



SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 GATOR NEWS WEEKLY



Welcome to a new school year! We are so excited to start the 2023/2024 school year with familiar faces, new students and new staff members. We were happy to be able to move our students to their new classes on Wednesday this week! This year our school district will focus on creating a sense of WONDER for our students and staff as we welcome 83

Kindergarten students, and 35 new students in grades 1-6. Thank you for helping us welcome our new GATOR families to the swamp. Our aim is to send out weekly GATOR NEWS updates to families to help keep you up to date with all that is going on at our busy Swamp. We are here to help each of our students have a successful school year so please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Welcome New Staff: We have several new staff members including a New Vice Principal Mr. Steve Cann. Our former VP, Mrs. Voros moved to Bankhead Elementary school this summer. Welcome to new classroom teachers; Mrs. Henry (kindergarten), Mrs. Hokazono (grade 2/3), Mrs. Bouwman (grade 6), Mrs. Ziegler (counsellor) Mrs. Matthews (SEL teacher). Also welcome to our new Indigenous Advocate Naomi Ehlers and to Certified Education Assistants; Madison Dean, Mackenzie Molina and Jasmine Puri. We will be hiring a few more support staff in the coming weeks as well. We are all here to support your children for an amazing year of growing and learning.

Code of Conduct - the updated NGE code of conduct can be found on our website under the parent communication section. Here is the link: http://www.nge.sd23.bc.ca/about_our_school/code_of_conduct/Pages/default.aspx#/= . Classroom communities have reviewed this information as well as developed their own behaviour expectations for their classrooms. In general, at North Glenmore we follow the “3 Rs”

RESPECT FOR SELF
RESPECT FOR OTHERS
RESPECT FOR THIS PLACE (THE SWAMP)

Thank you parents & guardians for talking about school behaviour expectations with your children and supporting this learning through the year.



PICTURE DAY! This year ARTONA will be taking the student individual photos. Photo day will be: **September 26** and Retakes will be October 18.

Reporting Absences - Parents please remember to download and use the School Messenger app to report your child's absences. Here is the link: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

BC Demographic Survey – June 16 to Sept 29: Everyone in B.C. is encouraged to take the [BC Demographic Survey](#) to help address systemic racism and improve public services. Our school district is working to help make B.C. more equitable and inclusive for everyone. For more information about the survey and other work happening under the Anti-Racism Data Act, please visit: <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/>.

Student Verification Forms

Verification forms are being delivered to students next week on YELLOW paper. Thank you parents for reading these carefully, making any edits/changes and returning them to your child's teachers as soon as possible. These forms 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. It is imperative that we are able to reach a trusted adult in case of an emergency at school. Please send the forms back as soon as you can.

Here is the list of our CLASSROOM TEACHERS 2023-2024

Div	Gr	Teacher	Div	Gr	Teacher
1	K	Wright	15	3	Martin
2	K	Henry	16	3	Hamilton-Smith
3	K	Renner	17	3/4	Hanson
4	K	Bell	18	4	Moffatt
5	K/1	Jansons	19	4	Hayes
6	1	Palahniuk	20	4	Murch
7	1	Ringguth	21	5	Reid
8	1/2	Gervais	22	5	Harms
9	1/2	Cross	23	5	Smith
10	2	Kohlen	24	5/6	Davies
11	2	Bassett-Smith	25	5/6	Bowen
12	2	Nye	26	6	Bouwman
13	2/3	Hokazono	27	6	Winford
14	3	Burton			

Together we aim to support each child to have a WONDERful year!



NGE PARKING LOT: Our parking lot is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY!** Parents are only permitted to use the Kiss and Drop loop in the mornings (you can NOT exit your vehicle on school grounds unless you have a handicap permit). If you want to walk your child to class, please park in the community and walk to the classroom. We have about 80 staff members, some of whom arrive near the bell so all parking stalls are needed.

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN... 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, click [HERE](#).

Appeals Procedures: 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).

Upcoming dates to note:

Schools Closed - Mon, October 2 - IN lieu of National Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation

No School for Students - Friday, October 6 - Implementation Day

Schools Closed - Monday, October 9 - Thanksgiving Day

Student PHOTOS - Tuesday, September 26

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

Generous~Academic~Trustworthy~Organized~Respectful~Safe