we're thrilled to announce that the 50/50 Winner, James Presnail and his family, generously contributed \$575 back to the PAC, propelling our total funds raised for the school to an incredible **\$5,000!** Our deepest appreciation goes to the Prosser-Presnail family for their generosity.



Wishing everyone a joyous and memorable holiday season! May it be filled with warmth, love, and happiness. Stay tuned for our next exciting fundraiser; Valentine's Date Night. Look out for communication in the New Year, and let's make it another successful endeavor together!

For any inquiries or further information, feel free to reach out to us at nge.fundraising@gmail.com.

Grade 6 Pizza Fundraiser: Ordering for term 2 Grade 6 pizza Fridays is open Friday, December 22 until January 8 (no exceptions) through School Cash Online. Pizza will be delivered on January 12, February 2/23 & March 8. Thank you for supporting the Grade 6 Year End field trip. Watch for fliers coming home today.

Upcoming Important School Dates:

- ~ Grade 6 Pizza lunch & School Spirit Pajama day -Friday, December 22
- ~ Winter break - December 25 to January 7, 2024
- ~ Schools reopen after the winter break on **Monday, January 8, 2024**



From all of us at NGE to all of you, wishing you a safe and happy holiday season! See you back at school in 2024!

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



Generous~Academic~Trustworthy~Organized~Respectful~Safe

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