

North Glenmore Elementary

"Home of the Gators"

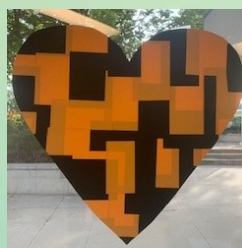


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What's New at the SWAMP

These last few weeks have been filled with sad news for all of us. To honour those who suffered trauma and harm at the former residential school in Kamloops, and their families and communities who are mourning, all schools in BC have lowered the Canadian flag to half-mast. As we reflect on all those touched by the news from the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc staff members are wearing orange shirts to show their respect. You will also see this orange heart in the office window at NGE. If you or anyone you know needs support in dealing with this tragic news, the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day at 1-866-925-4419. North Glenmore staff and students are tying an orange ribbon on a large ring located in our foyer as way to pay our respects to the young lives lost.



It is also with deep sadness that we learned of the tragic loss of students in our community this past week. Many of us in the Glenmore Community had deep connections to the families and the three students who lost their lives in the car accident. We all share in the sorrow being felt at KSS and in the Kelowna Community. As a school we have reached out to share our condolences to our colleagues at KSS and the families. Thank you for all the support, love and kindness you have shown each other in this challenging time.

End of year Celebrations

"Show yer-stuff" assemblies will be on June 18 & 25. We look forward to seeing the many talented Gators of 2021!

Our grade 6 Leaving Ceremonies will be held on June 28.
Our Farewell Zoom assembly will be held on June 29.

Individual classroom teachers and cohort classes will also be celebrating the completion of terrific year of learning and growth while dealing with the challenges of a world pandemic. We are so proud of our GATORS and all the learning and growth they have achieved this year.



Work Ethic Awards and Pins



Work Ethic Awards and pins will be placed in final report card envelopes at the end of June. When students open their envelopes at home with their parents, these certificates and pins will be a special surprise to celebrate together!

You will find the Work Ethic criteria on our NGE Website under the Student information section:

<http://www.nge.sd23.bc.ca/communication/Students/WorkEthic/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you for supporting your child/ren in putting their best effort forward. Each year, we have a growing number of students achieving Work Ethic recognition and demonstrating that they are engaged, collaborative and contributing learners in our school community!

Lost & Found

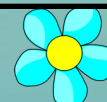
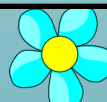
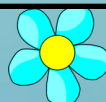


Our Lost and found piles continue to grow. To give parents the chance to look at our lost and found items, this year we will have all the leftover lost items on display on our basketball court before summer break. Please watch for email reminders for our Lost and Found display on June 24 & 25.

New Daycare at NGE!

The Provincial government announced funding for six childcare centres on Central Okanagan Public Schools lands and one will be at North Glenmore!

The partnership with the Okanagan Boys and Girls Club, the Government and North Glenmore Elementary School will install a new facility on our grounds that will house 92 licensed childcare spaces. More details to come in the months ahead.



Moving???



If your family will be moving, please notify our office as soon as possible.

Outstanding School Fees

Please pay all outstanding school fees before June 11. School Fees not paid this school year will carry over on your child's account next year.



2021/2022 Staffing

The tentative teaching staff and class organization for September, is as follows. Please remember we often need to reorganize in September.

* New to NGE next year

Principal	Ms. Stevenson
Vice-Principal	Mrs. Voros
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Yost
Library/Office Assistant	Mrs. D'Orazio
Kindergarten	Mrs. Nye
Kindergarten	Mrs. Wright
Kindergarten	Mrs. Sandvold
Kindergarten	Ms. Schulz
Kindergarten/grade 1	*Mrs. Henry/TBA
Gr. 1	Mrs. Palahniuk
Gr. 1	Miss Ringguth
Gr. 1	Mrs. Bassett-Smith
Gr. 1/2	*Mrs. Gervais
Gr. 2	Mrs. Cross
Gr. 2	Ms. Romano/TBA
Gr. 2	Mrs. Matichuk
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Kohlen
Gr. 3	Mrs. Hanson
Gr. 3	Mrs. Martin
Gr. 3	*Mrs. Hamilton-Smith
Gr. 3	Ms. Burton
Gr. 3/4	Mrs. Letkeman
Gr. 4	Mrs. Mundie
Gr. 4	Mrs. Moffat
Gr. 4/5	* TBA
Gr. 5	Mrs. Bowen
Gr. 5	Mrs. Davies
Gr. 5/6	Mr. Smith
Gr. 5/6	Mrs. Harms
Gr. 6	Mr. Woodhurst
Gr. 6	Mrs. Winford
Learning Assistance	Mrs. Lesiuk
Teacher Librarian	Mrs. Horning
Counselor	* TBA
Music/ Drama/ French Prep	Mrs. Weststrate
Music / PE Prep	Mrs. Wong
ELL/Prep Support	Mrs. Gatti
ADST Prep	Mrs. Brett
Resource Teacher	Mrs. Brown
Resource Teacher	* TBA
Speech & Language	Mrs. Minkus
First Nations Advocate	Mrs. Rothfus

Certified Education Assistants: Mrs. Audy, Mrs. Bomford, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Deppe, Mrs. Devries, Mrs. Dranchuk, Mrs. Ikesaka, Mrs. Labrecque, Mrs. MacFarlane, Mrs. McLeod, Ms. McNolty, Ms. Ribalkin, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Steinhauer, Mrs. Youl... and joining us, Ms. Maguire*, and Mrs. Regin*.

Custodians: Mr. Rantucci, Mr. Akurienne, Mrs. Kuhn

As in every year, teaching assignments and class organization are subject to change in the fall. An increase in enrollment in the fall may require a school-wide reorganization. Students will go to this year's class on September 7.

The Problem With Screen Time...



As parents, we have all heard about the importance of limiting screen time for our children. Here is a link to an article that cites research telling us why:

http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/life/national_life/article_4701e0cf-b4db-5172-891c-4e11aac5c871.html

Special Farewells

*A special **thank-you** and **farewell** to these staff members who are leaving:*



Mrs. Krupka, Mrs. Pazio, Mrs. Cookson, Mrs. Siddon, Mrs. Murch, Mrs. Renner, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Parnes, Mrs. Whitham, Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Hawthorne.

**Thank you for being a part of our NGE team.
You will all be missed!**

It's Been Another Great Year at North Glenmore Elementary

We have enjoyed a wonderfully successful learning year...and had lots of fun too despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Here are just some of our school-wide highlights:

- ~Pet of the Day contest
- ~Terry Fox Run
- ~Battle of the Books
- ~Paws It Forward Fundraiser
- ~Remembrance Day Assembly
- ~Kindergarten Orientation
- ~Christmas Concerts
- ~Kelowna Food Bank Donations
- ~Celebration Assemblies
- ~ELFF - Early Learning for Families Session
- ~Spirit Days
- ~Field Trips
- ~Little Gators Preschool Partnership
- ~Harmony / Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day
- ~ Parent Appreciation Smoothie fest
- ~Show 'Yer Stuff Performances
- ~iRide Bicycle Program
- ~ New Playground & outdoor classroom
- ~ Learn to sail @ COSA—grade 6 students



Coins for Critters!!



Ms. Schulz's Kindergarten class raised over \$100!



Two of our t-shirt winners!



Leah, Benson, and Dawson

Coins for Critters is a Huge Success!

As a grand finale to our Animal April month at NGE, the Gators held a Coins for Critters fundraiser during the week of May 3 – 7 to raise money for local non-profit animal rescue group, Paws It Forward. In only five days, our generous gators raised \$1763!! On May 14, Leah and her Paws It Forward rescue alumni Benson came to visit Mrs Moffatt's grade 4 class. Dawson R presented her with a cheque from the school, and then the grade fours played with Benson in the courtyard.



Mrs Moffatt's grade four class raised over \$200!

Thank you, PAC Executive and School Community! From your PAC President

As the school year comes to close, it is safe to say we have all experienced a school year like no other. Despite the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented, I am so thankful that the province of BC, under the remarkable direction and guidance of Dr. Bonnie Henry, was able to keep its schools open for the entire year, allowing our children to have an as close to normal school year as possible.

I am also incredibly grateful to every member of our school community – students, parents, guardians, teachers, and staff – who completed their daily health checks, stayed home when sick, wore their mask when directed, followed the physical distancing guidelines, and complied with all instructions provided by the school to keep everyone safe and healthy. Our collective effort resulted in only a handful of exposure notifications at North Glenmore Elementary! Thank you to everyone for doing your part!

This school year also saw the installation of a new playground! In March 2020, NGE was selected to receive a \$125,000 playground enhancement grant from the Ministry to build a new universally accessible playground by March 2021 as our north playground was considered "end of life". The PAC also requested and was granted a \$50,000 loan from School District 23 in October 2020 (which we now have 5 years to pay back), so our school could get the best playground possible with a total budget of \$175,000. The playground was installed during March break and I hear from teachers it is a real hit with the kids!

The installation of this playground would not have been possible without the assistance of not one, but two, principals. North Glenmore started the school year with Mr. Birkeland at the helm and he was instrumental in seeking feedback from the school community on what playground should be selected and installed on site. In January 2021, North Glenmore welcomed principal, Ms. Stevenson, who seemingly without missing a beat, took over the playground installation project and saw it installed on site in March 2021. Thank you to Mr. Birkeland and Ms. Stevenson!

A year with COVID-19 restrictions also meant that fundraising looked very different this year. No fun lunches or pizza Fridays meant PAC had to get creative with ways to fundraise and make money to help pay back our \$50,000 playground loan. PAC, and the entire NGE school community, owes a debt of gratitude to PAC fundraising coordinator-extraordinaire, Tana Hammett, for her tireless efforts to coordinate a series of highly successful fundraising campaigns through Purdy's Chocolates, Scentsy, Created by Kids Art Cards, T-Bones, The Greenery, Dominos Pizza, Family Photos by Peter Joyce Photography, which has collectively raised over \$11,000 towards PAC's playground loan. Thank you, Tana, and thank you to the entire school community for supporting our fundraising initiatives!

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank the following amazing Gator parents for their contributions to PAC for the 2020/2021 school year:

Christa Jenn, Vice President for being an invaluable member of the PAC executive. Thank you for all your help assisting Tana with our fundraisers this year and allowing us to use your daycare space to hand out orders to parents. Thank you for agreeing to serve another year on the PAC as Vice President!

Shawna Shoranick, Treasurer for being our treasurer extraordinaire! Thank you for keeping our books and accounts in order for another year. We are incredibly grateful that you are willing to serve as PAC Treasurer for another year!

Becky Furney, Secretary for keeping exceptional record of the minutes for each PAC meeting! Your detailed notes ensure the PAC executive and the school community know exactly the actions and decisions made by the PAC. Thank you for all your contributions to PAC and NGE. We wish you best of luck at your new school.

Jamie Zecchel, Hot Lunch Coordinator for managing the hot lunch website and assisting Tana with her various fundraising initiatives. Thank you so much for agreeing to serve another year on PAC and taking on the role of PAC President!

Tana Hammett, Fundraising Coordinator for organizing numerous very successful fundraising initiatives this year! We cannot thank you enough for all your hard work this year!! PAC and NGE are so grateful to have you back as Fundraising Coordinator next year!

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome the newest members of the PAC executive, Nishi Dhillon and Leah Edwards-Smith, who have agreed to serve as our new Hot Lunch & Special Events Coordinators. Thank you, Nishi and Leah!

Additionally, I want to put out a final call for parent to serve as our secretary for the next school year. If you are interested in being involved with the PAC, please email nge.pac@sd23.bc.ca.

Thank you, and I wish all our grade 6 students an enjoyable last month at NGE!

Jennifer Eberle
PAC President



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North Glenmore Elementary School School Calendar 2021-2022

Designation	Purpose	Date
School Year Information	Days in Session = 189 Days of Instruction = 182 Non-Instructional Days = 7	3 Summer Pro Days August 30 - September 1, 2021
School Phone: 250-870-5128 Please download SchoolMessenger app to report your child's absence before 8:30 am. More info on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger	Schools Open Early Dismissal	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 8:30 am to 11:00 am
	Administrative Implementation Day (Students Do Not Attend)	Friday, October 8, 2021
	Thanksgiving (schools closed)	Monday, October 11, 2021
	Teacher Professional Day (Students Do Not Attend)	Friday, October 22, 2021
	Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Thursday, November 11, 2021
	Winter Vacation (schools closed) Schools Reopen	Monday December 20, 2021 to Monday, January 3, 2022 Tuesday, January 4, 2022
<u>Daily Schedule</u> 8:10 am - Supervision Begins 8:25 am - Welcome Bell 8:30 - 11:00 - Morning Classes 11:00 - 11:30 - Recess 11:30 - 11:55 - Lunch 1:10 - 1:25 Primary Recess 1:30-1:45 - Intermediate Recess 1:45-2:30 - Afternoon Classes 2:30 - Dismissal	Teacher Professional Day (Students Do Not Attend)	Friday, February 18, 2022
	British Columbia Family Day (Schools Closed)	Monday, February 21, 2022
	Spring Vacation Period (schools closed)	Monday, March 21 to Friday, April 1, 2022
	Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 4, 2022
	Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 15, 2022
	Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 18, 2022
	Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 23, 2022
	Last Day of School for students	Wednesday, June 29, 2022
	Administrative Day (Staff attendance only) Schools Close for Summer	Thursday, June 30, 2022
Non-Instructional Days Students Do Not Attend	Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8, 2021
	Professional Development Day	Friday, October 22, 2021
	Professional Development Day	Friday, February 18, 2022
Reporting Dates	Fall Student/Teacher/Parent Goal Setting Conferences—12:30 Dismissal for Students	Wednesday, October 6, 2021 Thursday, October 7, 2021
<u>Conference Days</u> All students attend from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on conference days. There is a morning recess/nutrition break but no lunch break. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences are by appointment.	Fall Term Report Cards Sent Home	Thursday, December 16, 2021
	Winter Student/Teacher/Parent Conferences 12:30 Dismissal for Students	Wednesday, February 9, 2022 Thursday, February 10, 2022
	Winter Term Report Cards Sent Home	Thursday, March 17, 2022
	Spring Term Report Cards Sent Home	Wednesday, June 29, 2022