



GATOR NEWS WEEKLY October 25, 2023



With cooler weather arriving, now is the time to make sure those snow boots and snow pants still fit. Our students will play outside every day at lunch and afternoon recesses this winter; warm winter clothing is imperative to keep them comfortable. As the weather is often unpredictable, it is important to label your child's clothing. Jackets often come off on the playground when the afternoon sun warms them up.

Staffing Update: We are saddened to share that our wonderful Office Administrator, Mrs. Zara Parker was the successful candidate for a similar role at Rosevalley Elementary. We wish Mrs. Parker all the very best as she starts her new job on the westside next week. Mrs. Parker will be truly missed. We will let you all know when the District has found a replacement for Mrs. Parker.

Halloween: Planning for costumes for next week? Remember, at NGE scary and inflatable costumes are strongly discouraged and **props, masks or imitation weapons** of any kind stay home. Also, a reminder that at our school we strive to help children learn about healthy eating habits and so we discourage candy and junk food. Please leave sweet treats as something to look forward to at the end of the school day when children return home.

Author Visit at NGE: Jeff Chiba Stearns On Monday, October 23 we welcomed author and illustrator Jeff Chiba Stearns for four presentations to some of our senior students in our library. Students loved his stories and were amazed watching him draw.



Volleyball at the SWAMP! Congratulations to our volleyball teams who hosted games afterschool this week in our gymnasium. Pictured here are our grade 6 girls team with coaches Mrs. Moffat and Mr. Cann and our Grade 6 Boys team with coaches Mr. Reid and Mr. Cann



Pumpkin Patch: Thanks to our grade 6 classes, and to generous donations from Longhill Farm Market and Don o Ray Farms, each of our primary students had the chance to pick a pumpkin on the NGE playground which was transformed into a pumpkin patch early Thursday morning.



Grade 6 Pizza Fridays are back! Skip making lunch and support our Grade 6 Gators with their year-end trip to Gardom Lake. Pizza will be served on November 10th, 24th, December 8th and 22nd to interested grade 1-6 students through payment on School Cash Online. Payments for this grade 6 fundraiser must be made by November 3rd.

Student Learning Updates - this year our school will be aligning with the district and provincial learning updates (report cards). We will continue to use the 4 point scale (Emerging~Developing~Proficient~Extending) to highlight your child's progress, but the format of our learning updates will look a little different. Below is a link to a student reporting website with information for families: <https://www.assessment.sd23.bc.ca/student-reporting-parent-resources>

Battery Recycling: The batteries are rolling in! Thank you for making sure your used batteries are placed in plastic bags before placing them in the battery boxes. The last day to bring your batteries will be November 3!



PAC Info: LAST CALL FOR PAC MOVIE NIGHT tickets - tonight Thursday, October 26 at midnight. **Hotel Transylvania 4** will be played in our gym tomorrow (Friday) night - Doors open at 5:45 and the movie starts at 6:30.

Halloween Cauldron The last day to purchase \$2 tickets is October 30th. Give your Gator the opportunity to make their best guess regarding the number of candies residing in the bewitched cauldron. The one with the closest guess will be crowned the ultimate candy sorcerer and will take the Cauldron home to enjoy.

Art Cards have been sent home, be sure to order online, if you choose to order, return your Art Card to the classroom.

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Upcoming Important School Dates

- ~ Celebration Assembly: Tuesday, October 31
- ~ Remembrance Day Assembly: Friday, November 10 @ 10 am
- ~ STAT in Lieu of Remembrance Day: Monday, November 13, Schools Closed
- ~ Harmony Day - Friday, November 17
- ~ NGE Winter Concerts - December 12, 13 & 14 (based on last names)
- ~ Winter break - December 25 to January 7, 2024



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